

Buckie & District Community Council Minutes
Tuesday 19 February 2019, 7pm, at Pheonix Centre, Buckie



Chair: Morag Stewart

Attendees

- Christine Allan, Ann Mitchell, Kevin McKay, Nicola Farquhar, Anne McKay, Alison Durno, Meg Jamieson
- Councillors Sonya Warren, Gordon Cowie, Tim Eagle, Angus McNair – Lennox Community Council
- PC Teresa Clark
- Public: Joe Knox, Archibald Jamieson, Graeme Hilditch, Forres Community Council (Guest Speaker)

Apologies

Steve Thornton

Topic	Discussion	Action	Person Responsible / Timescale
1.	<p>Police Update</p> <p>PC Teresa Clark attended and gave us an update on matters arising in and around Buckie area.</p> <p><u>December</u></p> <p>Serious and Organised Crime</p> <p>20/12 - 23 year old male stopped in car, searched on Land Street, Buckie, a small amount of cannabis found in his possession.</p> <p>Antisocial Behaviour, Violence & Disorder</p> <p>01/12- Male assaulted within the Coach House Hotel, Buckie, enquiries ongoing</p> <p>01/12- Male assaulted and injured with knife on Chancellor Road, Portessie, 23 year old male arrested, kept in custody to appear in court.</p> <p>01/12- 23 year old female arrested and kept in custody after disturbance and assault of a child on Burn's Square, Buckie.</p> <p>02/12- 30 year old woman arrested for assault and charged for an assault on East Church Street, Buckie.</p>		

02/12 - Licensed Security Guard at Kiss Nightclub, Cluny Square, Buckie was assaulted, enquiries ongoing.
03/12 - car had its door dented by unknown means on Alba Road, Buckie, enquiries ongoing.
03/12 - Hedge pulled out of ground at Quarry Corner, Orran, Denview, Buckie, enquires ongoing.
26/12 - 36 year old arrested for two assaults and refusing to leave Licensed premises at PITS, Cluny Square, Buckie
Between 28 and 29/12 car was scratched on Seaview road, Buckie, enquiries ongoing.

Acquisitive Crime

01/12- two males aged 25 and 35 arrested for a crime series including two thefts, 3. Theft by housebreaking, 4. house breakings with intent to steal and an intended theft in various streets in Portknockie both men kept in custody to appear in court.

Overnight on 3 and 4 December 828 Dental Practice, West Church Street, Buckie was broken into and 24 bottles of wine were stolen, enquiries ongoing.

Between 14 and 17 December theft occurred at Craibstone Farm, Deskford, 10 high value LED lights were removed from plant machinery, enquires are ongoing.

14/12- shoplifting report received in Pozzis' High Street, 33 year old female arrested and charged with shoplifting.

Road Safety

During December Operation Cedar (CHALLENGE EDUCATE DETECT AND REDUCE) patrols were carried out by Officers carrying out vehicle stop checks and speed checks and parking issues at schools in Portgordon, Findochty, Portknockie, Cullen and Buckie as a result 29 people were educated and two people issued with fixed penalty notices and two females aged 20 and 58 were dealt with for exceeding the speed limit on March Road, Buckie.

06/12- 23 year old woman reported for dangerous driving on March Road, Buckie.
08/12- driver failed to stop at traffic lights on High Street, Buckie after colliding with rear end of another car, enquiries are ongoing with a positive line of enquiry.
10/12- 32 year old male stopped in a car on High Street, Buckie, he was arrested, charged for driving while disqualified and having no insurance.
14/12- driver failed to stop having collided with rear of car at traffic lights on High Street, Buckie, enquiries ongoing.
20/12- 23 year old was dealt with on Land Street, Buckie for driving unsupervised with a provisional licence.

January
Serious and Organised Crime

08/01 - Female stopped, searched, £1000 found in cash; seized under the Proceeds of Crime Act, investigation ongoing.
17/01 – 14 year old boy found in possession of a cannabis joint outside Buckie High School, report submitted to Youth Justice Team, police making their presence known around school.
23/01 – drugs search warrant used and personal amount of heroin was recovered at an address on Wallace Avenue.

