



Date: 16 April 2024
 Time: 7pm
 Venue: Ace Winches, Victoria Park, Buckie
 Attendees: Alison Durno (AD), Chair - Allan Paterson (AP), Ann Mitchell (AM), Treasurer - Christine Allan (CA), Secretary - Daska Murray (DM), CCLO - Debra Duke (DD), Cllr. Neil McLennan, Peter West (PW), Cllr. Sonya Warren (SW)
 Apologies: Beverly Wood (BW), Ross Ingram (RI)
 Public Present: Lee Nicholls (LN), Lynn Lauriston (LL), Evelyn Flett (EF)

Minutes of Meeting

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Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DD confirmed that DM and PW are now co-opted members for the next 6 months and that there are no restrictions other than a potential cap on the number of members that can be co-opted. CA circulated a draft of the cycle and walking paths leaflet/poster prior to the meeting. Feedback was positive and CA gave thanks for helping source images. 	
Community Police Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Latest report had been issued prior to the meeting. CA will confirm whether the section on Buckie and District can be shared on Facebook with the relevant contact noted within the report. CA will find out whether there is a replacement Community Police Officer following some staff changes and invite them to introduce themselves at a future meeting. 	CA CA
Community Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CA enquired about the pre-fabricated units sold by Moray Council. SW explained that a local businessman has made a successful bid. The units are in poor condition but it is hoped they may be suitable for local nursery provision. AP has been approached about accessibility issues within some of the newer developments including Ewing Crescent and near Poppy Road and Tesco. Some owners have claimed 'living pavements' as part of their garden, laying chuckies and planting them making it difficult for those with wheelchairs or pushchairs to pass. SW explained that roads within these developments are not yet adopted which means Moray Council are unable to address this however it was worthwhile raising with planning. AP agreed to send a letter on behalf of Community Council to Beverly Smith. Funding may be available to help improve accessibility of the pavements through Active Travel. AM explained that a few rats have been witnessed at the building with the infestation problem but it is still being cleared out. AM is attempting to contact Lisa Campbell after receiving a message today. 	AP
Elected Councillors Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NM advised that the consultation on the school estate continues and encouraged continued engagement. SW explained that a representative from BDCC would be invited to attend the ASG learning 	

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	<p>estate focus group on 9 May at the high school. DD will attempt to source information to circulate to community councils in advance of the meeting. AM agreed to attend.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NM noted increase of antisocial behaviour during the Easter holiday period in the Buckie area. A meeting has been set for elected members and senior police officers to discuss and ensure there is sufficient resource. • NM noted the support of all three councillors for the static speed recognition cameras at Arradoul. CA confirmed that at 28 March the funding towards the cameras had not been received. CA agreed to check the account again and notify councillors if no payment had been received. Since the meeting, AP had noticed that an island would be beneficial near the other end to slow down the traffic and so residents can cross the road safely to reach the bus stop. SW agreed to check for a minute for the meeting as AP had been asked to share a copy. At the previous meeting SW had a different recollection as to the outcome of the meeting. AP clarified that Elaine Penny/Diane Anderson had agreed to the need for an island at the Buckpool side. However they only agreed to send a letter to residents if the community had an agreement in principle from the owners near the road to sell their land. AP clarified that following the meeting the resident confirmed that she was uncomfortable with the proposal to approach the residents herself and so the community council may need to progress this. CA will also need to approach Nicola Moss for procurement/installation of the speed cameras. There is a similar issue in Rathven and some other areas affected by speeding such as Buckpool. In some areas signage improvements could potentially help prevent an accident. • NM reported during the storms/flooding in Rathven SSE hit one of the drains behind the church. There has been further flooding affecting houses and the main street. SSE pumped it out initially but have made it clear that it is not their responsibility as they do not own the land. Discussions are taking place between Seafield, the Church of Scotland and MC to identify a solution. • NM and SW raised the flooding of cemeteries at the full Council meeting. • NM advised that the Bank of Scotland have offered to meet with elected members on Friday to discuss the closure. SW has been advised that they may attend a public area such as the library weekly to provide a service to their customers. • NM asked for feedback on NHS dental lists. Some residents asked to be added to a list that opened up but have not received a response. PW noted challenges in finding a local dentist when moving to the area. SW highlighted that this can also be problematic for children should their parent not have access to a dentist. It was felt that there is a shortage of key workers generally across many professions. • SW has been contacted about inconsiderate parking in areas such as Netherha Road, Well Road and Milton Drive, particularly about blocking pavements/dropped kerbs or not leaving enough room on the road for larger vehicles to pass. This makes it difficult for larger 	<p>DD</p> <p>AM</p> <p>CA</p> <p>SW</p> <p>CA</p>

