



Date: 19th March 2024
 Time: 7pm
 Venue: Ace Winches, Victoria Park, Buckie
 Attendees: Alison Durno (AD), Beverly Wood (BW), Treasurer - Christine Allan (CA),
 Secretary - Daska Murray (DM), Peter West (PW), Ross Ingram (RI), Cllr.
 Sonya Warren (SW)
 Apologies: Chair - Allan Paterson (AP), Ann Mitchell (AM)

Minutes of Meeting

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Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In AP's absence CA chaired the meeting. • The previous minutes were agreed as an accurate account of the meeting. However, SW's recollection of the outcome of the Arradoul meeting differed as she thought either Elaine Penny/Diane Anderson would discuss the proposals with residents rather than the Arradoul resident. SW advised that Councillors had agreed to AP's request to contribute towards mobile traffic activated speed cameras at Arradoul with the Ward and Common Good budgets. The Ward budget is a one off allocation of funding. The cameras cost in the region of £4k each. • CA queried whether DM and PW were full members. DM submitted the relevant paperwork to Debra Duke, CCLO, but has not received a response. 	
Community Police Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last report was issued in February. 	
Community Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The town centre regeneration project was discussed. The plans contain bespoke designs themed around Buckie's fishing heritage. A new bike rack will be included and the yellow bike currently in the square will be moved elsewhere. • CA enquired about how the £15k ward fund was allocated. SW advised that £5k is for the Arradoul speed cameras, £5k for CCTV at the harbour and £5k for the high school. 	
Elected Councillors Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public meeting took place on the school learning estate consultation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cullen has been selected for a pilot to be renovated, refurbished and upgraded to net zero standards. ○ One of the parents attending asked about the funding for rural schools (around £1,800 per child). This had been excluded from the calculations, meaning the costs incurred would actually be slightly lower. ○ Developer contributions for a new primary school in Buckpool were queried. The Council had withdrawn its 	

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	<p>request but there is thought to be capacity within the existing school estate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There was discussion around schools being more financially sustainable, and identifying opportunities that contribute towards operational costs of the school estate. Letting halls is not a viable option because staffing and cleaning costs affect income. There are however opportunities such as day care provision, especially with the ageing populating/social care funding arrangements. Other options might be sharing premises with other public bodies or community organisations. ○ Some had queried the choice of consultation venues, somewhere nearer or within the schools might have gained greater footfall, but it was acknowledged it might be difficult to suit everyone. A digital meeting might also have made it easier for some to participate. ○ There was a discussion around the survey and how some of the options forced responses that might not have reflected the respondents view e.g. a sliding scale that started at a certain percentage, rather than 0%-100%. Some didn't realise the survey was intended for the whole community, not just those with school age children. Some of the questions were difficult to understand and might have been hard to fill in, especially for those with numeracy issues or who were unfamiliar with the terminology. ● There was a discussion around the detrimental impact of the forthcoming Bank of Scotland closure, particularly for vulnerable/elderly residents. There has been talk about the potential for a banking hub. ● SW noted interest from the community for the M.Connect bus to run on a Saturday and that it might be beneficial for the Community Council to highlight this which CA agreed to action. The service runs on weekdays and is available to everyone to help them reduce their carbon footprint. A day ticket is around £3-£4.50. The maximum is £9. Entitlement cards can be used e.g. young scot/60+. A plus one is free. There are some limitations where provision is restricted for driver breaks, charging and school runs. ● A proposal to move Muirton into Seafield has been scrapped. 	CA
Cost of Living – Actions being undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CA had no new information on sources of support for the Community since the previous meeting. ● SW recommends advising people to contact Age Scotland to check they are getting all the benefits they are entitled to. 	
Treasurers Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Admin grant was sitting at £8,262.95. Moray Council had recently paid £602.39 of this. ● Resilience account balance is £9,817.14. CA had difficulty finding the application for the fund and emailed John, the Chair at the time of the application, who will try to find it. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA noted that Debra Duke, CCLO, had emailed about insurance for Community Council equipment. CA has previously asked AP to request the return of some of the items to the Community Council and felt it might be appropriate to do so again. • CA paid Clock Studios £585 towards the development of the logo/leaflet. • SW queried whether the Community Council will attend the car show this year but it was felt that it was not beneficial. • Standing order for Buckie Roots has started coming off. • £2,141.07 in own account. • £10,000 is being held for the Letterfourie Park Project. • CA noted her intention to step down from treasury position. 	AP
Community Resilience Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update since previous meeting. 	
Community Council Groups & initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JCC have not met but are due to on 9 May. This will be in person and the venue is to be confirmed. They remain desperate for a treasurer. • AP had emailed about the Road Safety Champion and was advised that RI had volunteered. It was assumed AP had passed this to Moray Council. • Colin Birch, the Chair from Cullen Community Council, has been informed we are keen to be involved in a hustings. • LOIP - There had been a meeting to discuss potential new locations for the community hub but none were really suitable. The bank properties (RBS and Bank of Scotland) have been suggested. SW asked whether the new high school had been considered. CA will suggest this at their next meeting. • No update on the website as AP leading on this. • Money for Moray – still awaiting news of the 2024/25 Just Transition Participatory Budgeting project • CA had been asked by Claire Lock to provide wording and pictures for the cycle and walking paths leaflet/poster. SW suggested AD put up a Facebook post seeking images of scenic walks around the area. PW suggested photographic clubs may be keen to assist and offered to approach a resident who attends one. The BDCC area would cover from Strathlene, Buckie, Rathven and to the ice factory before Portgordon and south to Drybridge. 	CA AP AD
Planning Applications - responses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greencraig Farm are looking or a restaurant and play areas. • CA met with Lucy and Ruth of Vattenfall last Friday. The consultation is ongoing until 16 April and they were seeking a steer on the Community Council's views. CA will advise Vattenfall that at present the Community Council have not been approached with objections from the community. • While no one present had objections in principle to the Buckpool Barhill East Development, there were a number of areas that were felt to be of concern/needed due consideration. 	CA

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The impact of the development in terms of increased traffic, adding pressure on existing junctions around the area and the need to address speeding e.g. through traffic calming measures or other improvements. ○ The change to developer contributions, which were initially expected to fund a new primary school, but had been reduced substantially despite the amount of homes having now increased. ○ The need to provide good public transport connectivity. Seafield Circle, which was built by the same developer, is difficult for a bus to access/turn around in especially when cars park on the street. There are also a lack of accessible footpaths to shorten journey times and encourage active travel. ○ Drainage is poor in the area currently, with standing water on the main road. Reassurance is needed that any development would not make this worse. ○ Space for a shop/retail unit which might be difficult to find someone willing to take it on. <p>Given the short timescale for response PW agreed to summarise the key points of the discussion on behalf of the Community Council and send to AP for submission.</p>	PW
Correspondence to note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW highlighted that concerns remain about flooding in the cemetery. • CA asked whether anyone had responded to AP's enquiry from Alex Haven. DM had responded with a suggestion. • Debra Duke has confirmed ownership of square and CA had sought further clarification. The owner, Frederick Parks, is not local and uses a solicitor in Aberdeen. • TSI Join the Dots Event on Thursday in Elgin Town Hall will provide an opportunity to meet community organisations. 	
AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing raised. 	
Date & Venue of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 April 2024 – 7pm Ace Winches Lounge, Victoria Park, Buckie 	

Community Council meeting closed at 21:35 hrs.

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

Sign/initial:

CA

DM

Date:

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