Antisocial Behaviour, Violence & Disorder

January
01/01 – 18 year old male assaulted on Barhill Road, Buckie after attending a party nearby, enquiries ongoing
06/01 – drainpipes were pulled off from exterior of houses in lanstown, Buckie and some wing mirrors on cars. Following enquiries, 18 year old has been charged with 8 vandilisms
08/01 – windscreen wiper was pulled off a car on Chancellor Rd, Portessie.

Enquiry ongoing.

09/01 – 17 year old male assaulted by two other 17 year old males outside Buckie Swimming Pool, both culprits cautioned and charged.

11/01 – report received of car having windscreen wiper removed on Well Road, Buckie, Ongoing enquiry.

18/01 – group of teenagers were abusive to householder on Seaview Road, Buckie and were seen on bonnet of car. Enquiry ongoing to find those responsible.

19/01 – several people charged with obstruction and police assault after attending an address on Harbour St, Buckie trying to trace a male wanted for a breach of bail.

20/01 – car parked on Raffan Road, Buckie scratched along its side, enquiries ongoing.

21/01 – Woman reported she was assaulted by 18 year old male on Wallace Avenue, Buckie. Male is to be traced and charged.

Acquisitive Crime

12/01- 40 year old man reported for stealing a bottle of vodka from coop, East Church Street, Buckie.

Road Safety

03/01- speed checks conducted in the March Road area of Buckie. A 35 year old man and a 21 year old male were both reported for speeding (the 21 year old was also dealt with for possession of cannabis).

06/01- a hit and run was reported on Low Street, Buckie (car collided with crash barrier). The 18 year old driver was traced and reported to the court.

11/01- a car was seen driving dangerously along A98, driver failed to stop for Police. 23 year old male was later traced, he was reported to the court and car was seized.

25/01- 39 year old woman was arrested and reported for drunk driving in The Meadows and High Street areas of

		<p>Buckie. Buckie Police are all currently being trained on the new speeding laser gun. Police also reported about children being kept safe on the internet Children who have previously been in care can attend a Youth Hub Hate crime on the internet - left poster with contact information which will be put on BDCC Facebook page.</p> <p>A Mck asked police officer before she left how she felt about speed limit being raised to 40mph. Pointed out that it was due to be discussed later but A Mck pointed out police attend accidents so it would be good to hear about the police's view.</p> <p>NF - school bus drops children outside her house from back of bus; they could easily walk into speeding car. GC - advised that road engineer make decisions on speed limits.</p>		
2.	Clashgour Wind Farm Project	<p>Graeme Gilditch welcomed to the meeting by Vice Chair Morag Stewart. Reported there is a new projected Renewable Energy Plant due to be considered South of Forres. by Force 9 Energy, EDF Energy Company is trying to gain permission to build 48 pylons, around 170m high and quoted various figures of money of estimated costs. 19 page Memorandum of Understanding prepared and been checked by Elgin solicitor, Ian Catto. If planning permission granted then Moray Council Scottish Government will help subsidise grants for community councils, GC hopes all 6 community councils in Moray will pull together to get funding for project. There is a minimum of 25 years, only 5% is maximum to invest. Do not have to invest until it is ready to start running in 2022/23. Planning permission is in now, if successful Moray Council has to put to Scottish government for approval.</p> <p>Local Energy Scotland firm giving funding, Energy Investment Fund and Energy Investment Bank will give £20</p>		

