



Date: 13 May 2025
Time: 6pm
Venue: Community Room, Buckie High School
Attendees: Ann Mitchell (AM), Alison Durno (AD), Allan Paterson (AP), Christine Allan (CA), Secretary - Daska Murray (DM), Holly Mayne-Garrow (HMG), Meghan Skene (MS), Chair - Peter West (PW), Richard Simpson (RS), Cllr. Sonya Warren (SW)
Apologies: Treasurer - Ross Ingram (RI)
Public Present: Sharon Innes (SI), Stanley Anderson (SA)

Minutes of Meeting

Agenda Item	Discussed	Follow up / Action by
Welcome and apologies	PW opened the meeting and noted apologies.	
Visitor's questions/ comments	SA wanted to find out whether a newly constructed access road near the Boormalt site was linked to the proposed biodigester plant. It was felt this was unlikely given it has not been submitted to planning yet. It was agreed to investigate further, however SW later advised the meeting that the road is being constructed for Boormalt.	
Sub-committee report and plans	<p>Linzee Gordon Playpark – HMG and MS provided an update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of £80,800 has been raised. • A tender has been drafted and is expected to be issued in early June and then a public consultation will take place when schools return from the summer break. • The park will include inclusive equipment, designed for shared play with wheelchair users, which would be unique to the area. Plans include retaining some of the existing equipment, reconfiguring the layout and fencing which will need additional fundraising. <p>Buckie & District Bairns Bank– HMG, MS & PW provided an update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donations have been halted to allow time for organisation of existing stock. Only items specifically requested will be accepted. • The group are in need of additional volunteers and a better system for sorting/storing items. Ideally they would also like a good size room, with flexibility to install rails and shelving. • The service is in demand, with 6 requests this week. A volunteer rota has been set up. • The group plan to have another meeting soon, but in the meantime have been researching other baby bank systems. • The Men's Shed have indicated they would be willing to help build donation boxes. <p>Resilience – PW informed the meeting that the plan is almost complete, but other projects have temporarily needed to take greater priority.</p>	

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	<p>Buckie Community Growth Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PW explained that a market to support local businesses is being scoped, and support/interest in the idea will be assessed. • Springfield has a planning condition to provide allotment space in its new development in Buckpool. Members of the meeting expressed interest in there being allotments on offer for the community and PW is to explore the possibility of the community council taking on its management. CA advised the meeting that one of the other groups in Buckie were having a presentation regarding allotments at their next meeting. PW confirmed that the CC had not been made aware of any allotment interest or activity in the community, other than the contact from Springfield. <p>Buckpool Harbour Community Group – SI provided an update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While the area is valued and has had upgrades, there has been limited support, with only two active members. Despite good turnout at events, community engagement has been poor for meetings and maintenance efforts. • PW proposed SI be co-opted to become a member of the community council. A clause under the provisions of the Moray scheme for community councils requires 14 days advance notice prior to co-opting new members. The current members agreed unanimously to pass a resolution waving the 14 day requirement, as specified in clause 8.2.3 of the Moray Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils 2021-2025, to co-opt SI as a community council member. 	PW
Upcoming elections	<p>Community council elections are due in October 2025 and an election is a possibility if more candidates come forward.</p> <p>The JCC has formed a sub committee to look at promoting the elections. PW asked community councillors to share, within the next few days, the achievements over the year to help with promoting benefits of involvement. PW also asked for ideas on how community councillors encourage interest in the community council.</p> <p>There are plans for promotional stands at the car show on 31 August for Linzee Gordon, the JCC, B&DCC and the Bairns Bank.</p> <p>PW is also keen to receive feedback on the Community Council Health Check, which will benefit new and existing members in terms of developing an induction and understanding responsibilities.</p>	All All All
Matters arising	<p>Anaerobic digestion plant – PW advised that the application has not been submitted yet, but the organisation has had applications rejected in both Elgin and Inverness. The Rathven community members, who attended a previous meeting, have lodged a petition which generated press interest. PW will notify the community members when the planning application is submitted.</p> <p>Buckie Community High School – PW has been contacted by Karen Greaves, Chief Executive of Moray Council, who plans to arrange a public meeting on 17 June.</p>	

