

## Buckie and District Community Council

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
 Time: 7pm  
 Venue: Ace Winches, Victoria Park, Buckie  
 Attendees: Beverly Wood (BW), Treasurer- Christine Allan (CA), Daska Murray (DM), Peter West (PW), Ross Ingram (RI), Cllr. Sonya Warren (SW)  
 Apologies: Chair- Allan Paterson (AP), Alison Durno (AD), Ann Mitchell (AM), Cllr. Neil McLennan

### Minutes of Meeting

Agenda Item	Discussed	Follow up / Action by
Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CA chaired the meeting in AP's absence and welcomed PW.</li> <li>• CA advised that AM continues to engage with Environmental Health and the owner is making some progress with the condition of the building. The rodent problem is improving although still some issues with pigeons.</li> <li>• The formalities of appointing DM to the secretary position still needs addressed. CA noted that DM was listed as an associate member on the Council's website rather than a full member. The status of paperwork from the previous secretary also remains unknown. This will need to be followed up with Debra Duke.</li> </ul>	CA
Community Police Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last report received was in November. SW thought that there may have been a delay following staff changes but it should be available soon.</li> </ul>	
Community Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CA contacted Mark Atherton to raise concerns about the poor visibility at zebra crossings but had not received a response to her emails. SW advised that some were recently installed. While the lighting on pedestrians has not improved, feedback has been positive given they are far more visible to drivers.</li> <li>• Drainage – AP was dealing with this so no update.</li> <li>• Moray Reach Out – SW noted that retrospective planning permission has been requested for the works. The contractor agreed to reinstate damage caused. More details will be available on the planning portal.</li> <li>• Speeding Issues               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Arradoul stakeholder meeting to put forward concerns will be held on 31 January in Council Offices. SW explained that a recent EDI Committee Report on the <a href="#">Road Safety Plan (item 6)</a> mentions Arradoul/A98. Officers are of the opinion that speeding is not a significant issue based on constant monitor data and believe no change to the speed limit is necessary. Opportunities exist for the community council to highlight residents' concerns by responding to planning consultations e.g. Buckie South and the Local Development Plan. The risk of further accidents/near</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	AP