		<p>million to invest in renewable energy. Various papers were handed out for everyone to look at.</p> <p>KM asked is there are any projected figures from CDF. GG cannot give figures out yet, it is illegal to do so, will attend a meeting on Thursday to find out more information, urged BDCC to consider it, GG believes it is one off opportunity.</p>		
3.	Issues Arising from Members of the Public	<p>Resident of St Andrew's Square had contacted SW regarding the new sign and paint work by The Angry Barber, situated below his flat.</p> <p>SW relayed that premises are not listed building or conservation area. He had questioned whether consent was obtained from owner of building because sign was too big, also music is very loud from shop, can be heard in his flat upstairs all day. He believes same business has not got his own rubbish bin to dispose of refuse.</p> <p>BDCC will write a letter to Beverly Smith at Moray Council Planning Department.</p> <p>Gordon Cowie advised sign is not structural. Advised resident to contact Shaun Hoath at Moray Council Environmental Services re other matters of concern.</p> <p>Rathven speed limit – had already been covered.</p> <p>Portessie School</p> <p>Issues around people parking around school when collecting children, eg parking across people's driveways.</p> <p>SW – Community Police Officer has been round schools talking about safety and parking, and already a PARKSAFE programme in operation online.</p> <p>MS – perhaps BDCC could sponsor a safety banner.</p>		
4.	Minutes of Last Meeting	<p>Recap of previous minutes</p> <p>Proposed: Christine Allan</p> <p>Seconded: Anne McKay</p>		
5.	Matters Arising	<p>Gollachy Recycling Centre Closure – long discussion on this. MS – asked councillors why Moray Council are closing it, is it a geographical decision?</p>		

		<p>If Keith or Forres close then people have to travel longer distances to get rid of rubbish.</p> <p>MS - asked SW about meeting held to decide on budget cuts. SW Pointed out that all council departments were asked to think of ways to save £15 million. Said she has had two letters from public in favour of it closing.</p> <p>GC – second busiest dump in the area after Elgin, Gallochy and Dallachy are so close together that one has to close, Dallachy needs to be manned, it is a landfill site.</p> <p>Working Together Project – MS reported is due to be held on Thursday 28 February to try to get groups in the town to work together: eg to save money by borrowing equipment, MJ - £7.50 hire of room at Fishermen’s Hall for two hours, tea £1 extra, has been advertised on our Facebook page.</p> <p>Purchase of Pop Up Banners – Morag and Christine will go to Keith to find out price of these.</p> <p>Reflective Armbands – discussed why wait until Autumn better to get now, NF – doesn’t think older children will wear them some may hang on bag instead.</p> <p>Beach Clean Up – Purchase of PPE clothing – KM thinks it a good idea for BCCC to wear tabards on beach clean up. AD will find out prices.</p>	MS & CA	
6.	BOWL	No information left from Beatrice Offshore.		
7.	Correspondence	<p>Letter of thanks for donation from Portessie School for file.</p> <p>Copy of letter from Steve Thornton regarding closure of Gallochy Recycling Centre</p>		
8.	Treasures Report	Christine Allan read out reports of the two bank accounts		
9.	Reports			

	a) Local Councillor(s)	All believed that matters had been well covered in the earlier discussions.		
	b) Community Council Sub Group	<p>Gallochy - Discussions included fly tipping is already happening so if Gallochy closes problem will become worse because there will be no facility. KM - pointed out it is to save £45,000 by closing it. Angus McNair asked for people to go along and present petition on Friday 21 February to Moray Council before budget meeting the following week.</p> <p>Other items discussed - council needs to keep £5 million for reserves for emergencies.</p> <p>Correspondence - MS phoned Alex Burrell re Rathven surplus tree plants; over 10 - 15,000 planted in excess and going spare. Suggestions for their use included Lindsey Gordon Park - has a bad excess water situation.</p> <p>MS – spoke about an event at Wed 27th March at Alexander Bell Unit at Moray College.</p> <p><u>Sub Groups</u></p> <p>MJ - Friends of Buckie Square will be registered as a charity, volunteer policies, risk assessments will be carried out. New name will be 'Buckie Roots - growing our community spirit'.</p> <p>GC - it has received £8000+ from Tesco charity funding, waiting for TE to sign form. New logo will be designed by children's competition and age appropriate prize will be given.</p> <p>KM - Old square toilets - still waiting to hear from Jane Martin re e-mail he sent. Has got quote of £1700 to get it plywooded for painting and a seat made. Asked how many quotes are needed? He will e-mail Jane Martin again.</p> <p>GC questioned if this would just be vandalised if only made of plywood.</p> <p>Ann M reported that £60 was raised from a raffle at an Enable Charity disco.</p>		

