

ASSOCIATION OF CAIRNGORM COMMUNITIES

REPRESENTATIVES MEETING HELD AT THE HIGHLAND FOLK MUSEUM NEWTONMORE ON TUESDAY 17TH MAY 2016

Attendees

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| Roger Clegg, Convener | Kirriemuir Landward West CC | Kate Adamson, Director | Carrbridge CC/Carrbridge Ahead |
| Ailsa Schofield, Secretary | Kingussie & Vicinity CC | Jane Tansley, Treasurer | Laggan Community Association |
| Valerie Emmett, Director | Kingussie & Vicinity CC | Alasdair Colquhoun, Director | Braemar CC |
| Deidre Falconer | Kincraig & Vicinity CC | Lesley Dudgeon | Kincraig & Vicinity CC |
| David Kinnear | Kincraig & Vicinity CC | Jeff Tansley | Laggan Community Association |
| Graham Fraser | Newtonmore & Vicinity CC | Jane Angus | Ballater & Crathie CC |
| John Grierson | Aviemore & Vicinity CC | Patricia Grant | Kirkmichael & Tomintoul CA |
| Tony Thompson | Mount Blair CC | Brain Tolson | Boat of Garten & Vicinity CC |
| Simon Blackett | Braemar Community Ltd | Seonaid Green | Grantown on Spey Community Centre |
| John Boyce | Dulnain CC | Ron MacWilliam | Dulnain CC |
| Patrick Ford | Inveresk CC | Alison McPherson | Aberdeen Voluntary Action |
| Lydie Bocquillon | Kingussie Business Forum | Mairi Brown | Am Fasgadh Regeneration Co Kingussie |
| Maggie Lawson | B & S Community Transport | Dawn Tuckwood | NHS Area Public Health Co-ordinator |
| Alison MacPherson | Community Health in Partnership | Andrew Morton | Local Energy Scotland |
| Lee Haxton | CNPA | Liz Cowie | Ward Manager Badenoch & Strathspey |
| Heather Trench | CNPA | | |

1. Apologies

Karen Derrick, Gregor Rimell, Gordon Riddler, Oliver Giles, Donald Isles, Alison Fielding and Colin Hill.

2. Welcome

The Convenor welcomed everyone saying that as the AoCC usually met at the Lecht it was a treat to meet somewhere different. He welcomed and introduced Graham Cross, Operations Manager for Highland Folk Museum, Inverness Museum & Art Gallery & Inverness Castle Museum (opening in Sept 2017), who gave a brief resume of the history of the Highland Folk Museum and invited everyone on a guided tour of the Folk Museum after lunch.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting 15th March 2016

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters arising from previous meeting's minutes

There were none.

4. Finance

The Treasurer said that the CNPA grant not yet arrived but that she believed it was on the way. As she and her husband were relocating to Perth the AoCC were looking for a new Treasurer. The post did not involve much, but a knowledge of basic book keeping skills would be helpful, so anyone who may be interested in taking on the position was asked to contact the Secretary.

5. Local Energy Scotland – Andrew Morton

Mr Morton said that the organisation aimed to support local communities and assist with the construction of renewable energy such as Biomass, P.V's, heat source pumps, hydro schemes etc. Wind and hydro had been the main technologies to date, but he had been asked to talk about biomass and wind. Mr Morton gave a brief resume re these, and the renewable heat incentive (RHI), which provides an income.

6. Social Care – Dawn Tuckwood NHS Area Public Health Co-ordinator & Alison MacPherson Community Health in Partnership

Ms Tuckwood and Ms MacPherson explained how they brought the NHS and Aberdeenshire Council together for the provision of health and social care services with the aim of providing quality health and social care services so that people could be cared for in their own homes. Full details can be viewed in the attached presentation.

Powerpoint presentation attached (email)

7. Public Water Supply

Lesley dudgeon from Kincaig Community Council gave resume as to how the local water supply had changed source, since when there have been serious issues with taste, skin complaints etc. The chemicals being added to make the water palatable were not acceptable. As Scottish Water would not hold public meetings where communities were able to come together and speak openly, a group and a Facebook Page was set up (Badenoch and Strathspey Water Action Group), which revealed a huge number of skin complaints, issues with water quality and animals refusing to drink the water. Aviemore Community Council were holding a special meeting open to the public and involving Scottish Water. Badenoch and Strathspey Highland Councillors (led by Bill Lobban) were trying to set up a public meeting for everyone (including Scottish Water) to enable a proper open public forum to discuss the situation. Discussion ensued re this and the extreme disquiet people felt as a result of the extra chemicals Scottish Water intended to add to the water supply. It was felt that Scottish Water were behaving in an extremely autocratic manner and riding rough shod over the general public's concerns.

8. Visitor Survey – Heather Trench CNPA

2553 interviews had been carried out at 30 different sites. There had been three surveys, each running for a full calendar year in order to catch Summer and Winter periods. The surveys had been designed to ascertain who visits and why, what they do and what they think about it. However it was realised that as people who knew exactly where they were going and what they were going to do were unlikely to stop there was a danger that the figures could be skewed. Further information can be obtained from the CNPA website.

Link to the PDF of this presentation attached (email).

9. CNPA Updates – Lee Haxton

As per attached addendum

Aggregated Broadband Project: Brian Tolson

Cairngorm Community Broadband Company were set up to roll out next phase of high speed broadband in the park area, and there will be a meeting in June. The current B.T contract (covering approx 146,000 locations) will cease in Dec 2016. The new phase aimed to benefit those areas which do not benefit at present. Discussion ensued regarding this and what the specification was likely to be etc.

Leader

A LAG meeting was to be held on Thursday (19.5.16) where five applications would be considered. All information was available on the CNPA website.

Community Empowerment

The act was passed almost twelve months ago but draft guidance and regulations were currently being formulated. Lee Haxton said that he could send links to these documents if anyone was interested.

8. Reports from Representatives attending external meetings

There were none.

10. AOB

There was none.

Date of next meeting:

13 September 2016 at The Lecht.