

## **Minutes of B & DCC held on 15 November 2022 in Episcopal Hall, Buckie**

Present: John Stuart (Chair), Christine Allan, Allan Paterson, Beverley Wood (Minutes), Ann Mitchell, Alison Durno

Apologies: Neil McLennan

Councillors: Sonya Warren, John Stuart

John Stuart welcomed Allan Paterson as a member to the Community Council

- 1. Police:** No police present
- 2. Minutes of previous meeting:** none
- 3. Matters Arising:** September minutes were never finalised, still waiting for signage for Merson's Park, BW mentioned the signage for the cycle path on Speyside Way, funding awarded when Morag was chair, JS will contact SSE to find out more

JS read out findings from Traffic Survey, 106 responses, 87% said they had concerns including not enough disabled parking spaces in town centre. Councillors will pass on comments to Graeme Morton at Moray Council

AD - An exhibition will be held on 22 November by Moray West Wind Farm at Victoria Lounge, Buckie at 1600 hours.

AM brought up the matter of the empty workshop on Main Street, rats have been spotted and it has been a source of vermin for many years, there is now temporary fencing on the pavements outside it and pedestrians cannot walk on it. SW will look at trail of e-mails sent to see if anything can be done.

AP - Morlich Homes are not finishing off pavements on the houses they built over past few years and move onto another development. SW questioned as to why they are allowed to move onto the next phase without completing current development.

- 4. Treasurer Report** - as of 27 October 2022 CC admin fund £8156.69, SSE fund £343, CC fundraising account £1357.10

### **5. Councillor's Report**

JS discussed High School funding, Forres got priority over Buckie, he and SW indicated their disappointment verbally but will follow up with e-mail. Buckie Swimming Pool is only receiving essential maintenance, it was looked at before Covid but since then status has changed.

SW not happy that new road for cemetery will lead on from Alba Road to allow the new houses to be built. Concerns that Buckie does not have enough educational establishments and health care places to cope with all this housing constantly getting built.

## **6. Cost of Living Crisis**

SW there were 161 responses to survey, hidden poverty on working people, some parents having to drastically cut back and stop monthly membership for their children at swimming pool.

Salvation Army Hub - same people turning up each week, people think it is charity so not attending.

LOIP meeting for MC, NHS, Social care and various partners took place on the 06 November 2022 at North Church Hall with a good attendance and various partners stepped up to take the lead with priorities from the Locality Plan

The Launch of the revised Buckie Locality Plan is due to take place on the 07 November 2022 at the North Church Hall in a coffee morning style. All invited.

Moray Corporate plan meeting due on the 16 November, CA will attend.

The Moray resilience plan meeting was mentioned on 24 November CA will attend if possible.

JCC - Gillian Pirie looking for 50 responders for old people who do not have any family.

Keep MUM was discussed for Dr Gray's maternity unit

Police attended - reported that young people are taking over people's homes at parties after coming in from another area. Police questioning why teenagers are so bad behaved and wonder if it is due to Covid and lockdown. E-scooters are not allowed on roads but continue to be used on them. Speeding and anti-social behaviour still a challenge. On the subject of stealing thieves can use drones to look at what people have on their property and then steal it. 101 number will still be in use.

## **7. AOCB**

Community Lunch to be held on 28 November in Fishermen's Hall. A discussion took place about Peoplehood Group in Buckie and electric charging point at library car park.

SSE - JS to attend next meeting because he has been attending and has relevant knowledge of what is happening regarding funding

- 8. Next meeting** - will be held on 17 January - venue to be confirmed. AGM to be held afterwards, need to find new Chair for our meetings due to John Stuart becoming a councillor