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	<p>New development signage – PW highlighted that, following discussion with the builder, they have taken on community council feedback and changed the sign.</p> <p>Lottery – AD and AM had sourced a licencing application. It was felt that it would be worth considering given the restrictions in terms of the ability to generate income to support projects which benefit the community. However, it was agreed that a strategy and policy would need to be developed. PW asked for AD, AP & RS to scope options and deliver a presentation of the proposed approach at the next meeting. There was a discussion around whether the income raised could help secure premises for the baby bank or expand other opportunities/projects.</p> <p>Yardie – CA asked if there had been an update but PW had no information to share yet.</p>	AD/AP/RS
<p>Community feedback and engagement</p>	<p>Member’s activity – PW proposed including in this section going forward what community councillors have done or heard about relevant to community council business – i.e. what residents would like help with or information about. AP suggested seeking youth representation from the high school. RS and AD highlighted that they had been speaking with local businesses. AD has developed a consent form to video local shops and promote the area. PW offered to supply AD with a stabiliser for the footage. There was a discussion around GDPR in terms of understanding legal requirements, data storage and monitoring. AP and DM will share documentation relevant to GDPR for consideration.</p> <p>Improving community awareness and engagement – PW shared the content of an email from Denise Whitworth, Deputy Chief Executive, which related to proposals the Council will consider on 21 May and expressing a wish for community councils to be more involved in policy and decision making. Following this a second email was received from Karen Greaves, introducing herself as the new Chief Executive, and seeking to attend community council meetings within the next 6 months. PW has encouraged this to take place earlier and will confirm details, hopefully in June (or failing that July) with a 7pm start. There was a discussion around the challenges of carrying out community council roles effectively and having relationships with officers and elected members that give access to information/support needed.</p>	<p>AP/DM</p> <p>PW</p>
<p>Date/venue of next meeting</p>	<p>The next meeting is scheduled for 10 June 2025 at 6pm in the Community Lounge at Buckie Community High School. (Note the time may change to 7pm if Karen Greaves is attending)</p>	

Community Council meeting closed at 21:00 hrs.

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

Sign/initial:

PW

DM

Date:

28/05/2025

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APPENDIX 1

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR		BUCKIE & DISTRICT			COMMUNITY COUNCIL	
Income/ Expenditure Account for period	01.10.2024			to	30.09.2025	
	Accrued to 11/2/2025					
Admin A/C				Balance Brought Forward		46885.33
Income	Opening Balance		Income '24/25'	Expenditure	Current Balance	
Administration Grant from Moray	8,061.60		602.39	3,018.10	5,645.89	
Linzee Gordon Donations	11,969.39		19,612.56		31,581.95	
Walking leaflet	419.6			0.00	419.60	
Resilience	9317.74				9,317.74	
to reconcile						
letterfourie	10000			10000	0.00	
sids signage	5000				5,000.00	
nhs funding	2061				2,061.00	
Cash Float	56				56.00	
Other			0.00	0.00	20,214.95	
	46,885.33		20,214.95		54,082.18	
Expenditure [sample headings]		Admin grant YTD		Other YTD		
Upkeep of CC flowering barrels		100.00				
Room hire		175.00				
Auditor/Independent Examiner's		0.00				
Travel Expenses		87.20				
IT costs (Website)		0.00				
One.com fee		0.00				
Stationery		0.00				
Telephone and mobile Costs		0.00				
Honoraria		1,119.95				
Bank charges		13.25				
Publicity, promotional, ceremonial		1,522.70				
Letterfourie Park			10,000.00			
Resilience		0.00				
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Total Admin		3,018.10				
		0.00				
		0.00				
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Publication of agendas & minutes		0.00				
Walking & Cycling Path Leaflets & Consultations		0.00				
Active School Project		0.00				
		3,018.10		10,000.00		13,018.10
					Bank Surplus	54,082.18
Cash in Hand (Treasurers float)						56.00
					Closing Balance	54,138.18

