



Date: 18 June 2024
 Time: 7pm
 Venue: Ace Winches, Victoria Park, Buckie
 Attendees: Alison Durno (AD), Ann Mitchell (AM), PC Carl Jellis (CJ), Secretary - Daska Murray (DM), Peter West (PW), Ross Ingram (RI), Cllr. Sonya Warren (SW)
 Apologies: Chair - Allan Paterson (AP), Beverly Wood (BW), Treasurer - Christine Allan (CA), Cllr. Neil MacLennan
 Public Present: Gifford Leslie (GL), Robert Dawson (RS)

Minutes of Meeting

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Welcome and apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PW chaired the meeting. 	
Police Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PC Carl Jellis (CJ) provided an update of the current challenges faced by the police with the limited resources available. DM noted difficulty getting through on the 101 non-emergency number to report concerns about youths on bikes. CJ advised if there was a risk of danger to the youths or the public that would be considered an emergency, and recommended calling 999 if an immediate police presence is required. PW asked if there was a strategy to address this issue and CJ confirmed there is but traffic police are based in Elgin and may not always be available or able to respond in time. CJ will suggest an unmarked presence near in the area. GL enquired whether the CCTV works in the square. CJ confirmed it did, but there have been times when annual leave or sickness mean that there is limited cover, and so the camera might not be pointed at the right angle. CJ explained that they aim to have a police presence at times when pubs/clubs are closing but this is not always possible if they are tied up elsewhere. GL noted that the noise at weekends in the square can be difficult to cope with at times. SW explained that the Council has a noise app that might be useful to evidence where there is a problem and CJ encouraged notifying the police. GL acknowledged the frequency varied but that it has been reported to the police as it happens. AD enquired about whether the police had been trained in the administration of Naloxone. CJ confirmed that they police are trained in this, along with other health and safety training such as the use of defibrillators. CJ advised that the police are also trying to arrange for mobile defibrillator units for police stations. PW enquired about the antisocial behaviour strategy but CJ advised this would fall within Inspector Brian Ferry's remit and advised that he would be best placed to answer any questions on this via email. It was acknowledged that mental health issues can contribute towards 	

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	<p>antisocial behaviour and this can also take up a lot of police time if NHS support is not immediately available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CJ advised that if the community council felt a need for police representation at future meetings then to again invite by email and resource permitting they will attend. 	
Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PW noted the pothole near the cemetery had been repaired. • Cluny Square Project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GL noted that no information had been received since the previous meeting however was aware that Emma Gordon had invited some community groups to attend a meeting to discuss the project. Buckies Roots have decided not to be involved because of the risk of impacting their donations. GL enquired why individuals have not been invited to the meeting. ○ GL felt that the Council's response to his MP had been misleading by stating that the community council and community councillors had approved the project and again highlighted the lack of engagement with the community. ○ SW had enquired how the school became involved and was advised that the school were the only artist that had submitted a design. GL said he felt the Council should have led at the school meeting but SW explained that the artist was expected to lead on the consultation, and acknowledged this would have been a learning experience for the school. ○ SW was also advised that the funding had to be committed by the end of March and therefore work began by clearing and preparing the site to ensure the funding would not be lost. GL queried why they were told the funding came from the Government rather than the Council at the event at the school. SW had been advised that the funding came from the Buckie Town Centre Improvement Plan and would have been subject to online consultation due to the pandemic. It was acknowledged that the community council may have been involved at that time but none of the members present could confirm. This however could possibly be established through historical minutes. ○ GL felt a public meeting was necessary and more clarity around who made the decisions about the project. GL was of the opinion that the designs had already been agreed and they were just being told what was going to happen at the school event. ○ PW agreed to find out what involvement the community council has had in the project. SW was aware that the community council had spoken with Emma as there was funding for signage. ○ SW offered to ask planning for a written apology and will attempt to confirm which groups were invited to the forthcoming meeting. ○ GL felt that the project will have a detrimental impact on his business. Residents already refuse to pay at the weekend due to the noise in the square and felt that the project will make this worse. SW encouraged reporting the noise issues in the square to highlight the issue to the Council. ○ SW was under the impression the school were presenting design ideas but no designs have been finalised. ○ PW felt it would be helpful to arrange for Emma to talk to community council. 	<p>PW SW</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GL expressed dissatisfaction and intends on escalating further with the MP to complain about the Council and community council. PW stated that the community council is not responsible for the Council's response and that SW did exactly what she had been asked to from the previous meeting and could not be accountable for the actions of others. ● PW noted the reference to increased monitoring of parking in Elgin and queried whether wheel clampers were utilised in Elgin and if so whether this extends across Moray. PW asked whether the £10,000 was for this but it was clarified that this was for resource to issue parking tickets. No one present had heard anything about wheel clampers. 	
Community Police Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AP issued latest report prior to the meeting. 	
Community Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● RI highlighted the changes with the buses. PW noted that stagecoach have been proposing changes to routes and services and hoped that there might be some developments by the next meeting, potentially through M.connect. ● RI raised the anaerobic digestion facility. SW advised that there had been a pre-application notice and it might be of more interest to the community should it come to a full planning application. PW queried why they had planning consent but it was not clear why they are reconsidering and moving closer to Rathven. Those that attended the first pre-application consultation event had given poor feedback as the information was limited. There is a further event on Thursday 27 June. There was a discussion around the challenges in encouraging the community to engage/give their views, especially at events. 	
Elected Councillors Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SW mentioned again whether the community council had considered inputting to the local place plan. This would highlight areas to the Council so that they can take that into consideration if there is future development. ● SW explained the Council has put out a call for sites for development opportunities. ● NM had advised by email that the cemetery grass cutting had been raised and dealt with. SW added that the team are short staffed and under pressure at this time of year. SW also advised that a business case has also been submitted in relation to the drainage. ● SW explained that reports are still pending for North High Street and they have asked to improve pedestrian safety. ● SW advised that the way bridge at the harbour is still not operational. As a result hauliers are concerned about the implications the additional travelling has on their time and costs. The Chief Executive has been asked to intervene, and will be meeting with stakeholders to consider whether it can be made two way. SW also noted that there have been concerns about harbour traffic going via High Street rather than March Road. PW felt their decisions might be influenced by the condition of the road. SW recommended using the 'report it' webpage on the Council website to report a range of issues, including pot holes to highlight issues/hotspots to the Council but acknowledged that budgets 	

