



Date: 19 November 2024
 Time: 6pm
 Venue: Ace Winches, Victoria Park, Buckie
 Attendees: Ann Mitchell (AM), Alison Durno (AD), Treasurer - Christine Allan (CA), Secretary - Daska Murray (DM), Peter West (PW), Ross Ingram (RI), Cllr. Sonya Warren (SW)
 Apologies: Chair - Allan Paterson (AP), Beverly Wood (BW)

Minutes of Meeting

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Welcome and apologies	PW chaired the meeting in AP's absence and noted apologies.	
Visitor's questions / comments	There were no visitors.	
Guest speaker	There was no guest speaker.	
Sub-committee report and plans	<p>Linzee Gordon - PW provided an update on behalf of the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group have been submitting more grant applications. • They attended the Christmas Kracker event raising over £1000 despite the poor weather. • The Buckie Bake's book has been printed which was sponsored by the Community Council. <p>Resilience Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PW attended an update meeting in Inchberry and had been impressed by the progress others had made with their plans. • In terms of our plan, PW has sourced the new template and plans to arrange a meeting with Rev. Jaco. PW will also source list from AP of venues previously identified and share this with community councillors to comment on whether known contacts are up to date. • PW had been informed that Community Support Officers support Community Council's with their resilience plans. 	PW
Matters arising	Will be covered by agenda items.	
Community Police report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that an updated report has still not been received. The last report received was dated 7 August (for July). • PW highlighted that at the JCC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ two local groups, Buckies Roots and Footprints, received the King's Award (MBE equivalent for groups); and ○ Neil MacKenzie from the Police attended and it was noted that different reports are being produced across areas and streamlining may be necessary. 16 new officers have been recruited though it is still difficult to have representation at meetings. PW received the support of those present, to approach the Chief Superintendent to discuss issues for Buckie policing and 	PW

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	<p>to establish a relationship to improve access to information when needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SW has been informed that the Police will need to suspend the common good parking initiative due to resources. 	
Community feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CA congratulated SW on her new position as Deputy Leader of the SNP. DM raised concerns of inappropriate parking at Portessie School and sought suggestions from SW on how to address. It was accepted that it was a difficult issue to resolve. 	
Cost of living – actions being undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CA informed the meeting of several sources of support available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Too Cute can support those needing help with children’s clothing. Salvation Army Christmas lunch is on 18 December and is free of charge however must be booked before 30 November. Community lunch on 25 November and 9 December for Christmas. The Hub have Tesco vouchers for those struggling. The hub just need an outline of the problem and they will get in touch with the person confidentially to help them over the Christmas period. PW noted the need to get this information out to the public through different options e.g. noticeboard, website, Facebook and the press. 	
Treasurers report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CA provided update relating to position at 8 November. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admin grant £7,608.40 (excludes £1,000 for noticeboard and £1,500 for website). Resilience balance remains at £9,317.74. CA noted that the £5,000 for the speed activated sign for Arradoul is still being held. SW will share correct terminology to assist PW in writing to Nicola Moss to seek an update on the speed activated sign, but also on the island crossings. Linzee Gordon play park balance is £15,869 but includes the £400 contribution for the recipe book. £108.30 for the noticeboard equipment. Once noticeboard is installed CA will be able to contact Claire Lock about the £420 reserved for the walking and cycling poster. Wreath cost £34. Room hire cost £25. CA reminded about submitted travel expenses. It was agreed to allow expenses to be claimed from 1 October 2023. Honoraria payments for Minutes of £40/meeting and mileage 45p/mile. 	<p>SW/PW</p> <p>AL</p>
Elected Councillors feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget consultation ongoing. There were concerns about the impact of the Moray-wide review of libraries. Moray would be left with four libraries (including Buckie). Cullen is one of those proposed to close. The cleanliness of public toilets has been raised but they are attended daily. It was acknowledged that there are restrictions on types of cleaning materials used due to environmental and financial considerations. North High Street road works budget approval granted and will be in progress. McLaren’s Brae will be closing soon with Scottish Water attending. Government funding allocation should be known in December. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harbour Masterplan will likely be discussed by Harbour Advisory Group in early December as Committee reports were pulled. AD to share details of the meeting with the wider group. • DM raised the poor lighting at the zebra crossings as the third set near Thistle Bar has never been replaced. It was noted that this could be a concern during darker nights so DM will raise with Nicola Moss/Mark Atherton. • Budget was approved to address a landslide at top of Enzie Braes. Budget was also allocated to the cemetery for pot holes and if any is remaining this will go towards installing footpaths in the new cemetery where particularly wet, since there are no funds available to fully resolve the drainage issue. • PW queried the impact of emergencies on prioritisation of works. SW explains it depends on the nature of the emergency and whether this would be addressed by applying to other sources of funding or through the Council's own reserves. • DM queried whether there was any update on the recycling centre location, but SW has not received any further information about this. • No update on the schools other than consultations taking place in other Area School Groups (ASGs). 	<p>AD</p> <p>DM</p>
<p>Community Council groups, sub-committees & initiatives</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JCC – PW noted in addition to the earlier update, Rhona McNicol offered to arrange a meeting with PW, Ross Ferguson and Tracey Rae. PW will invite Tracey to the next meeting to better understand her role in supporting resilience and the Community Council. • Common Good – the Linzee Gordon Committee was informed at the Kracker that a decision should have been reached yesterday. However, it was indicated that the funding granted would be less than the amount requested. PW was informed that despite submitting their application on 20 September, a decision was still pending. It was agreed that PW should write on behalf of the Community Council to seek clarity on the decision-making process. Additionally, it was suggested to invite Elected Members to a future meeting to discuss their involvement in the community. This could foster better collaboration and mutual support moving forward. • LOIP – hub consultation closed 31 October and waiting on feedback. Bank of Scotland is being reconsidered but not including the flats above. Planning to have an event next year to encourage enthusiasm from community groups/promote networking. • Buckies Roots – talking about inviting groups to an event in February. • Money for Moray – Just Transition Participatory Budget (PB) fund of £333k from Scottish Government. Over 35 applications received, of which 28 were selected and voting closes on 27 November. Green PB applications include requests for solar panels, electric vehicles and so on. Up to £50k available per group. Unfortunately no applicants from Buckie or Portessie, although there are applicants from Findochty. There is a fund of £33k for a young people PB event. Plan to have stall in Elgin Town Centre on Saturday. • Harbour Advisory – no update next meeting is early December. • BAF – no update as no meeting taken place. • Website – with AP indicating he would be standing down, it was felt that a decision was needed on who will administer the website. PW 	<p>PW</p> <p>PW</p>

