

Minutes of meeting Buckie & District CC 18.04.202

Time 1900hrs

Venue: Ace Winches Buckie Thistle

Chair Allan: Paterson (AP)

**Attendees: Christine Allan (CA) Alison Durno (AD) Ailsa Foulds (AF)
Mandy Walker (MW) CCLO Debra Duke (DD)**

Councillor: Neil Mclennan (NM)

Apologies: Steph Lindsay (SL) Bev Wood (BW) Cllr John Stuart (JS)

Not present Ross Ingram (RI) Ann Mitchell (AM) Sonya warren (SW)

1. **Welcome and apologies** - recorded as above.
2. **Previous minutes** - not made available (to be emailed round group).
3. **Matters arising not included in agenda** – response from Ian Douglas MC regards Fishwives path access issues at upper Drybridge and Mill of Buckie bridge, read out to group. Conversation around children and disabled etc using bridge. Decision made to ascertain landowner of bridge/land from Councillor SW and contact him/her with community concern **(CA)**. Further F/U to be considered if required, (as suggested by NM).
4. **Community Police Report** – No police in attendance. Chair contacted them no response. CSP report not available to group. Discussion round reinstating same. **(CCLO)**
5. **Community feedback** – concerns re Craigmin Bridge, Drybridge deteriorating. Ownership to be ascertained from MC. **(CA)** to contact MC.

Theatre event at Fishermen's Hall 30.04.2023, brought to groups attention.

Additional support Needs young people lacking social groups in town. **CCLO** recommended contacting parentablemray@gmail.com.

Concerns re Merson park having lack of play facilities, brought to Cllr's attention.

State of public toilets at Newlands lane **(CA)** informed group that FABDT were taking this on but if CC can provide any assistance we will. General discussion took place re lack of facilities in town and public toilet provision.

Craft Daft sessions for 3y+ at Fishermen's Hall group made aware., to be shared on social media site.

CCLO to assist with previous issue brought up re Main Street and St Andrews Square at last meeting. As not resolved.

Concerns re signage in town centre and around town previously requested. **(CA)** emphasised the money for signage for the town centre was dropped and awarded elsewhere back in 2019.

Peoplehood have cycling E bike hub launch up at BCHS 19.04.2023. All welcome. Community members who sign up to Peoplehood can hire a bike for 30 days, all free.

6. **Councillors feedback** – (NM) shared re the economic development at Cluny harbour and concerns - harbour quays are unstable, issues with limited/dim lighting. Weigh bridge issues ongoing/awaiting company from Fife to address.

Policing issues with speeding cars in town. Antisocial behaviour (ASB) on going. Issues at St Peter's school re parking/speeding during start and finish of school day.

(AF) asked him if funding could be made available for project at Community Hub. Cllr (NM) explained process for obtaining funding from Buckie's Community Good fund. He could not commit at present. Buckie Thistle upcoming match discussed and he suggested it was a good way of CC advertising.

Email from (JS) (There are various planning applications in, a big one though up towards Rathven area for an Anaerobic Digestion Plant at Land at Rathven, Buckie. Application reference 23/00424/APP. Comments will be accepted up until 24 April 2023.

Harbour advisory meeting took place, various works planned for Buckie Harbour, some funding options – Alison was in attendance, so I know she will keep everyone right. Great news that planning has been consented for Ocean Winds. I will be arranging a walk around the harbour to acquaint myself with users etc.

- Member of public raising concern they heard some areas of grass adjacent to Great Eastern Road in Portessie aren't getting cut this year. I have been in touch with Nicola Moss for clarification and have gone back to her again about a couple of points from her response.
- Member of public raising concern about coastal erosion adjacent to the sea wall adjacent to Great Eastern Road in Portessie. This has initially been assessed by officers and will continue to be monitored and is not deemed to be of short/mid-term risk.

7. **Cost of Living** – (CA) Salvation Army going from strength to strength. Wed soup lunches continue. With Cara Kennie providing assistance with job hunts etc. Tues food larder/bank continues at SA.

Community Hub remains popular and busy with partners attending regularly. Funding available to end of year. Possible interest to improve outside area.

Big Blue bus pantry still providing food out with Buckie. (See Facebook for timetable).

Community larder at Ace winches to recommence on Thurs (AD) informed us that they had run out of food. **(NM)** informed group that MC had £20,000 to disburse throughout Moray. (He would check if completed).

8. **Treasurers Report (CA)** Admin Account £18006.79. Including £9317.14 for RP.

SSE micro grant £343.97. We will disburse £250 to ASN group at BCHS. Once Project person Jackie Gerrie informs us when/where. CC own fund £1462.10.

Still awaiting outcome of application made to Community Good Fund by Locality Network member Laura Russel re B&DCC holding funds if successful.

9. **Resilience planning** – (AP) updated group re leaflets to be sent out, volunteer network needs established. Availability of grit bins and grab bags to be organised. Future meeting to be arranged with stakeholders in Buckie. Ross Ferguson MC.

10 Community Council groups/initiatives and reports - Website update (AD) has arranged for Calum to design a website and maintain/update (fee to be confirmed). (AP) arranged new email addresses for group. Domain name and costings awaited.

JCC) **(CA)** no meeting since we last met.

Non attendance at Moray transport forum last week.

LOIP **(CA)** explained to new members re meaning.

The group met with Nick Brown for second time who has been in liaison with Fabio (TSIMoray) re commissioning work regards Community Hub in Buckie. EOI on old Buckie Access point. Further discussion will be ongoing.

Community led priorities good response from FABDT and B&DCC. News letter to be produced x 2 annually. Community Lunches continue next 24.04.2023 at the Fishermen's Hall.

It was mooted that CC may consider as we are taking the lead on priority 2.2 walking wheeling and cycle paths that we could consider obtaining funding to purchase a 4x4 wheel chair (similar to the one the scouts have in Elgin) to allow disabled members to enjoy our outside spaces and pathways.

M4M **(CA)** Further JTPB funding available for this year. Enhanced voting system being looked at to allow smaller groups to be successful in Moray.

Buckie Harbour Advisory (AD) another dredger needs to be employed. Discussion around proposed harbour infrastructure changes and Ocean Winds ongoing work.

Active Travel **(CA)** PB project regards cycle shelters, bike stands, tool availability and proposed sites completed over the weekend. With good numbers voting. Awaiting results meantime.

10 **Planning applications** CCLO already informed of ongoing problems with receiving information. She will assist to resolve. Anaerobic digestion plant at Rathven mentioned above.

11 Correspondence (AP) to make contact with previous chair to obtain laptops and previous paperwork etc.

12 **AOCB (AP)** is hoping to invite Forres Active Travel group to discuss issues. As well as police and fire personnel.

(AD) to place poll on FB re the communities feeling re grass cutting at local bird walk

(CA) Contacted the 0300 hotline re. state of Newlands Lane toilet facilities

13 **Date and time of next meeting** -16.05.2023, 1900hrs, Ace Winches.

The chair thanked all for attending meeting closed 21.10 hrs.