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	<p>remain under pressure. DM added that there is also a service status webpage to see known issues/service disruptions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NM had advised by email that there had been a police meeting to form an action plan in response to increased antisocial behaviour over the Easter period. SW advised there had been no further feedback following the school learning estate workshop. SW has asked if there were delays with Forres whether Buckie could make use of the funding instead but this was not agreed and the officer advised that at the moment Buckie was in the capital plan. Council yards are under review including Drifter, Gollachy, Freuchney and March Road. SW has asked for more detailed information about the grass cutting arrangement for Mersons and Lindsey Gordon parks which is being paid for with common good funding. AM queried the efficiency of cutting grass in the same area at different times but SW explained there may be reasons for this e.g. type of equipment, risk of damage to equipment. SW noted the upgrade of Letterfourie Play Park is almost complete. SW also noted vandalism in some of the parks including Mersons and Well Road. 	
Cost of Living – Actions being undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CA was not in attendance to provide update. 	
Treasurers Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CA was not in attendance to provide update. 	
Community Resilience Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PW and AP tried to arrange a meeting with the minister but were having difficulty with finding a time that suited all. 	
Community Council Groups & initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP was not in attendance to update on website. PW noted that CA had circulated email on the new location for the Community Hub. It was agreed that AP should provide letter of support for their project. PW noted that there was also a request for those interested in supporting the project but it was generally felt that clarity was needed around whether this was before or after the purchase of the property, and more specific information on what type of support they were seeking. 	AP
Planning Applications - responses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly Wards lists issued – no concerns were raised. 	
Correspondence to note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP shared request from a member of the RNLI regards a mural on South High Street. While there were no objections from those present, it was felt more information was needed. Specifically, the dimensions, whether would be applied onto a board or directly on the wall, whether it would be permanent (as this would require planning permission) and ongoing maintenance arrangements. AP would need to highlight this and inform of the need to approach Moray Council's estates to confirm ownership as well as planning for advice. However, GL advised that this has previously been confirmed as council ownerships and there are limitations on what can be done as Buckies Roots had explored this previously. SW also thought there may have 	AP

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	been a possibility CA was planning on including the map, but wasn't sure on which side.	
AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PW asked about the ownership of the noticeboard in the square. It was thought to belong to the community council's and the key may be in the library. GL noted that it is in need of some maintenance to prevent water damage and also that many of the information within it was out of date. PW had the support of those in attendance to investigate bringing it back into use as it could be useful to share information with the community. PW highlighted that businesses could be approached to contribute towards the maintenance costs in return for advertisement. DM suggested that there may also be funding opportunities that would arise through the SSE email circulated recently and agreed to share this with PW. PW noticed the recent docking of a 38 berth cruise ship which charges in region of £3500-6000k per week. It was acknowledged that this could create opportunities for the businesses in the town if they are aware of this in advance. SW is trying to arrange a meeting with the tourist board with other interested stakeholders. 	PW DM
Date & Venue of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 August 2024 – 7pm Ace Winches Lounge, Victoria Park, Buckie. Stevie Robertson of M.Connect due to attend. 	

Community Council meeting closed at 21:55 hrs.

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

Sign/initial:

PW

DM

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