

## BAILIES OF BENNACHIE COUNCIL MEETING 29/8/16

The meeting was held at the Bennachie Centre and was chaired by Jackie Cumberbirch who welcomed council members and guests to the meeting. Council members present were Ann Baillie, Brian Cornock, Barry Foster, Angela Groat, Harry Leil, Iain Ralston, Rosemary Sievwright, Donna Taylor, Neil Taylor, Sue Taylor and Andrew Wainwright. Guest present was Margaret Garden from Save Bennachie.

Apologies Jill Mathews and Colin Shepherd

Matters arising from last meeting, Minutes – Correction needed in Senior Bailies Update from Alison S. to Alison K.

Action Point for JC - still to contact Myrtle Anderson Smith.

TREASURES UPDATE JC in SJW absence

Annual report received from SJW and at the auditor. Because of work commitments SJW cannot continue as treasurer, 1 or 2 options to be explored, but if all else fails BC will stand in

Action Point for JC. Ask the auditor if he knows of anyone who could be our treasurer.

PUBLICATIONS UPDATE AB

A few of the retail outlets have already paid for calendars. A few individual calendar orders have been received and a request for 2 ties.

Please pass on details to AB, of any payment for calendars, made straight to the Bank

MEMBERSHIP /WEBSITE UPDATE DT (copied from email)

Membership

Before updates 2888

Now 2541

Removed 347 either deceased or letters returned “moved away”

Newsletter (returned info)

41 by post

159 by email

(166 more on database send by email but have not replied)

Update

254 members replied

2287 members not replied

659 addresses who usually have newsletter posted, have not replied!

#### SENIOR BAILIES UPDATE JC

1<sup>ST</sup> August BLP meeting was held from that a group will meet to discuss ideas for projects for next year 2017, which is the year of History, Heritage and Archaeology The group will include Neil Taylor, Calum Murray, Sheena Lonchay, Alison Sutherland, Chris Foster, Jo Vergunst and Alison Kennedy and will meet on 31<sup>ST</sup> August to discuss ideas put forward eg Adding current and archived information on the Colony to a website.

Preserving Colony buildings

Looking at native planting at Shepherds Lodge.

Establishing a garden, where there is already evidence of a kale yard.

A Play.

Apply for grant funding to support the projects decided upon.

1<sup>st</sup> September JC and BC will meet Dawn Brown to discuss the AGM.

#### SAVE BENNACHIE. MG.

A good article by Mike Flaherty from the Mountaineering Council for Scotland was published in the Inverurie Advertiser.

3<sup>rd</sup> Newsletter published

There was a meeting with Malcom Bruce ( Lord Bruce of Bennachie), who passed on a few useful tips and one is arranged with Nestrans and a meeting of alliance members will be arranged soon.

Good photos of the hill still needed.

The Logo has been photographed in Mexico, Mauritius, Cape Cod and Mither Tap, photos on other peaks would be appreciated

Facebook has had 2,233 likes, 13,652 sessions and over 600 people have signed up.

#### FCS UPDATE NT

Pay and Display machines in the car park have been faulty, the internal printer has not been working, FCS trying to get the supplier to repair them.

Trail upgrades planned,

a) the Discovery Trail will be "all abilities standard" and

b) Colony Trail will have improved surface and drainage, probably in October.

New signage pending

Recreation Kellands Primary school kids doing a Forest project 6 sessions at the Back of Bennachie. Sustrans are trying to encourage kids in Inverurie and Huntly to cycle to school.

The carpenter has started work at Donview.

#### ANNUAL REPORT/ AGM

Annual Report had been seen by the Council members and was approved for publishing. JC will get 200 copies printed 41 of which will need to be sent out. DT will send info to AG who will print labels.

AGM agenda

7.30 – 8.15 Business with Dawn Brown. Refreshments

8.30– 9.00 Save Bennachie presentation MG Fun Quiz JC

Displays by BLP, FCS, SAVE BENNACHIE big map and Bailies Publications

JC will do a press release and produce a map showing the location of The Fly Cup.

RS to produce an attendance sheet with space for Name, Email and Member yes/no

BAILIES MAP (enclosed in the Guide)

Several comments have been received about the map scale which no longer conforms to OS standard, since it was made to fit the standard paper size. It was decided to produce a sticky label to cover the slightly inaccurate information until a new map can be produced.

JC will email Roland Jones to explain. ST will contact OS and Orienteers for help.

MEMBERSHIP An email was received disapproving of the new cost of life membership, the suggestion made would be difficult to organise and the aim of the change was to streamline the system and encourage new members JC will reply.

PYLON ROUTE still under discussion.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER JC would like a group to take this forward and will get previous discussion material together.

FUNDING REQUESTS - £50 for sample buckets for the Druminnor group.

Membership forms need renewing and redesigning. ST,DT and BC have been working on this and would like to get ideas from a professional design firm, which might then also be used for other advertisements.

ACTION POINT JC will check out firms in Inverurie.

North East Mountain Trust request payment for 2016 membership BC will attend their meeting and pay the subscription of £25.00 and assess the situation for the future.

Ideas needed for James Mackay Commemoration.

AW still pursuing the Amazon option for selling BLP books.

JC would like to put the Work Parties forward for a Green Butterfly award. HL will fill in the application form. Work party on 3<sup>rd</sup> September will be finishing fence started last time, path work and Totem Pole painting. Work party insurance needs renewing before October.

JC thought the Bailies should be in ALI (Aberdeenshire Litter Initiative).

EVENTS DT suggested "SOUP at the CENTRE" in December as a fund raising and advertising event. Volunteers needed to make soup, suggested date 10<sup>th</sup> December. Wild life recording on Bennachie, DT had been in contact with Emma Rowling (Scottish Wild Cat Action) who was willing to give a presentation and lend the Bailies a few Camera traps.

ACTION POINT JC to speak to JM about wild life recording and get other volunteers motivated.

Action Point Summary

AP for JC Contact Myrtle Anderson Smith

AP for JC Ask auditor re treasurer

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Next meeting AGM on 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Next Council meeting 26<sup>th</sup> September.