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	<p>misses are likely to increase with more homes adding further pressure to the junction at Barhill Road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ RI explained that efforts to identify the driver from CCTV following an incident in Baron Street where a vehicle clipped a pedestrian were unsuccessful. RI was encouraged to approach the police with the footage to see if the driver can be identified.</li> <li>○ BW reported a need for speed bumps in the Shearer Avenue area, which is close in proximity to a school. Reporting speeding concerns was strongly encouraged as this highlights the need to address the issue.</li> <li>○ The EDI Committee Report on the <a href="#">Road Safety Plan (item 6)</a> also highlights an opportunity for volunteers of Community Councils to become “Road Safety Champions”. Training would be provided on road safety to disseminate information to the wider community.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Potholes are becoming an increasing problem across the area. Improvement works are being costed for the dump road. The temporary cemetery road repairs are not holding up and a better solution is needed. This however takes time since a limited budget and weather conditions can have an impact.</li> <li>● Drainage issues were discussed relating to the condition of the cemetery as well as on Barhill road, particularly near the roundabout which can become badly affected by ice.</li> <li>● RI reported the poor condition of the road near his home due to agricultural vehicles.</li> <li>● SW advised of the installation of a new bin in Seafield Circle.</li> </ul>	
Elected Councillors Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SW noted concerns from the community about antisocial behaviour. A small number of people are involved but they are having a substantial impact on residents.</li> <li>● SW and RI attended an estate walkabout in the Milton Drive area which highlighted safety concerns in certain areas due to poor lighting.</li> <li>● SW reported difficulty accessing early learning provision locally. A petition to ask the Council to review their policy which discharges their duty if they offer a place within Moray. DM enquired whether the petition was available online but this was unknown.</li> <li>● RI provided positive feedback on the community orchard.</li> <li>● SW advised that the subsidence near the bowling club on North High Street is being addressed. The barriers will remain there for some time while the budget is secured to assess and carry out the necessary remedial work.</li> </ul>	
Cost of Living – Actions being undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CA provided an update on several sources of support for the Community: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Salvation Army continue with their Wednesday weekly lunches/refreshments with the option to chat and take part in crafts or games. Their Christmas Lunch held on 22 December was enjoyed by those attending.</li> <li>○ Community hub continues to be popular, although poor weather had meant slightly less visitors than usual.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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	<p>Partners continue to attend regularly. The public health representative has moved on.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Big Blue Bus visits Portgordon, Portessie and Findochty.</li> <li>○ Community lunch in the Fishermans' hall is due to take place on 29 January for a donation for those in a position to do so and otherwise no charge.</li> </ul>	
Treasurers Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CA submitted the statement which was circulated in advance of the meeting to Debra Duke. Expenditure includes £141 on accommodation for the hall, £85.48 for IT costs/website domain, £35 for GDPR ICO and £72 for the land registry enquiry. It was noted that true costs are understated, with claims not made when perhaps they should be. Debra is keen to have a better understanding of actual costs incurred by community councils.</li> <li>● CA and AM have now closed the micro grant SSE account as well as setting up a standing order to pay Buckie Roots £100 annually in March for flowers and maintenance of tubs.</li> <li>● CA paid £1000 to the additional support needs at the High School (Jackie Murray) and awaits some receipts.</li> <li>● £1000 held for Laura Russell's locality network as still waiting for receipts.</li> <li>● CA has not yet received the £50,000 for the Letterfourie Park Project that Laura Cameron is supporting. Two design options have been identified and voting is about to commence.</li> <li>● CA is having difficulty returning the NHS overpayment (£2700) but hopes this will be resolved soon.</li> <li>● Resilience account balance is £9317.14. The intention for this was for emergency kits but it was not clear what the plans are.</li> <li>● The £93 in the SSE account will be transferred to own fund which will bring the total to £1462.10.</li> <li>● Admin grant balance is £8365.56.</li> <li>● CA expressed that having done the treasurer role for some time, she would be keen for others to consider taking on the role and assured full support is available.</li> </ul>	
Community Resilience Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● AP was not in attendance to discuss.</li> <li>● There have been emails from Rhona McNicol at Moray Council offering courses/training opportunities.</li> <li>● Resilience planning leaflets have been sent out.</li> </ul>	
Community Council Groups & initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● JCC next meeting 8 February and on Zoom due to darker nights/weather, following meeting will be in person.</li> <li>● LOIP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Information on the need for dropped kerbs, which were mainly within the Buckpool area, has been passed to Moray Council.</li> <li>○ Met with the architect Nick Brown to discuss community hub venue options so that he can assess their viability. Workshop/facilitation meeting expected in February. Once the venue is identified, Findochty and Buckie Development Trust would take on responsibility.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Laura Russell has been reviewing pre-school provision in the Buckie area. CA offered to send this to DM.</li> <li>○ Discussion on allotments to take place with Emma Gordon at Moray Council. A community meeting will be arranged.</li> <li>○ Further training opportunities will be offered to volunteers.</li> <li>● Leaflet shared by Emma Pirie at Moray Council containing advice on keeping warm, well fed, exercising and so on.</li> <li>● Moray transport forum meeting was cancelled.</li> <li>● The harbour advisory meeting took place in December. No update on harbour CCTV. SW explained that works are ongoing with Ocean Winds office and the development along pier 3. It will remain a working harbour but accessible. Parking issues should be resolved when the office carpark is opened but other options are being considered to improve this. The harbour is expected to become busier, and the harbour office will be moving from the Drifter back into the fish market. It is unknown what will happen with the Drifter when it becomes vacant again.</li> <li>● Local community groups have been offered stones due the harbour development which CA will find out more about.</li> <li>● Money for Moray – all capital funding gone out, some asked for revenue funding, but most who asked received. It is not clear whether funding will be available for the coming year.</li> <li>● AP is leading on the website. The cost was discussed as PW had some experience in this area and felt it might be expensive depending on what functionality would be available.</li> </ul>	CA
Planning Applications - responses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Some members were unsure if they had received a list recently but there were no major concerns about any current applications.</li> </ul>	
Correspondence to note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bike and Walking Pathways Leaflet and Map was discussed. CA had approached Claire Lock (Clockstudio) to discuss the design work who then forwarded some information and costs. SW suggested CA consider approaching Eily Webster/Emma Gordon who have town centre regeneration funding and may be able to share their plans and/or provide support with signage. Claire had also asked about whether a logo was required. A discussion is needed with AP as it will also need to tie up with the website.</li> </ul>	CA  CA/AP
AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● BW asked whether there was an opportunity to provide space at Buckie harbour for private boats, since there does not appear to be capacity elsewhere. SW explained that this has been asked previously but not likely given it is classed as a commercial harbour. It is also unlikely there will be space with the coming developments. SW noted that waiting lists can be misleading e.g. overstated if sharing a boat or include those who do not own a boat.</li> <li>● AGM will be due around March.</li> <li>● PW indicated that he would like to join the community council and agreed DM could pass on contact details to Debra Duke.</li> </ul>	DM

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SW noted she had complaints from the community about gritting not taking place. It was noted this would be difficult to monitor with any certainty. In addition, there have been a lot of difficult decisions which are starting to impact on Council services.</li> </ul>	
Date & Venue of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20 February 2024 – 7pm Ace Winches Lounge, Victoria Park, Buckie</li> </ul>	

Community Council meeting closed at 20:52 hrs.

I declare this is a true and accurate record of the meeting:

Sign/initial:

CA

DM

Date:

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