		<p>MJ - only need 2 more members to sign up to get charity status</p> <p>Well Road Park - CA reported no more equipment is needed perhaps picnic benches and seating. There has been vandalism at park already, suggestions for cameras or dummy camera to be put up to deter any further damage, also in movable viewing area, could also be used at Buckpool Harbour Park or Skate Park. KM - need to see about all the legalities first. Discussion followed about data protection and human rights. CA - will find out costs of cameras. GC- Jim Grant is contact, TE - will include CA in e-mail to get conversation started. SW - Tim Betts Community Warden will monitor it</p>		
	c) Buckie Harbour	<p>Darren not in attendance. AD - reported that work is to begin at harbour on 6 March.</p>		
10.	Planning Issues	<p>GC - no designated parking spaces have been approved for boat owners</p>		
11.	The Joint Community Council of Moray	<p>MJ - Unforgotten Forces charity lead by Poppy Scotland, £20.000 funds available to start drop in sessions for veterans, she suggested if poster be put to British Legion, all agreed. MJ- Free Home Fire Service available for disabled and elderly people by Buckie Fire Brigade which doesn't seem to be widely known .KM knows person Alan Taylor who deals with it at Buckie. NF suggested contacting Home Care at council. MJ training will be undertaken, lots of community councils cannot get young people involved. MJ suggested trying the schools.</p>		
12.	AOCB	<p>MS thanked MJ for running BDCC Facebook page. MS suggested buying gazebos for any outside events, unanimous decision taken to buy. MS Open Day at Findochty Town Hall on Saturday 22 February if anyone wants to attend; hall has been taken</p>		

over by community from council.

MS Moray Local Development Plan 2020, can still raise objections until 15 March.

Thereafter followed a discussion about new housing schemes and no shops in these for residents.

MS - Buckpool New Houses Group, no one at last meeting MS went to, will need to e-mail Daska Murray at council to find out still taking place.

MS - Gateway Future for Buckie is open to local artists to design a new sign, deadline is 29 March.

MS reminded everyone to apply to get their permit for garden waste before 28 February.

Discussion of crossing at Well Road/High Street junction took place, suggestions included an island in middle of road so pedestrians can cross over safely to go to Ardach Medical Centre. Cars would be forced to slow down.

MS Hilda Paskus suggests holding meeting one hour before 19 March for any issues to be discussed for funding from Tesco and Robertson's developer's obligations. Reminded this is not council money.

CA - defibrillators are not allowed to be purchased with grant money. Kieran's Legacy provide training for use of them. KM suggested BCCC could provide money for training, AD will ask Steve if they could provide training for adults too.

Ann M will ask Kieran's Legacy to do training.

A McK had phone call regarding dog mess at front of Portessie beach, urged people to report people if they do not clean up after their dogs as they are not paying attention to signs etc

AD has report from new business for prospective restaurant; council is

		<p>perhaps proving awkward in issuing license because previous one was revoked - premises were used as a noisy pub/club. Neighbour has no problem with it being a restaurant. AS asked GC if licence can be applied for at any stage not just at certain months of year.</p> <p>NF- Portessie Playpark has broken benches, looking for funding to repair them, TE suggest Buckie Common Good Fund may help. He will help NF get application form and help to complete it.</p> <p>Bucks for Buckie fund is due to be launched in March so may be another option for funding.</p> <p>MJ took poster for 2019 Learning Disability Week 13 - 19 May, theme this year is asking people to get together with communities and host a tea party. Ann M attending meeting next day at Fishermen's Hall.</p> <p>SW - Third Sector Interface annual networking conference</p> <p>Join the dots is to be held 20 March 9.30am- 4 pm. Theme- <i>Whatever the question, community is the answer.</i></p> <p>MS, MJ and CA to attend Community Learning and Development session on 20th February 4-6pm to discuss visit by inspectors to help work out which groups they could visit</p>		
13.	Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting	19 March 2019 @ 7 pm in Pheonix Centre, Buckie		