

**Buckie & District Community Council Minutes****26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2016/ 19:00 / Buckie Townhouse****Chair:** Steve Thornton**Attendees**

- Steve Thornton, Morag Stewart, John Cowie, Jack Johnston, Christine Allan, Norman Calder and Sonia Ritchie.
- Councillors Gordon Cowie, Gordon McDonald, Sonya Warren & Ron Shepherd.

**Apologies**

- Alison Durno & Ann Mitchell

| Topic |                                | Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Action | Person Responsible / Timescale |
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| 1.    | <b>Police Update</b>           | No Police or community Warden present at meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | n/a    |                                |
| 2.    | <b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b> | Minutes of the last meeting were read out. Proposed by John Cowie and seconded by Christine Allan.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | n/a    |                                |
| 3.    | <b>Matters Arising</b>         | <p>Due to the resignation of the Chairperson at the previous meeting a new Chair was required. Steve Thornton was interested in the job, proposed by Jack Johnston and seconded by Norman Calder there being no other takers a vote was not required Steve Thornton duly elected.</p> <p>Sonia Ritchie intimated that she was resigning from the CC. On being asked by Steve why she was resigning she did not wish to give any reason and then left the meeting.</p> <p>Norman asked if there was any more information regarding the Boortmalt wind farm proposal. Morag intimated that there was an email from Wind Energy Guidance Consultation with more information.</p> <p>Steve attended the meeting in Elgin regarding training for CC members on the 21st Sept and will be attending the follow up meeting. The courses are well worth attending and very informative.</p> | n/a    |                                |

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| 4. | <b>Correspondence</b>                 | <p>Morag received a letter about European funding available to coastal communities. If anyone in their areas would be interested please pass on.</p> <p>The Moray Council dredger has applied for a licence to operate (March) but as of August 2016 due to a high volume of applications no award has been made.</p> <p>Moray Council Planning now has a new website and is inviting people to visit it.</p> <p>Moray Council are to review Taxi fares in October 2016. Asking for public feedback.</p> <p>Invitation for CC members to meet team event on the duelling A96 with relation to Fochabers.</p> <p>Active schools co-ordinator for Buckie is looking for help in funding to buy equipment for Boccia. A sport for all abilities and skill sets. He is looking for £200.</p> <p>Morag handed out Moray Council Future Budget questionnaires</p> <p>An email received from CCLO about a complaint about a CC in Moray who had abused their positions in relation to planning issues. As a general warning to all the email caused a great discussion. To this end to clarify certain issues arising it was asked if the CCLO could come to Buckie to discuss and clarify and to hear our opinions.</p> | ALL | <p>Referred to CCLO</p> <p>Referred to CCLO</p> |
| 5. | <b>Treasurers Report</b>              | No treasurers report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |     |                                                 |
| 6. | <b>Community Feedback</b>             | n/a                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |     |                                                 |
| 7. | <b>Reports</b>                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |     |                                                 |
|    | <b>a) Local Councillor(s)</b>         | n/a                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |     |                                                 |
|    | <b>b) Community Council Sub Group</b> | n/a                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |     |                                                 |

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|            | <b>c) A N Other(s)</b>                      | n/a                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |                                                                      |
| <b>8.</b>  | <b>Planning Issues</b>                      | Only one planning application to consider, no comments from CC members.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |                                                                      |
| <b>9.</b>  | <b>The Joint Community Council of Moray</b> | Morag attended the August meeting of the Joint Community Council. Very informative to hear the views of other CC's and the problems being faced. Morag suggested more CC members should try and attend.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |                                                                      |
| <b>10.</b> | <b>AOCB</b>                                 | <p>Drybridge now has a new BT junction box which it is hoped will speed up internet connections.</p> <p>Christine highlighted the need for B&amp;DCC to increase its membership. Steve mentioned we had two possible candidates in the system. We also need to have a youth member, perhaps a call to BHS is required.</p> <p>The treasurer needs new signatories to write checks.</p> <p>Jack noted that the old Pot of Linn footpath was flooding after heavy rainfall.</p> <p>Tesco Food for People was a good idea in principle but in reality very difficult to organise successfully.</p> |  | <p>Steve</p> <p>Steve/John</p> <p>Councillor Cowie will monitor.</p> |
| <b>11.</b> | <b>Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting</b> | Next meeting is planned for 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7 o'clock in the Buckie Townhouse                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                                                      |