

Buckie & District Community Council Minutes
Tuesday 15 October 2019 at 7pm, at Phoenix Centre, Buckie



Chair: Kevin McKay

Attendees

- Christine Allan, Meg Jamieson, Ann Mitchell, Alison Durno, John Stuart
- Councillors: Gordon Cowie, Sonya Warren
- Police: None
- Public: Archibald Jamieson, Paul Whibley

- Apologies: Morag Stewart, Steve Thornton, Nicola Farquhar, Tim Eagle

Topic	Discussion	Action	Person Responsible / Timescale	
1.	Police Update	No police in attendance. Police Report as per community partnership report.		
2.	Minutes of Last Meeting	Amendment - Letter of complaint was sent by Kevin and Gordon McDonald because they had not received reply from council re funding Proposed C Allan Seconded – K McKay		
3.	Matters Arising	Suggestions of asking people who post good photos of Buckie on Facebook if they could be used to promote tourism. War monument - After investigation it is Moray Council who is responsible for monument not Royal British Region. FOBS/Buckie Roots not responsible for it and willing to stand back. Any money raised by these charities for monument work will have to be handed over to Moray council towards repairs. Moray council do not think there is anything wrong with monument, need to get prices of what work needs to be done, will get it surveyed to see what needs done. Gordon to attend meeting next day. If community groups have money raised for something and it is found to belong to council then monies raised must be handed over to it. Waiting to hear back from Tesco Head		

		<p>Office if they will have a paper recycling facility up at the store.</p> <p>Post office lane has had go ahead to get tarred.</p> <p>£45,000 has been allocated from Town Centre Regeneration Fund, Kevin had reply from council, letter handed round for members to read. Kevin not happy with way it has been handled, did not reply to him asking where money was allocated. Council did not say that they had applied themselves and said costings were not needed at a meeting held. six different companies have submitted plans of play equipment</p> <p>Kevin thinks if had been put to public consultation then more money could have been added to pot. Should have put out to all schools to vote not just one,</p> <p>BDCC members will have extra meeting to talk through plans.</p> <p>Community council next on list if any amount left over/spend not used.</p> <p>Kevin to see G McDonald to go over letter he received from council and will try to go to next Buckie Area Forum and Buckie Regeneration Meetings.</p> <p>Post boxes in Buckpool - Sonya says have been asked for before, Royal Mail believe not needed due to high use of electronic mail nowadays.</p>		
4.	BOWL	Only taking in new applications at present.		
5.	Correspondence	None, S Thornton unwell at present		
6.	Treasures Report	<p>BDCC £ 6842.66</p> <p>SSE/BOWL - £1785.00</p> <p>Fundraising - £439.00 awaiting cheque from Car Show</p> <p>waiting for cheque from Common Good Fund to pay grass cutting.</p> <p>Need to find a bookkeeper to check</p>		

		BDCC accounts.		
7.	Reports			
	a) Local Councillor(s)	<p>Budgets being discussed at present, all confidential just now need to be kept sustainable.</p> <p>Newlands Lane area looking better.</p> <p>Toilets still being vandalised, need to find out costs of how much it is to repair vandalism of toilets never mind the running costs of keeping facility open, council previously spent £36,000 on vandal proof sinks and cisterns but sinks still got pulled off wall.</p> <p>Budgets being squeezed all the time, most necessary things are prioritised, only 1 chief of directors and 2 directors left at council now</p>		
	b) Community Council Sub Group	<p>Still maintaining high profile, had table at craft fayre and spoke to loads of people to raise awareness, have arranged stand at Christmas Cracker with own table and gazebo.</p> <p>Plants have been lifted at square, tried to salvage for next year, new ones purchased for winter, Remembrance bench will be delivered soon, Tommy will be in place for Remembrance Day.</p> <p>Unsure if it can be left out all the time. Polytunnel being put up slowly, plastic needs to be stretched slowly according to weather. Have own insurance now and can stand alone and do not need to be on BDCC agenda.</p>		
	c) Buckie Harbour	No report.		
8.	Planning Issues	<p>Greenbank Court/Ewing Crescent - new plans been submitted without woodland living area now, residents have in new application, they are not happy because many items have not been available to view, will take at least 8 weeks.</p> <p>Woodlands will be moved somewhere else, suggestions include Queen Street Gardens.</p>		

		Parking problems are causing buckets not to be collected in some streets in this area already.		
9.	The Joint Community Council of Moray	<p>Will hold 3 free soup n sweets, Friday 1 November, 12 December and 16 January, Moray Food plus will provide food, Jimmy Bremner, (chef) will cook food. REAP will also attend. Each will be supported, December - Moray Wellbeing Hub, to support suicide in festive season when people cannot cope, January - issues relating to finances.</p> <p>Money4Moray - meeting held 10 October with Paul O'Connor and Denise Whitworth re conversion paper, trying for 1% for participatory budget will be planning a budget event.</p> <p>Next meeting to be held 14 November, setting up two groups, 10 out of 18 community councils have signed up already for information so far.</p> <p>Energising Communities took place on the 09.10.2019 -2 groups be up 1. To explain and make language clear for potential groups to comprehend advertise and disseminate Memorandum of Understanding re Clash Gour wind farm, Christine will be part of this group,</p> <p>Another group to carry out next steps.</p> <p>10 out of 18 CC have already signed up but we are keen to get further community groups to do so.</p>		
10.	AOCB	<p>Tackling Poverty - 1 in 6 children in Moray are living in poverty - poverty can be defined as having to go without to buy petrol or food.</p> <p>Beach Cleaning</p> <p>John will put poll on his Facebook page for ideas of where to have next clean, will look for more inland areas away from coastal winds. e.g. railway line walk</p>		

		<p>A96 dualling - A meeting will be held.</p> <p>Moray Council Planning Department are dye ti gikd a drop in exhibition on Wednesday 13 November at Victoria Lounge from 4-7pm</p> <p>Road Safety Step Up For Safe Streets Road Safety Campaign will be 18 - 24 November, Kevin will try to sign up BDCC to promote it</p> <p>Findochty School handed out reflective arm bands to children on last day of school, reports that Outfit Moray had some going free.</p> <p>Dolphin Statue Buckpool Harbour Park would like the dolphin statue moved from Old Station steps, they will repair it after vandalism, clean it up and make good use of it, vote taken for this</p> <p>James Street pot holes and weeds in street, has only been sprayed once this year compared with 3 times previously. - Budget cuts, budget will be set again in February.</p> <p>Collection Tins BDCC collection tins are now in Home Bakery shops in town.</p> <p>RNLI - Next meeting will be held at station and chance for members to view station and boat.</p>		
11.	Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting	Tuesday 19 November at 7:00 pm at RNLI Station, Buckie.		