

BIRSE PARISH LIAISON GROUP

Minutes of Meeting in Ballogie Nursery on 8th November 2016

Present:

Birse Area Community Association	Richard Wright, Jane Winton
Ballogie Community Association	Dawn Gibbs
Birse & Ballogie Community Council	David Younie, David Winton
Finzean Community Association	Catriona Farquharson, Emma Forster
Finzean Community Council	Davie Hector
Birse Community Trust	Doug Boyle, Guy Haslam, Rick Paul

1. **Introduction**

It was confirmed that Ballogie Community Association would chair the meeting and that BCT will circulate a draft record of the Meeting. Apologies were noted from Roy Cowie and Donna Thow (FCA), Dorothy Dinnie and Stewart Adams (BCA), Paul Tanner (FCC) and Ann Fletcher (B2C2). The Agenda was confirmed and one item noted for AOB.

2. **Last Meeting**

The Record of the Meeting on 8th March 2016 was agreed.

3. **Matters Arising**

5.6 Slewdrum: It was noted that BCT completed the purchase of the additional 5 ha of land at Slewdrum in March.

5.7 BCT Membership: It was noted that BCT has now signed up 70% of those in the parish in 80% of the households.

4. **BPLG**

4.1 BPLG Groups: It was noted that all the groups' constitutions are now on BCT's website. AGM Minutes are now posted for BACA, FCC and BCT. Outstanding are AGM minutes for FCC, B2C2 and BCA.

4.2 Community Representatives: The list was updated at the meeting and will be re-issued.

5. **Updates from Groups**

(a) BCA - DG reported that BCA held a successful path opening ceremony and Easter egg hunt in March. At their BBQ and AGM, they presented ideas for a community hub in the field below the nursery. They have organised their annual bonfire.

(b) BACA - RW and JW reported that BACA held another successful BBQ in June. Hall use is still strong, with varied uses including weddings and funerals, hire to local groups for meetings and table tennis. BACA will again be hosting the post Remembrance Day refreshments in Birse Hall on 13th November.

(c) FCA - CT and EF reported that FCA held a successful Fun Day in the summer, and the winter evening clubs have started up again. There are some maintenance issues around the sound system, toilets and extractors which are being addressed. They have organised a bonfire and are planning a fundraising Tribute Evening in February.

(d) FCC - DH reported that membership is strong, but the police are no longer regularly attending meetings. FCC is still in discussions with the Council about signage at the East Lodge junction, and they in discussions to increase the extent of the speed limit in the village.

(e) B2C2 - DH and DW reported that membership is 6 with more required. They have held 4 meetings since the last BPLG. They are still in negotiations to get pedestrian crossing signs at the new path. There is no immediate prospect of the road at Waterside being repaired. They have no pressing planning issues but are aware of the phone mast proposal for Midstrath. They have a new website.

6. Topics for Discussion

6.1 BCT Strategic Plan 2016-2020: GH explained that there are public meetings on 22nd and 24th November to explain the draft plan and give an opportunity for comment. He also described a new Table of Trustee and Site Manager Responsibilities.

6.2 Paths: Negotiations continue with Birse Estate about the new route for the Fungle Path around Birse Castle and the condition of the Birsemore Path by the Queens Loch. There is a program of maintenance taking place over the winter months on the Finzean Path and there was a community event to clear the Ballogie path in the summer.

6.3 Remembrance: The services to be held on Corsedardar and at Birse Kirk were noted.

6.4 Phone Mast at Slewdrum: It was noted that no planning application has yet been made

6.5 Social Housing: GH reported that BCT was looking into the possibility of building social housing on the Ord site at Slewdrum. The first step would be a feasibility study.

7. Any Other Business

BPLG Meeting: GH requested that everyone consider whether the format of this meeting adds value. To be discussed at the next meeting.

8. Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting will be hosted by FCA at Finzean Hall on Tuesday 22nd March 2017 at 7:30 pm.
