



Date: 1 October 2024
 Time: 6.30pm
 Venue: Ace Winches, Victoria Park, Buckie
 Attendees: Alison Durno (AD), Treasurer - Christine Allan (CA), Secretary - Daska Murray (DM), CCLO - Debra Duke (DD), Cllr. Neil McLennan (NM), Peter West (PW), Ross Ingram (RI), Cllr. Sonya Warren (SW)
 Apologies: Chair - Allan Paterson (AP), Ann Mitchell (AM), Beverly Wood (BW)

Minutes of Meeting

Agenda Item	Discussed	Follow up / Action by
Welcome and apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PW chaired the meeting and noted apologies. 	
Presentation by Guest Speaker, Debra Duke – Review of Community Councils Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DD advised that a report was presented to corporate committee at the end of August, to ask to review the Scheme of Establishment and set the timetable for the consultation period and election timetable. The Scheme outlines how Community Councils operate. Day-to-day workings are within the handbook and other policies adopted by each Community Council or the JCC. DD asked members to suggest items to consider as part of the review. For example the use of online meetings where appropriate and whether boundaries are still relevant, although it was noted that the settlement designations may change as part of the Local Development Plan which is under review. Queries were noted on how membership numbers are determined. Also, it was felt that it was no longer appropriate to have Inchgower estates under Rathven since it was viewed as an extension of Buckpool. It was also noted that with forthcoming housing developments their representation is unlikely to be sufficient. There was a discussion around how to encourage people to join Community Councils, particularly younger people. DD is looking into promoting this through the Duke of Edinburgh officer and other groups for younger people or school. It was felt that it would make sense for Portgordon to be part of Buckie Community Council if they were in agreement due to the school catchment area, although Ward boundaries might make that challenging. CA queried whether there may be complications with amalgamating websites. It was also noted that Clochan probably identify more with Buckie too. There was a discussion around the forthcoming elections and how best to promote them. Suggestions included Council tax letters/emails, Moray Council's staff magazine (Connect) and the tenants' voice newsletter. 	
Discussion and questions prior to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DD went through the Scheme, summarising the main themes of each section and any updates along with the reason for this (e.g. legislative 	

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completion of the survey	change). DD advised Elected Members of Moray Council can also respond to the consultation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a discussion around recent planning consultations being difficult to understand because they were technical or scientific. DD advised that Planning Aid Scotland will provide support/advice. • DD encouraged responses both individual and for the Community Council before the consultation ends on 23 October. 	
Date & Venue of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 October 2024 – 7pm, Ace Winches Lounge, Victoria Park, Buckie. 	

Community Council meeting closed at 20:20 hrs.

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

Sign/initial:

PW

DM

Date:

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