

Draft meetings for the May Skype meeting of the Banchory Community Council- Officers only.

7pm 11<sup>th</sup> May

In attendance: David Conroy (Chair), David Milner (Vice Chair), Lynn McNabb (Treasurer) and Viv Kerridge (Secretary)

Welcome and apologies.

David Conroy opened the meeting. All officers were in attendance and there were no apologies.

April review and matters arising

The past two months have been largely taken up by the ongoing covid 19 situation and the activation of the Banchory Community Resistance Team. Normal business has been in many cases suspended due to the restrictions placed on movement and public gatherings.

After discussion it has been decided to hold what would be our last meeting before the summer break as another online meeting for officers only. Our room booking at the academy has been suspended by the council due to the current restrictions, access to the town hall has been explored and is also not possible in the short to medium term. The technological challenges of holding more open meetings online was also judged to be too great. Statements will be invited from our members and local councillors and the minutes will be available afterwards. These actions are in line with the guidance given to us by the area office.

Banchory Show has been cancelled this year, and the AGM and election have been pushed back until October. Viv Kerridge has submitted our request to hire the room in the academy for the next academic year and Chris Milligan is also pursuing the previously discussed possibility of booking the town hall instead.

There were not enough members present tonight who had attended March's meeting, so we are unable to approve those minutes. The draft will stand until such time as they can be proposed and seconded.

BCRT Update

Text for an update on the activities of the BCRT so far was circulated before the meeting and was agreed with minor changes. This will be sent to all members and submitted to the Banchory Fly and the Marr Area office as an example of positive community action during this trying time.

Linda MacPhee has been conducting a satisfaction survey of clients who have received help from the BCRT and the feedback has been 100% positive.

Planning- update on Local Development Plan.

Due to the restrictions on public gatherings, the new Local Development Plan will begin an eight week virtual consultation on the 25<sup>th</sup> May. This will conclude on the 17<sup>th</sup> July.

We will push this heavily on all avenues available to us. We will also seek comments from the public and wider community council to enable us to respond with a unified voice on behalf of the community council. All councillors will also be able to respond to the consultation individually as members of the public. Our next meeting is scheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup> June, if we have enough responses to draft this unified comment we will, if not a special meeting will be called for July giving us time to seek more feedback and respond before the end of the consultation period.

Correspondence (VK)

Almost all correspondence has been to do with Covid 19, anything else has been dealt with under other headings.

Treasurer's Report (LM)

There has been no change to the Y2K accounts which are sitting at £231.51 in the checking account and £3009.76 in the business account.

The main account is sitting at a very healthy £7350.76, £5000 of which is the wind farm grant for the RDA.

We have also received a £500 donation from Scott Birse Personal Training through fundraising he has undertaken to help the community.

On top of this we applied for and have received £200 from the council Coronavirus relief fund to offset costs arising. In our case so far this has been £30 setup plus £10 a month for the mobile phone and number plus £28 for lanyards. ID cards for volunteers will be ordered shortly and will be kept generic enough they can be used in the future.

The Mid Hill wind farm London offices are currently not answering emails so we suspect they are closed for the duration.

There was a minor delay with the council's payment on our behalf to Zurich, but this is being dealt with and our insurance coverage is uninterrupted.

#### CC Representatives

No police report was available at this time but will be circulated as soon as possible

The KGV has agreed it's third round of funding, £8500 has been awarded to Banchory Rugby club, Banchory Orienteering Club and a charity working on providing live music for care homes.

#### AoB

As we have funds to do so, it has been suggested that once it is appropriate and safe it would be a nice gesture to have a thank you tea for the volunteers who are giving so much time and effort to their community just now.

The meeting was concluded, the next meeting will again be a virtual one at 7pm on June 15<sup>th</sup> for the