



Date: 17 September 2024
 Time: 7pm
 Venue: Ace Winches, Victoria Park, Buckie
 Attendees: Alison Durno (AD), Treasurer - Christine Allan (CA), Beverly Wood (BW), Secretary - Daska Murray (DM), Peter West (PW), Ross Ingram (RI), Cllr. Sonya Warren (SW)
 Apologies: Chair - Allan Paterson (AP), Ann Mitchell (AM)
 Public Present: Gifford Leslie (GL), Robert Dawson (RD), Holly and Megan (fundraising for Linzee Gordon play park), Peter Reid (PR)

Minutes of Meeting

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Welcome and apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PW chaired the meeting and noted apologies. • It was agreed that the meeting would be recorded for the benefit of the minutes. • PW explained that since there was a full agenda, items raised by members of the public would be discussed at the end of the meeting, provided there was sufficient time. 	
Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA asked for feedback on the guest speaker from the previous meeting (M.Connect). Those in attendance felt it was informative. • Cluny Square Noticeboard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CA had been contacted about the key for the noticeboard. PW had left contact details at the library but advised that it no longer opened the noticeboard due to rust. PW had intended on taking the cabinet down but was concerned about the risk of damaging a bike which had appeared. ○ PW had previously given an estimate of how much it would cost to upgrade the noticeboard however this was no longer practical on further examination of its condition. PW suggested an option for replacement (£1500) which he could install, however AD felt it would be better to source locally if possible and agreed to approach Forsyth's. The intention is to use the noticeboard to publicly display agendas / minutes in line with the constitution, but also a calendar of events and consideration of requests from the community organisations/public/businesses to use it. PW asked for community councillors to confirm they were in agreement to the replacement by email or if not provide reasons or alternatives. GL felt that the board was for tourists and should contain information for their benefit. PW advised that decisions about how it will be used would be made in due course. 	<p>AD</p> <p>All</p>
Community Police Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that the last report received was dated 7 August. SW thought the frequency might be getting changed to quarterly. It was agreed that AP contact the police to confirm this or request the report if it is overdue. 	AP

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Community Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AD advised the school's community larder has been busier today. • RI advised of issues with parking in the Inchgower estate. PW advised the Council is aware but felt that it might be beneficial to raise via the community council. SW recommended reporting antisocial behaviour problems or service related issues to the Council via the 'report it' option on the Council's website to identify hotspots and suggested sharing this on the Facebook page. • CA asked about Arradoul and specifically how the islands had arisen following enquiries from the community. It was clarified that this had been proposed by the officers to reduce speeding and overtaking. 	AD
Elected Councillors Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gollachy recycling centre is closing on Mondays. The site is still being considered as part of a review later this year. • North High Street work are ongoing. • There are concerns about the risk of flooding due to drainage issues at Freuchney. • They way bridge issue is still to be resolved. Harbour advisory meeting will take place next Thursday. • Cemetery drainage works are third priority. • Budget position remains challenging with £19 million of savings to be identified. Registrars in Elgin is relocating into the Council HQ. • Buckie High School replacement is expected to be completed by 2030. Review of primary school estate is ongoing. 	
Cost of Living – Actions being undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA provided an update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The hub continues, with partner agencies attending regularly. Free refreshments are available, as well as a small supply of food and school wear. Funding has been extended until March 2025. ○ Salvation Army continue with the Tuesday food larder. £3 to register and then £2.50 weekly for 12 items. ○ It was confirmed that the Welcome Wednesday lunches continue. ○ Community lunch at Fishermen's hall set for 30 September. ○ The Friendship Club have a Halloween event. • SW advised High School are recycling/reuse school uniforms. AD advised the Football Club are doing similar with football kits/boots etc. 	
Treasurers Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA provided update relating to position at 29 August. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Admin grant £7,590.80 ○ Resilience £9,317.14 ○ Letterfourie play park £10,000 but request has been received for payment. ○ Linzee Gordon play park £1,018.39 but additional £301 received around 14 September. ○ NHS overpayment – still have £2,000.61 despite raising this several times. ○ Own CC fund - £1,556.07 • CA queried whether the money for the speed activated sign has to be returned if it cannot be installed. SW advised it may be possible to make a case to use it in another affected area. • CA advised that the Community Council's laptops will be available for collection once Councillor Stuart returns home. It was thought there may also be a dictaphone. AD will arrange collection. 	AD

