

Buckie & District Community Council Minutes**21 May 2019 at Pheonix House, Buckie****Chair:** Kevin McKay**Attendees**

- Christine Allan, Ann Mitchell, Steve Thornton, Nicola Farquhar, Meg Jamieson, Darren Bremner
- Councillor Sonya Warren, Gordon.Cowie, Tim Eagle
- PC McLennan. PC Beadle
- Public: John Stuart, Archie Jamieson

Apologies: Alison Durno, Morag Stewart

Topic		Discussion	Action	Person Responsible / Timescale
1.	Police Update	306 reported incidents, 55 crimes arose out of it, All CCTV cameras are working in town at present. Issue of boyraisers - speed system is now being rolled out, had day of crackdown. There have been incidents at Buckie High School over the last few days including an incident of fire raising at the school on Monday 20 May. Teenagers have been spotted dealing drugs at back of St Andrews Square flats, police investigating.		
2.	Minutes of Last Meeting	Recap of previous minutes Proposed: M Jamieson Seconded: S Thornton		
3.	Matters Arising			
4.	BOWL	Waiting for cheque from Beatrice Wind Farm for £2500 which will be given out to groups who request funding. At present no applications have been received yet.		
5.	Correspondence	KM has received letter from Douglas Ross MP to attend on Tuesday 28 May, no one available to go, KM may go but it can't commit, depends on circumstances on day. CA received letter from ICO regarding payment for data protection, court action threatened because BDCC has not paid. Letter was sent to chairperson of 4 years ago. CA has now arranged to pay the £40 and £35 per annum by direct debit. ST concerned because not every Community Council has money in their fund to pay for this.		

6.	Treasures Report	C. Allan updated us on monies in bank accounts, paid out ICO, minutes secretary fees for two meetings, SSE £2202.72. CC £7769.65.		
7.	Reports			
	a) Local Councillor(s)	<p>All councillors put input into the issue of grass cutting; this has become a big problem for everyone. Colin Bell has had complaints on a daily basis.</p> <p>GC reported grass cutting in council housing area has come from Council housing budget, some areas have not been cut eg Cameron Crescent.</p> <p>Seafield Estates want meeting with Moray Council to find out who owns pieces of land.</p> <p>Ian Johnstone park issue discussed, Merson Park and Linzee Gordon Park were all part of the budget, Cricket Club cut most of Linzee Gordon Park, volunteer policy has to be agreed before council will give out equipment for citizens to cut grass.</p> <p>ST asked if individuals/organisations can hire the council to cut grass. MJ - to contact Ken Kennedy about this.</p> <p>Member asked: Have there been redundancies in council grass cutting department; GC reported yes.</p> <p>AJ reported that he cut area beside Buckpool Victoria Bowling today and Jubilee Memorial had also been cut. A volunteer has also been cutting grassy areas on East Church Street.</p> <p>SW had contacted Criminal Justice Department and they cannot get offenders on community service to cut grass because it is not in its jurisdiction.</p> <p>GC raised the issue of Newlands Lane public toilets, council cannot keep paying for deep cleaning them. Were recently deep cleaned, he went in for a look himself, ST locks toilets, reckons someone is going in self-harming, smearing blood over the walls also excrement making them very dirty and unappealing.</p> <p>KM suggested camera fitted at door of toilets to monitor who is going in, discussion followed about privacy and data protection issues. It was also pointed out that a lot of disabled people use the toilets, they have a special key.</p> <p>Suggestion for BDCC to apply to BOWL for funding to clean them.</p> <p>KM suggested applying for new grant fund from Scottish Government for town centre improvements to renovate them. Other</p>		

		<p>suggestions for a self-cleaning toilet near the old toilets at the square because plumbing already there. GC suggested coin operated system.</p> <p>SW suggested speaking to Lawrie Piper at Moray Speyside Tourism. CA will contact him to ask him to attend next meeting. The matter of school patrol crossings was brought up at above. Suggestions have been that parent's would pay the council for a lollipop patrol to be paid. Some schools do not have a crossing patrol at all and GC pointed out that there would be the cost of insurance etc for patrollers. It was also pointed out that it is the responsibility of a parent to get their child to school. A 20 mile per hour cannot be put onto Buckie High Street because it is a main road and used for harbour traffic.</p> <p>Buckie Square is very bad with weeds and could it possibly be sprayed by Moray Council.</p>		
	<p>b) Community Council Sub Group</p>	<p>FOBS MJ pleased to report that they got funding of £3500 from Bucks4Buckie. The dance in the legion had to be cancelled due to poor ticket sales. The lease has been signed for the garden at Phoenix House, poly tunnel to be ordered soon, still waiting to go and collect the entries for the logos for Buckie Roots from schools. Looking to put up a feature at the square and have acquired two boats to make features; one of which will be at top of High Street.</p> <p>John Stuart reported beach clean went well, over 20 people attended, plastic waiting to be collected by council. The next one will be at Findochty on Sunday 9 June and then Strathlene on Sunday 14 July, will try to link up with other organisations helping with beach cleans. Suggested putting it on Findochty CC Facebook page to raise more helpers. Also noted that any tyres found on beach can be taken to Dallachy Recycling Centre.</p>		
	<p>c) Buckie Harbour</p>	<p>Darren reported gates are still locked on North Pier, he wants them open for mackerel season. Cargo boats continue to come into harbour for malt. Three navy ships are due into the harbour in July. Trying to get guttering fixed on the fish market. Optimistic that fishing boat usage should get better due to squid fishing</p>		

		coming into season. Two new fishing boats have been added to the fleet in last year. shipyard expecting to use rail tracks more Selkie still has crewing problems, using an agency at present		
	JCCC	CA pointed out for members to put in expenses; was advised to ask councillors about BDCC grants. JCCC meetings due to be held on 08 August and also 28 May, Working Together working alongside JCC meeting.		
8.	AOCB	<p>LOIP - Local Outcome Investment Plan Meetings are ongoing and there has been some concerns re issues that are being resolved. MJ trying to get youths involved from Buckie High School, meeting arranged with B Leitch on 14 June at BCHS.</p> <p>Money for Moray - Susan Reid, Locality Wellbeing Officer hoping to work with her to get funding. Paul O'Connor, Moray Council hopes 1% will be allocated next time. CA attended Elgin High School meeting for The Planning System</p> <p>ST - Bike pump still not working outside The South and West Church</p> <p>Gates will be put back on the Linzee Gordon Park as soon as there is time.</p>		
9.	Next Meeting	Tuesday 18 June at Phoenix House at 7.00 pm.		