

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

Skills for success in Badenoch & Strathspey



TEAM CROMDALE & ADVIE **Big Conversation - 30th October 2013**

HIGH PRIORITY (number of votes)

- Faster broadband (13)
- Improvement's to the Cromdale Village Hall (small hall roof and kitchen) (12)
- Better play parks (5)
- Speyside Way - community notice board, more surfacing work, signage at Cromdale end (4)
- Better signage in the village for cycle/walking routes to Grantown/Balmenach/Speyside Way (4)
- Plant a Christmas tree (3)
- Info on visitor attractions (eg Battle of Cromdale, Hill fort, Pipers Stone) (2)
- Signed mountain Bike Trails (Anagach) (2)
- Community Web Page (2)
- Café in the village hall (2)

MEDIUM PRIORITY

- Village Shop
- Walking Trails (eg whisky trail from Cromdale to Balmenach with interpretation)
- Village Shinty Pitch
- Better maintenance of Tom-an-Uird field & viewpoint
- Bike/Skate Park
- Revised speed limit for Kirk Road
- Houses built opposite the Crudens
- Bus stop sign to prevent parking
- More use of the village hall (Clubs)
- Better maintenance of Braes
- Better use of Village noticeboard
- Village campsite – maybe with a village shop/café (near the pavilion)
- Upgrade the football pitch (to include shinty)
- Improve picnic area

LOW PRIORITY

- Allotments
- Road sign to indicate 3 way traffic lights on crossing bridge
- Lunch Club
- Repairs cairns on Haughs
- Pony Trekking for visitors
- Railway walk & viewpoint (behind Cambrae)

See overleaf for additional notes

ADDITIONAL NOTES

1. Issues from the drop in which have already been set in motion:
 - a. 10-15 mph speed limit in Balmenach – Highland Council has commissioned a speed survey to be completed shortly. Results from this will go back to the Community Council for further action
 - b. War Memorial – Liz Cowie (HC Ward Manager) is working on this with HC TEC services and the Community Council
 - c. Disabled access for pedestrian bridge – Cllr Jaci Douglas is working with BEAR Scotland to try and improve the pedestrian footpath. Will report back to the Community Council
 - d. Improved bus service - Hitrans bid for a bus service to Elgin. The bid was unsuccessful but they plan to try again
2. Community Council / new community development trust to support an annual 10K road race from the Pavilion up the Haughs and back. To take place in February/March 2014. Pavilion for changing and refreshments at the Haugh Hotel. Organiser: John Diffey.
3. Community Council to investigate requirements by community and possible location of small industrial units for letting.

SUMMARY

The Cromdale & Advie 'Big Conversation' was attended by 18 members of the Cromdale community who, following extensive 'whole group' discussion and open voting, prioritised the issues into High, Medium and Low categories (see table above).

The intention now is for the two communities to form a community development company in the legal form of a SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation), which will be directed by a committee of community representatives, elected by the community. The SCIO will then be able to take on a wide variety of community projects as well as own community assets on behalf of the community, whilst limiting the liability of the committee members.