

Inchmarlo, Brathens and Glassel Community Council
Online meeting
Wednesday 7th April 2021, 7.30pm
Approved Minutes

Present: Katy Rumbles (Chair); Regis Lechatellier (Treasurer), Neil Bisset (Secretary), Robert Russell, William (Bill) Byth.

In attendance: Alice Lewsey - Associate member, Phil Allen - Local resident, Gill Whatling - Local resident, Peter Tyrell - Local resident

Actions are highlighted in Red

1. **Welcome/Apologies:** The Chair (Katy Rumbles), welcomed everyone to the meeting and Neil confirmed that A. Wilkins, C. Lechatellier, C.Lowe, Cllr Eileen Durno, Cllr A. Ross, Cllr R. Bruce had all sent in their apologies.
2. **Approve minutes of previous meeting:** R. Lechtallier (Treasurer) proposed, W. Blyth 2nd.
3. **Secretarys Report:** The Secretary advised that the door to door posting of letters created a small willingness to the residents and has brought the IBG distribution mailing list to 45 emails for the IBG area. Chris Bartons help in aiding with advice on broadband fo the Glassel area has been warmly received and has helped the residents. The Secretary advised that he attended a meeting regarding the CC's Scheme and advised that comments on the Scheme are still available until the 14th April should any of the CC's wish to comment. The new boundary limits regarding IBG CC area have previously been confirmed and it was advised there were no negative comments received. Each resident has been contacted by the Council individually for comments/ notification. The secretary advised that there was a meeting invitation by Banchory CC on Monday 5th April where Mike Scotland gave a presentation regarding community clean up initiatives throughout the Aberdeen area. IBG CC are hoping to receive meeting notes from their meeting to investigate starting up something similar locally. Its also aimed at not only helping the environment but also the mental health of those who can get involved. The Secretary has been contacted regarding a delivery of plants to the area through Ailsa Cunningham, the plants should be available for uplift in June. They will supply our community council area with a maximum number of 1000 plants and deliver to the Inchmarlo Hall.
4. **Treasurers Report:** Regis shared his screen and we went through the CC funding. He advised the account was opened in February and the account has been split from FCC. We have received the funding and only the zoom account invoices have been taken monthly. Peter advised the midhill funding is available in September and February and is only available when we apply for it. Neil advised Regis should check with Andy on the annual website costs and any email packages. Bill suggested we will also require admin costs for our ongoing operations and Katy advised we receive admin costs from Aberdeenshire

council. **Regis will contact Alison to advise of this grant.** Regis requested if anyone has been contacted regarding the CC insurance, no one has heard and **Regis will contact Alison regarding the Insurance for the IBG CC.**

5. **Councillors Report:** There were no councillors in attendance. Katy advised we contacted the councillors regarding the ongoing road construction on the A93. This has been advised that this is to do with Scottish Water and not the Aberdeenshire road works. The project will be ongoing until January 2022 but the CC are unsure if this was the complete project or the road section only, **confirmation on duration of the road works are to be received from the Councillors and distributed to the area.** W. Blyth thanked the CC for this information and he sent this information onto Inchmarlo retirement home.
6. **Police Report:** The Secretary indicated that we have the latest report from 7th March and this was covering February, and is the most up to date one.
7. **Website/ Facebook:** Katy advised that the website is up and running and Neil advised that he has received 4 comments through the website comments section which is encouraging. Katy then discussed if there was any other way we can reach out to others in the area to join the distribution list. The newsletter is going to be created and sent out to the community. Peter advised this is early days but it will start to grow as time goes on as we become more established. Bob commented that Inchmarlo estate are spreading the word around the area which was encouraging. Regis asked if the retirement village had access to emails for the CC notifications, Bob advised that there is a mixture of people who are active in finding out information and people who are not and this is up to the individual, we just need to make ourselves available which we are. Gill was asked her thoughts on publicising the CC and there was an agreement that there is only so much we can do to make ourselves known including things like putting up notices on the bus stops etc.
8. **Mid Hill Windfarm Application Process:** Katy advised we don't have any applications that have come in yet and the closing date is the 16th April. **The CC will then have a meeting to go over the applications which is Thursday 22nd April at 19:30. Katy asked the CC if this was an acceptable date and there was an agreement set.**
9. **Alice Lewsey - New Associate Member:** Alice advised that following her survey from the youth in the area, the youth would like something similar to a park or play area out the back of Smiddy Park with more activities. This area is owned by Eric Clarke but suggestions were made on the communal area next to the septic tank. Alice suggested mountain biking trails in the area. Katy suggested making this part of the Community Action Plans (CAP) for the area. This document has been requested and will be reviewed by the CC. This includes pathways to Banchory, speed limit restrictions on the A93 which could form the basis for a youth group or see about linking to Banchory. Peter advised that there was a meeting setup for speed limits in the area, speed limit signs to be created and moved out to the inchmarlo limits. The time to get this looked into is when planning applications are ongoing. The planning gains can be

applied for through the ongoing planning applications, **Katy requested Bob to look into the planning gains process for this IBG CC.** Peter also advised that the council can be contacted to see about redundant areas/ buildings in the area which can be requested to be used for the residents if they are laying there unused. A request to transfer ownership using planning gain money can be used to pay for this, a meeting face to face with the local councillors could help with the planning applications.

- 10. Blood Test Hub:** Bob introduced the blood test hub concern within the area. This is with respect to blood tests which are asked for by a hospital not the local practice. The residents are highlighting that if you live in the Banchory area you now have to travel a far distance for the blood tests. These tests would normally be done by the practice but they are now not doing this. Bob has had many on the Inchmarlo retirement estate contact him with this concern. Bob advised of a website link which anyone can go to and provide comments/ objections regarding this move. **Neil advised he would circulate this link to the IBG distribution email for residents to comment. Katy agreed that the IBG CC would issue a formal comment on behalf of the IBG CC. Katy advised she would contact neighbouring councils.** The Aboyne hub is now the closest.
- 11. Planning Applications:** Bob advised he attended a meeting - Scottish housing until 2040, and the meeting was informative. It highlighted zero carbon emission projects, greenfield sites, academic areas and ongoing projects but nothing specific for our IBG CC directly. Bob attended the Marr area meeting and advised there was nothing specific to our area of responsibility. Bob is now also setup on the local planning application notification email for our area. Nothing has been highlighted to date. The main hotel planning application has received additional comments regarding the cycle path coming through the Inchmarlo retirement estate. Objections have been made from Phil and others on the Inchmarlo estate regarding concerns of safety for a cycle way down the hill through the Inchmarlo retirement estate where over 55's will be walking. There are no walkways at present and the children will be going fast down the hill which will be on the road which is shared with the over 55's. This was in the plans for 2015 but not obviously within the 2020 plans it has not been labelled nor highlighted well at all. **IBG CC are in agreement this is a safety concern and will issue a formal letter to the planning application team, Neil Mair and also the Councillors. Bob is to request clarification on this proposal and that it is still part of the 2020 planning application, and then follow up with a letter to Neil Mair.**
- 12. Community Action Plans** - This item was discussed under point 9 above
- 13. Any other Business (AOB)** - No comments.
- 14. Date of next two meetings:** The next meeting would be our AGM meeting planned for Thursday 3rd June 2021 at 19:00 to align ourselves with the other CC's in the Marr area. The regular CC meeting would commence at 19:30. The following IBG CC meeting will be on the 28th July Wednesday at 19:30.