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	<p>vehicles/emergency vehicles to pass and pavements become less accessible for residents with mobility issues or pushchairs. SW suggested the Community Council consider promoting more considerate parking. AD to put message on Facebook.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW noted that NHS are making difficult decisions to save around £13 million. The proposal to move Muirton into Seafield has been scrapped. The Integration Joint Board are due to discuss a review of cottage hospitals at their meeting this month. • SW mentioned the flood alleviation consultation in Findochty which discussed coastal erosion up to Portknockie. It was noted that this is also impacting other areas right across the coast. • SW has suggested some improvements be made for pedestrians at the road works at North High Street. The works may not be carried out for some time since they are more extensive than initially thought. • It was noted that Moray Council's Chief Executive Roddy Burns is retiring and John Mundell has been appointed on an interim basis. 	AD
<p>Cost of Living – Actions being undertaken</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA listed various sources of support within the community: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Salvation Army continues with their Tuesday larder and lunch on a Wednesday. ○ Moray Food Plus. ○ Blue bus attends surrounding areas. ○ Hub open Monday to Saturday and have school clothes available. ○ Fishermen's Hall community lunch on 29 April. • AD's school larder has been closed during the Easter break but households had been issued double the amount they would normally receive. • SW recommends encouraging families to apply for their school clothing grant. If the child/children receive free school meals they will usually be entitled to receive £150. • DD suggested encouraging approaches to Citizen's advice or the income maximisation team for benefit checks. AP suggested AD post on Facebook. 	AD
<p>Treasurers Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admin grant is at £8,202.95. • Resilience account balance is £9,317.14. • £10,000 from Letterfourie Playpark Project but no information or requests to pay out yet. • Own account £2,041.07 • Still have £2000.61 to return to NHS despite contacting them several times to arrange. • AP had recently requested payment of 50% to develop website so cheque will be sent off for £1,609.50. AP advised there would be a charge of £70/year and the website will be administered by the community council members once set up. • CA paid Clock Studios £585 towards the development of the logo/leaflet from the admin grant temporarily as AM was unavailable. An error was made where the repayment to the admin grant was taken from the same account but CA will resolve this. 	AP

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	improvement service website is a good resource for information on public policy. DD also recommended knowledge hub.	
Correspondence to note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None other than the issues raised around Arradoul. • EF attended with a letter of thanks from Buckie Roots for the donation. • It was agreed that CA will invite M.connect to the next meeting as a guest speaker. SW shared a recent experience of the service which meant she had a very short time at an event. Had she known in advance she wouldn't have used the service on that occasion. SW feels that people do not understand the service, particularly the 309 service and also feels that there is demand weekends. LN also felt that it would be an improvement to have the 309 go into Keith town centre as it usually sits at the train station for about 20 minutes. 	CA
AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW suggested nominating Buckie Roots for the Keep Scotland Beautiful's Clean Up Scotland Hero Awards. CA agreed to look into this. • The town centre regeneration project was discussed. The yellow bike is not being removed, but the bike stands already there will be. LN highlighted that the yellow bike pump is damaged and tools are starting to rust. The funding had to be committed by the end of the financial year so works started on cutting back the shrubs and clearing the area. Concerns about flooding were raised. EF expressed disappointment around the project on behalf of Buckie Roots as it could have been made clearer that it was a consultation and involved them in discussions around the project. They were concerned about the impact on their donations as there was a substantial amount of money being spent on the regeneration and speculation that Buckie Roots were folding as a result. It had been suggested that the nearby ice cream shop owner was on board with the plans however he appeared to be unaware on social media. 	CA CA
Date & Venue of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 May 2024 – 7pm Ace Winches Lounge, Victoria Park, Buckie 	

Community Council meeting closed at 21:20 hrs.

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

Sign/initial:

AP

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Date:

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