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Bailies of Bennachie

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Dear Ian

As Bailies of Bennachie, we regularly (every 2 months) hold our Council meetings at The Bennachie Centre. These meetings are held in the evenings, as this is the most suitable time for the majority of Council members.

At present there is no Aberdeenshire Council employee on the Bailies Council (this is due to the maternity leave). Unfortunately, we have been informed that only an Aberdeenshire Council employee can open the Bennachie Centre and this would involve overtime payments, so the council are reluctant to open the centre for our evening meetings. We do appreciate the fact that Aberdeenshire Council does need to economise. However, as Bailies we feel that the council should permit at least one named representative of the Bailies to be a responsible key holder so that that we can access the building for these evening meetings (dates can be supplied a year in advance). This would be at no charge to Aberdeenshire Council. I believe that at present members of the Bennachie Centre Trust can sign for a key the day before an evening meeting and then return the key the following day. As Bailies we contributed to the centre both financially and as volunteers and after all we are only trying to share the natural and social history of Bennachie!

I look forward to your reply and I hope that you will look upon our solution favourably.

Yours sincerely

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Mike Neely

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Mike,

I was a bit confused by the e-mail you sent to Ian Fowell with regard to the Centre opening for Bailies meetings. It is my understanding that all this was settled some time ago. As the person in the Council responsible for the day to day management of the Centre I have arranged for a set of the appropriate keys to be made available to the Bailies the day before their meetings, and put through the letter box after the meetings. There will also be a specific alarm number available to the Bailies for use at these meetings. For Council Insurance purposes there would need to be either a member of Council staff, or a member of the Trust available at the meeting and they would be the responsible person. If you can furnish me with a set of Bailies meeting dates these will be entered into the Bennachie Centre diary and the Wardens alerted to when the keys are likely to be picked up and returned.

Regards
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