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PW queried the status of the website costs. CA advised the total cost is £3k and about half of the total was paid. CA noted that the grant from SSE for the cycle and walking paths leaflets has near been exhausted which means the limited budget remaining would likely not cover the costs of the large sign. CA has emailed the graphic designer to enquire about this as this was costed for within the original quote. PW suggested it might be useful to have something for inclusion within the noticeboard as an alternative to the sign. 	
Community Resilience Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting took place yesterday with PW, AP and the minister. There are some issues to be addressed including transferring the plan to an updated template. There is another meeting scheduled for November where there will be a funding opportunity to support resilience planning. PW advised that there are concerns about holding data and challenges in identifying vulnerable households in need of support. PW will share information when this is available but meantime encouraged the meeting to share ideas that might be useful for resilience planning. 	
Community Council Groups & initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JCC – neither CA nor PW could attend. LOIP – CA advised newsletter will be published in September/October CA noted that it would be good to promote more of the Community Council’s activities within this. FABDT and LOIP members continue to scope potential ownership of the former Bank of Scotland building. FABDT feel that they could benefit from new members with skills to support them to move this forward. Money for Moray – the Just Transition Participatory Budgeting fund (JTPB) has up to £50k for any group to apply for environmentally friendly projects and closes on 23 September. There is also a young person JTPB with £33k for school age people. CA asked SW to highlight this funding opportunity to the Linzee Gordon playpark committee. AD enquired whether funding was available to support a local business to provide a canopy. SW suggested approaching Karen Adams. Harbour Advisory – meeting due on 26 September. 	SW CA
Planning Applications - responses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comments/concerns raised. 	
Correspondence to note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aultmore Land Management Review – it was felt those who read it felt it was beyond their skills. Special meeting with Debra Duke, CCLO – it was agreed to meet on Tuesday 1 October at 6:30pm. PW will seek clarification from Debra on the arrangements necessary to facilitate the special meeting in terms of promotion, agenda etc. PW discussed WhatsApp as useful communication tool and RI had set up a group but only four had joined it so far. PW asked the meeting to consider this to help improve communication/decision making between meetings. CA explained she was not confident in using technology and was reassured that it was similar to text messaging and support/equipment could be made available. BW noted that she was only comfortable attending the main meetings due to other commitments. PW asked RI to share the link again and encouraged members to consider joining. 	PW RI

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AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee Positions – PW asked for volunteers to put themselves forward for Vice Chairman, Vice Treasurer and Asst. Secretary for consideration at the next meeting. Little Norway – PW proposed making a subgroup of the Community Council and outlined the benefits of this arrangements in terms of planning requirements. PR suggested that in future when inviting attendees to meetings going forward as a courtesy they should be allowed to speak nearer the start of the meeting. PR explained that the project was completed in 2019. There are three key areas; the first being North High Street which would be ideal for a mural, assuming they are in agreement the second would be on Forsyth’s fence and the third place would be at East Church Street Kintrae or opposite Blythswood. PR offered to provide support on the development of the content, graphics and materials through the University. However, PR clarified that he would not be sourcing funding for nor be involved in other practical arrangements. PR felt that the costs would be reasonable assuming there were no issues with planning and installation could be arranged. PR suggested that sponsorship from local businesses might also be an option. PW asked Community Councillors to contact AP outlining their support for a subgroup and whether they are interested in taking part. In the meantime PR will enquire about costs. Town Centre Project - GL offered an apology to SW following the previous meeting. GL explained that he and RD had received several phone calls from members of the Council’s apologising for how it had been handled and advising a consultation will be carried out. 	<p>All</p> <p>ALL PR</p>
Date & Venue of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 October 2024 – 6.30pm, Ace Winches Lounge, Victoria Park, Buckie (special meeting) 15 October 2024 – 7pm, Ace Winches Lounge, Victoria Park, Buckie. 	

Community Council meeting closed at 21:40 hrs.

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

Sign/initial:

PW

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