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	<p>asked everyone to review the Moray Council’s website, to gain a better understanding of what information might need to be known prior to the next meeting. Based on an earlier discussion it was agreed that PW, DM and BW should form a Sub-Committee to progress the website launch/development. PW will approach the website designer to find out more about the set up/hosting arrangements. Some potential sponsors had been identified but will need to come up with a list with contact information to be able to approach others.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a discussion around how to handle email contact as well as the practicalities of implementing vice positions. PW now has laptops returned and will attempt to set them up to support community councillors who could benefit from them. Encouraging new membership needs to be a priority and might be encouraged through associate memberships. PW felt that setting up a sub-group and introducing an associate to develop a business hub and promote tourism would be good initial step. Others agreed and PW said he would organise this over the December break. • Facebook - AD will see Cllr. John Stuart as to amending the admin rights on the page. PW suggested there may need to be consideration from the wider group as to content and suggested pinned posts would be useful addition. • Little Norway – PW asked SW to contact Peter Reid to seek an update. • Lottery – AD will scope possibility of starting up as it might be a good opportunity to fundraise and promote the Community Council. A licence would likely be needed. AM thought it was about £20/year but will confirm. 	<p>ALL</p> <p>PW</p> <p>PW</p> <p>AD</p> <p>SW</p> <p>AD/AM</p>
Planning apps	No new applications for the ward to discuss/respond on.	
Correspondence to note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA mentioned the email consulting on the amendment to the Fishwives path – diversion shown in purple was noted to be a substantial detour from the original route. • CA highlighted useful information on newsletter from Debra Duke on resilience planning and AD mentioned a forthcoming resilience meeting. • AM explained she is having difficulty with her Internet connection reliability which might impact her ability to reply to emails. 	
AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA queried the procedure for AP standing down i.e. was an AGM necessary. PW will confirm the formalities with Debra Duke, especially given there is no formal resignation received yet given that AP was unable to attend this meeting. • Noticeboard – PW hopes to have ready before Christmas. PW sourced for less by going direct to the manufacturer. Will need to discuss what content it will contain and consider arrangements for other community groups to make use of the noticeboard e.g. requests to use for special events in the community. 	PW
Date/venue of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 January 2025 – 6pm, Ace Winches Lounge, Victoria Park, Buckie. All to note change of meeting times from 7pm to 6pm going forward. 	ALL

Community Council meeting closed at 21:30 hrs.

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

Sign/initial:

PW

DM

Date:

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