

GRANTOWN ON SPEY and VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 16 January 2018 at the Garth Hotel, Grantown at 1900hrs.

Present:	Barry Main (BM)	Chair
	Bill Sadler (BS)	Vice Chair
	Linda Coe (LC)	Secretary
	Catriona Brown (CB)	
	Kenny Kinnaird (KK)	
In attendance	Muriel Cockburn (MC)	Councillor
	PC Neil MacIver	Police Scotland (Item 2 only)
	PC Sharon Strang	Police Scotland (Item 2 only)
Apologies:	Fay Hampton (FH)	
	Ewan MacGregor (EM)	
	Beatrice Oliphant (BO)	Treasurer
	Martin Ross (MR)	

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

2. Police Report

The CC discussed speeding issues and complaints received of anti-social behaviour with the Police representatives. PC MacIver confirmed that signage was the responsibility of Highland Council. He also advised that incidents of anti-social behaviour should be reported to the Police on telephone number 101. He advised that in the last month there had been 52 calls to the Police from the Grantown area, which was considered to be a low number. Grantown was generally considered to be a quiet area.

On the matter of safer routes to schools it was usual for the Schools concerned to start any review process in conjunction with Highland Council. Each school had a lead safety teacher who was well briefed on the process.

As regards future attendance at CC Meetings LC would send dates to Sgt Filer at Aviemore.

Action: LC

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3. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 December 2017 were approved.

Proposed: KK; Seconded: CB

4. Matters Arising

4.1 Joint Meeting with GI BM advised that a date had still not been agreed. BS suggested the meeting be combined with the GI AGM which would be held on Tuesday 13 March 2018. BM agreed to liaise with Stewart Dick.

Action: BM

4.2 New Spey Bridge BS reported that he did not believe that all the lights were working. BM agreed to write again to BEAR.

Action: BM

4.3 Old Orphanage Clocks BS reported that Liz Cowie had advised him that Highland Council was not responsible for the clocks. LC said she would see what she could find out from the ex-directors of MacLeod Builders who were the developers.

Action: LC

4.4 Old Spey Bridge BS reported that investigations into ownership of the bridge were continuing. He advised MC that he had established that in 1999 Highland Council owner half of the bridge. He also advised that he had found a letter in the Strathy dated 19 November 2015 which commented on the good news that Highland Council had identified funds to pay for repairs.

MC agreed to investigate further with Highland Council.

Action: MC

4.5 Speed signs

LC advised that she had referred the issue to the Street Lighting Department at Highland Council and MC agreed to follow up.

Action: MC

4.6 Yellow Lines BM advised that he was still waiting for the updated yellow lines plan following his meeting with Bill Lobban on 27 October. BM hoped that the plan would be made available to BM for the February Meeting.

Action: BM

4.7 Skating Pond MC confirmed that she was following up responsibility for the fencing along the path to and beside the Pond.

Action: MC

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4.8 Redevelopment of Health Centre BM reported that he had been advised that the Architect drawing up the Plans for the Works was on maternity leave and that the next set of Plans were unlikely to be available until the Summer.

4.9 Noticeboards BM advised that without an update from FH he was unsure on progress and would follow up with FH. He also advised that the YMCA did not require the CC to pay for a new Noticeboard and the CC agreed that the Ben Mhor noticeboard need to be repaired/replaced and BM agreed to discuss with the GI who also use the noticeboard.

Action: BM

5. Treasurer's Report BM advised that there was no change in the bank details reported to the December Meeting. He advised that the HC grant remained in progress. MC advised that the grant should be paid soon.

6. Planning Report

BS advised that there was no update this month.

7. Grantown Initiative Update

BS advised that the January Meeting was cancelled. He further advised that Dan Cottam had stood down as Chair and that Stewart Dick had taken over as Chair.

8. Ian Charles Hospital

BS advised that there had been no further progress on the ownership of ICH. LC advised that Kate Patience-Quate the lead nurse on the new hospital project would be attending the March meeting to provide an update on both the new hospital and proposals in respect of ICH.

MC would report back with any update on ICH from the Steering Group Meeting on 17 January, at the February Meeting.

Action: MC

9. CNPA Local Development Plan 2020 BS together with Members of the Planning sub group would be attending the public Meeting to discuss the Plan in Grantown on 24 January at 1800 in the Grant Arms.

MC advised that David Berry from CNPA had attended the Boat of Garten CC Meeting which had proved very helpful. The CC agreed that he should be invited to the February Meeting and LC agreed to do this.

Action: LC

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The Planning Sub Group agreed to provide a briefing note on the issues identified so far on the Consultation Document amended appropriately by discussions at the Public Meeting, in advance of the February.

Action: BM, BS, KK, CB

10. Improving Community Engagement

It was agreed that in FH's absence this matter be deferred until the February Meeting.

11. Tree Survey

BS agreed to send a letter to his contact at Highland Council to ensure the trees in the square are included in the upcoming survey.

Action: BS

12. AOCB

12.1 Salt Bin in South West High Street MC agreed to follow up the apparent refusal to provide a further bin following a request by a resident who was prepared to scatter the salt when necessary.

Action: MC

12.2 CC Insurance MC advised that CC Treasurers should have received letters from the Council regarding the requirement to arrange insurance from 1 April 2018. BM agreed to follow up with BO.

Action: BM

12.3 Scotland's Towns Partnership BS reported that STP was holding a conference in Edinburgh on 7 February on maximising tourism opportunities. The CC agreed that it would be good for BS to attend. MC agreed to check whether CCs were included in the Highland Council's Membership of STP which would mean no fee to be paid.

Action: MC

13. Next Meeting

The next Meeting would be on **Tuesday 20 February 2018** at 1900 in the Court House.

Agenda items should be notified to BM and LC by **Saturday 10 February** for inclusion in the Agenda.

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The Meeting closed at 2040.