

Inchmarlo, Brathens and Glassel Community Council
Online meeting
Wednesday 24th November 2021, 7.30pm
Draft Minutes

Present: Regis Lechatellier (Chair), Robert Russell (Treasurer), Neil Bisset (Secretary), William (Bill) Byth, Robert Russell (Bob), Paul Herrington

Councillors: Rosemary Bruce

Apologies: Cllr Eileen Durno, Cllr Ann Ross, Andy Wilkins

Actions are highlighted in **Red**

1. **Welcome/Apologies:** The Chair (Regis), welcomed everyone to the meeting and Neil confirmed that Andy Wilkins, Cllr Eileen Durno, Cllr Ann Ross had all sent in their apologies.
2. **Approve minutes of previous meeting:** Bob Russell proposed, Bill Byth seconded.
3. **Councillors Report (brought forward in Agenda):** Cllr Bruce discussed the vaccination centre moving and early January will be at Scotly centre in Banchory. Cllr Bruce encouraged the community to receive their vaccinations as the infection numbers were high. Cllr Bruce mentioned the councillors received a presentation from NHS Grampian and the pressure on their staff is immense. There are a number of people still in hospital who can't be moved elsewhere and the more of the public that can be vaccinated in the community the better. Cllr Bruce then mentioned the IBG CC Speed limit reduction was brought forward by Andy at the last Marr council meeting. All 3 councillors were in initial favour of it, however there is more information required from the report from a roads engineered perspective. There is also a wider scheme underway with the roads team which is looking into 20mph speed limits in the urban areas so not sure on when this report will be issued.
4. **Secretarys Report:** Neil advised that the IBG CC are 1 year old on the 9th December. The new IBG CC secretary email address is up and running and very little other emails are now going to the other account but when they do an out of office should direct them to this new email address. Neil mentioned he didn't receive anything back from any of the residents for the Marr Area Committee Grants email for grants up to £5000 to see if anything was awarded in our CC area this year. The Testing schedules are being sent out every week to the community which gives the locations on where Community Lateral Flow testing kits. This will be continue until we no longer receive emails. Neil informed that he sent out information that the glassel road will be closed near East Mains which will be in place for 5 days from Dec 1st which he presumes is due to the new houses being built there. There will be a new diversion route which is a loop from Campfield caravan site, Raemoir Road and round to each side of Glassel road, so I would expect that there is going to be increased traffic on the single

track roads through Inchmarlo north of A93 and Brathens area across to Raemoir road so suspected increased of traffic on the back roads for 5 days starting 1st December. The Poppies were a good success and the Smiddy Park poppies were dropped back off at the shed for the Inchmarlo Hall end of November. Neil mentioned we should make contact with Glassel hall and **Regis will be arranging contact with IBG CC & Glassel Hall.**

5. **Treasurers Report:** Bob and Regis performed a handover and Bob at the moment has not changed the format. The only transactions in the past month was for the Zoom account. Bob will send on a copy of the account. Bob raised a question about the format we should have for the numbers on the treasury report for these meetings. Regis mentioned that this was a crossover of formats from the last CC where there were more transactions. IBG CC do not have many transactions so the format is to remain as is. Bob mentioned that the Midhill transactions will be shown separately. Regis will send over the name of the person to Bob who will verify the accounts in March.
6. **Police Report:** Neil informed the CC's that the most up to date Police report was as per the issue on 9th July detailing Junes police report. Neil asked if Cllr Bruce had an update since June and this was to be forwarded on if located.
7. **A93 request for Speed Limit reduction:** Andy has presented the information to Marr Council in October, the speed limit is now on hold until January 2022 (est). This is in the Marr Council meeting minutes. The committee agreed to construct a report from the heads of roads to be presented to the councillors.
8. **Planning Applications:** Bob has nothing to report this past 2 months in planning area. Bill had raised the point that there is a planning permission application that has been issued to the residents which he feels IBG CC should be aware of. **Bill was to send Bob the residents email for review.**
9. **Marr Area Committee meeting** - Paul Herrington attended on behalf of IBG CC. Paul mentioned that there was not a lot relevant to IBG CC. Meeting highlights - Fire service discussed their quarterly report. Ballater flood risk was discussed and issues were raised by residents, a report will be issued based on the area and potential bund installed.
10. **MidHill Windfarm funding:** Regis had not seen the money going through but at this point we were waiting on the application from Fred Olsson. Two awards were awarded 1. Inchmarlo Hall Defibrillator, this was for £1,297 and was unanimously awarded. 2. The Bridge of Canny footbridge repairs this was for £369 which was reviewed and discussed and unanimously awarded by IBG CC. The approved minutes were completed and sent onto Chris Low who will send onto Fred Olsson.
11. **Meeting with AECOM A93 corridor study:** Neil informed the group that himself, Bill, and Paul attended from IBG CC and received a presentation from AECOM (Joanna Duck and Charlie Fuller) which was circulated around the community regarding the ongoing study on the A93 which runs from the bottom

of Corsee Road to Aberdeen city. It was a good meeting and an informative one which we managed to get some of our points across from an IBG perspective. We firstly started with commenting on bus routes, cycle paths and the deeside way from Corsee Road to Aberdeen which is the limits of their study, but then we made our comments focus around bringing in the IBG area into Banchory which is still a primary reason for us to be able to get into Banchory safely without car or bus only but used this as a reason to get a route onto the deeside way thereafter. We then focussed on the existing deeside way route heading after Banchory going West and made the point not only does the existing route cross the bridge in Banchory and goes South of the river bypassing Inchmarlo Braathens and Glassel but even if you go that way it is very difficult and a long journey time to get from Banchory to Potarch without a large detour. There is no alternative way from IBG into Banchory other than car or bus. So we made these points to AECOM and we do realise that their study that they are contracted to perform is from Corsee Road and East into Aberdeen on the A93, but it was a good meeting and good to see they were willing to add in our comments and concerns as part of the study. This has been circulated around. Cllr Durno did mention outwit the meeting that she would be having a face to face meeting with AECOM in the future. Paul mentioned that we could get one of the path organisation teams involved to assist us in the area. Neil informed the group that he had contacted Banchory paths group previously and it would be a process that would involve planning permission, and route approvals prior to any paths organisations being involved. Neil mentioned the costs were quite considerable depending on the path type. Bill mentioned it would be worth pursuing to see what the outcome would be.

- 12. Any other Business (AOB)** - Paul mentioned that the Community Action plan had been created by FWCC and if you go onto the website the summaries are on there. FWCC discussed with residents and the CAP was created but there was nothing in this area. Neil mentioned that the one page CAP for IBG CC was created and issued to the community earlier in the year. This gave opportunity for a few of the residents getting involved, mainly for the speed limits primarily but the CAP also highlighted all the items that IBG CC were doing in the community/ area. **Neil to issue next CAP once Glassel are contacted.** Paul mentioned a wood turning class has started in the Bothy as well providing classes for the area.
- 13. Date of next two meetings:** The next meeting would be Wednesday 26th January 2022. Wednesday 30th March, Wednesday 25th May (AGM). Meeting will continue via Zoom until further notice.