

Minutes of Meeting

*Balintore/Hilton Community Council
Tuesday 15/03/2016*

Attendance: Coral Allan, Shelia Tomelty, Lisa Shiels, Robert James, Fiona Robertson,
Alastair Rhind, Helen Ross.

7 members of the public

Apologies: None

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1.1 Cllr FR opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. There were no apologies.	To note
2 Call for Nominations	To note
2.1 Cllr FR called for nominations for Chairperson. ST was nominated by CA, seconded by RJ. There being no other nominations ST was duly elected as Chair.	
2.2 ST took the Chair and called for nominations for the post of treasurer CA was nominated by RJ, seconded by ST. There being no other nominations CA was duly elected as secretary.	To note
2.3 ST called for nominations for the post of secretary. LS was nominated by CA, seconded by ST. There being no other nominations LS was duly elected as secretary.	
2.4 It was agreed not to appoint a Vice Chair at this stage but the matter may be reconsidered in the future.	To note
2.5 It was agreed that RJ would be the contact for Planning issues. HR to advise Planning Service.	HR
3 Date of Next meeting	
3.1 It was agreed to continue and hold the first full meeting if the community council immediately following. The inaugural meeting was then concluded.	
Sheila opened the meeting and introduced everyone.	

4.0 Community Council Representatives: The meeting was advised that the BHCC can co-opt a further two members onto the BHCC. A co-opted member has the same rights as any other member other than co-opting another person on. Karen expressed an interest in being co-opted. Applications must be published in the agenda at least seven days prior to the next BHCC meeting. LS

5.0 Accounts

Signatories on the accounts should be updated to reflect the new community council members. A copy of the meeting minutes is required to do this. CA

Balance at September 2015 was £1,866.42

HR clarified that the HC grant of £1096.97 would be awarded after the AGM and To note approval of the BHCC accounts in June 2016.

Insurance through the HC costs £88.74 – Colin McKenzie is the contact for insurance at the HC. CA

6.0 Gala

There was a lengthy discussion about whether the Seaboard Gala will proceed this year, as there is no committee at this point in time.

It was agreed that the BHCC would raise awareness of the current situation and call a meeting to drum up support for this years Seaboard Gala. *Community group reps invited to attend informal meeting 7 p.m. 19th April through notice in April edition of Seaboard News.* Committee

7.0 Open Issues

Bus Shelter – a request for an additional bus shelter at the United Free Church was discussed. This will be investigated by local councillor Fiona Robertson. FR

Table & Benches (slate) – the broken table at the harbour is still a cause for concern. Karen and CA to repair with scaffle boards. Karen/CA

Drain on East Street – AR will action this. AR

Quarry Road Path – AR will action this. AR

Christmas Lights – Maureen Ross (MR) confirmed that Sangsters Electrical have Sangsters already agreed to repair any malfunctioning lights by October 2016 in preparation for Christmas. At which time the responsibility for the lights would be returned to the BHCC.

MR confirmed that the monies issued by the BHCC were set aside to be used for this purpose and that any surplus would be returned to the BHCC. Seaboard Hall

8.0 New Business

BHCC Meetings – After discussion it was agreed to hold future meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. In addition we will not hold meetings in July, Aug. LS

Web Page – Keith Hart (KH) will kindly continue to administer the BHCC web page. KH KH

KH will send details of generic emails for office bearers.

The attendees were informed that social media training is available through Fujitsu. To note

New Business continued...

Adverse Weather Plan – It was clarified that the Seaboard Memorial Hall is the appointed ‘emergency centre for the Seaboard Community.’ To note

There was a discussion about the SSE scheme to provide communities with emergency equipment i.e. torches.

Dog Fouling – The issue of dog fouling and littering on the Quarry Road was raised as a cause for continuing concern. FR

It was suggested that HC rep James Sanderson could visit the local school to raise awareness about littering. LS

RJ also suggested asking Clair Nichols of Youth Highland if any of her local young people would be ambassadors re littering. LS

FR will investigate the possibility of installing a bin at the bottom end of Quarry Road/East Street. It was noted that due to HC cutbacks ‘dog fouling bags’ will not be issued free of charge in future. AR

AR will arrange for HC Tecs department to clear the litter in the interim. FR

Hilton of Cadboll Primary – The BHCC was advised that a petition to advertise and replace the vacant Head teacher post is in circulation. FR advised that as an ECAS committee representative she would take this issue to her meeting the following day. Committee

Feedback made at the Seaboard Cares Event –

Leaflet drop for BHCC business. This was agreed. CA/KH volunteered to take on the Hilton area and RJ will take on the Balintore scheme, LS will take on the rest CA of the Balintore area.

Parking On East Street (@Seaboard Hall) – the issue of parking on the road outside the hall was raised as a concern for the safety of children entering and exiting the hall. It was suggested that disabled bays could be painted on the road CA and might encourage parents to park in the large carpark provided.

Speeding Cars on Braefoot, Hilton – request for traffic calming signs and measures was submitted. We encourage our children to walk to school as part of their Health and Wellbeing however there is an increasing number of speeding cars going down and up Braefoot Hill causing a danger to the public. The committee will report this to the appropriate authorities for consideration.

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Fire Service Report – Tim Kirk (TK) confirmed that the current set-up is nine crew members and five new applicants.

The Balintore fire service has expressed concerns that they are not permitted to attend property fires. They are restricted to non fire duties i.e. road traffic incidents. This community is reliant on Tain, Dornoch and Invergordon fire services, assuming that they are available. A recent fire within the villages saw

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the Tain service arrive on site at least ten minutes after the Balintore service. BHCC will write a letter of concern to the Scottish Fire Service.

Defibrillator Procedures – Karen raised a concern re the access to the defibrillator located at the Balintore chemist. CA will investigate procedures, training and code for access in the event of an emergency.

9.0 Date of next meeting [19th April 2016 at 7.30 p.m.](#)

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