

A meeting of Buckie and District Community Council took place in the Town House Buckie on Monday 23rd May at 7:00pm.

PRESENT and acting chair Morag Stewart, Fred Rumbles, Christine Allan, Alison Durno, Norman Calder, Ann Mitchell and Jack Johnston.

In Attendance- Councillors Gordon McDonald, Gordon Cowie and Sonia Warren. Jane Martin CC liaison officer.

APOLOGIES- were tendered on behalf of Trisha Greenwood [chair], Steve Thornton, John Cowie, and Sonia Ritchie.

Morag welcomed everyone at the meeting and asked the council officers if they would put forward their proposal.

TRAFFIC SIGNALDESIGN and pedestrian crossing proposals at East and West Cathcart Street at junction with High Street. This was the only proposal brought forward by Dave Malpas [Senior Road traffic Engineer with Moray Council], and Elaine Penny [Traffic Engineer also with Moray Council] for Buckie Community Council to consider.

Dave explained previous traffic proposals were not well received at public consultations and other meetings in the town. Thus they have a year later recommended Full pedestrian signals and traffic lights at Cathcart Street. Part funding will come from Lidl supermarket which will run out shortly. Various concerns were voiced by members regarding, Police and Firefighter emergencies, children crossing at lunch times and others which were all discussed. Police sergeant Ross also explained emergency services personnel were trained to use traffic lights even on red signals.

The Council engineers were thanked for attending and giving an insight to the traffic proposal and left the meeting.

A decision was not taken at this time but we were asked to vote later in the meeting by Councillor McDonald to give some guidance for the Buckie Forum as to our thoughts.

The vote was 4 for the proposal, 1 against and 1 abstention.

POLICE sergeant Kristle Ross who contributed earlier gave her report, adding that traffic lights on High Street would also slow fast traffic coming down towards the Square at the moment there is nothing to do so. Sergeant Ross was happy to report a few more staff had joined the Buckie station. Operation was continuing regarding road safety and BOY & GIRL RACERS, a number of offences being committed. Police talking with and advising drivers will be an ongoing exercise. Have dealt with a number of abandoned vehicles. Also involved with vandalism at Millbank primary school. Christine asked if it was legal for business in East Church Street to put out cones. Last week three separate business put out cones for a large part of the day all at the same time. Giving rise to a number of complaints. Sergeant Ross said Police cones have to be adhered to if put out. Business who put out cones for unloading goods are not legally binding was Councillor Cowie's reasoning.

NO COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORT- Norman thought it should be compulsory for dog walkers to carry poo bags. If no bag charge them and even went further to say DNA could be taken from dog poo and trace owners.

MINUTES of the April meeting were read, approval was proposed by Christine Allan and seconded by Alison Durno.

With regard the cemetery shed, for a permanent fix Councillor Cowie suggested we write to Ken Kennedy lands and parks officer.

ALL CORRESPONDENCE was previously sent to members by e-mail, re- ARI, Green Light for Beatrice Wind Farm, Old crane at Herdies removed.

TESCO Green space funding awards made four times a year Community Council could apply. A PRICE could be sought for refurbishment of metal bench at Queen,s Street for Queen,s 90th birthday. Add a new plaque if CC undertake work. Norman suggested take bench down to Forsyths for sand blasting and encourage school kids to paint.

SUGGESTED we sponsor a prize at BCHS.

NORMAN attended the Dredger naming ceremony.

Community Council Training in Elgin. New member Jack enjoyed the training but Christine who previously attended felt nothing new was forthcoming. Jane highlighted new Community Council complaint procedure revue passed.

MORAG CHRISTINE and ANNE attended a JOINT COMMUNITY COUNCIL meeting on 12th MAY in the Council Chamber Elgin.

All community councillors should attend a joint meeting at some time.

ANNE BURGESS attended on behalf of Scottish Water.

MARK PALMER corporate Director gave an enthusiastic talk on Community planning partnership. Community Engagement 2023.

Other topics were, A 96 Dualing. Rural Parliament Manifesto update from Gordon Methven.

Information sharing, people read the minutes and discuss before going to next meeting on 11th

August. Promotion of Community Council to wider public. Forres CC made banners which could be used at any events locally something Buckie could undertake.

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING- Process of democratic decision making where public get to vote/decide on how budget is spent. [Public Money].£60,000 from Scottish Government and £60,000 from Moray Council. Will take place on 28th May in Grant Hall Rothes. Each group get 2 minutes to discuss project and 2 minutes question time. This a system for local people to have a direct say in where money should/could be spent on local issues/projects for their community. Moray different from Nairn event because each project needed to make sure economic benefit to area.

PATIENT PARTICIPATOR GROUP NETWORKING EVENT- Gordon Third from Scottish Health Council could come to a meeting and explain more about it. PPG awareness week 6th-10th June. Volunteers Week – 1st- 12th June.

AOCB- Christine- asked who take on the job of minutes secretary.

Norman said there was FLY TIPPING beside Munro Way, Bin View, Work Way and the Mews. This is private land owned by Michael Watt.

Fred mentioned there was an open trench at Rathven which took a while to be filled in. Contact public highways.

MEETING CLOSED BY Deputy chair, Morag Stewart at 9:00pm.

NEXT MEETING MONDAY 27th JUNE 2016 at 7:00pm.