



Date: 11 August 2026
Time: 6.30pm
Venue: Ace Winches Suite, Buckie Thistle Football Ground, Buckie
Attendees: Ann Mitchell (AM), Alison Durno (AD), Treasurer - Daska Murray (DM), Co-chair Neilian Toms (NT), Secretary - Sharon Innes (SI), Richard Simpson (RS), Cllr. Sonya Warren (SW), Neil McLennan (NM),
Apologies: Christine Allan (CA), Debra Duke (DD), John Stuart (JS), Ashleigh Smith (AS)
Public present:

Minutes of Meeting

Agenda Item	Discussed	Follow up / Action by
1. Welcome, Apologies and Introductions	Everyone welcomed NT chaired the meeting.	
2. Meeting protocol	Visitors are made aware via agenda that meetings are recorded electronically for the purpose of supporting minute-taking, with recordings erased thereafter.	
3. Approval of previous meetings minutes	The minutes of the previous meeting were approved without amendment by AD and AM. All attendees in agreement.	
4. Treasurers Report	Balance on account as of 31 st July 2026 - £23,477.95 Treasury Report - Fewer payments last month; some donations received. - Previous expenses referenced: cruise ship entertainment, website, and items for car show goody bags. Overpaid Grant (Admin Grant) - Treasurer reported an overpayment (duplicate admin grant payment) occurred again. - NT and SI approved Treasurer should repay the overpaid amount. Banking Controls / Dual Authorisation - Treasurer investigated dual authorisation with the bank.	

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	- Bank advised it requires a paid service (“Bankline” style): £10/month £2.75 per faster payment £0.50 per next-day payment - Group view: charges are not good value for BDCC funds. - Treasurer to revise the draft financial procedure: - Set payment thresholds and an alternative approval approach (e.g., agreement with Chair / email approvals for urgent items). - Bring revised procedure for approval at next meeting.	
5. Open Business from last meeting	Classic Car Show - Event is back on track after earlier cancellation/controversy. Acknowledgement: Significant work credited to SW and Moray Council for rapidly resolving legal/administrative issues and preventing escalation. Scope changes: Event Management Plan had to be rewritten quickly; not all elements may be reinstated (e.g., dog show may not proceed, to be confirmed). Goody bags: Still being collected; approx. 800+ cars / ~900 business cards mentioned; BDCC considering promotional materials. - Decision leaning toward: keep BDCC contribution modest this year; plan for stronger presence/stand next year when website is fully live.	

	Website, Email Access & Communications Email/Website Access Blocked • Ongoing issue: Alan holding access/creating delays; reminders sent with no response. • Risk noted: BDCC may need to change: • email addresses • website name/domain • and potentially impact Baby Bank communications/history • Options discussed: • Accept loss of history and switch to new emails, with auto-reply/redirect messaging if possible. • Update website/Facebook and notify key partners (health visitors, professionals, etc.).	DM
	Website Content Priorities • Add/maintain: • Resilience information (basic emergency guidance, practical tips; links rather than duplicating where possible)	SI
	• Toilet locations and opening hours (library hours limited; other toilets vary)	SI
	• Defibrillator locations	SI
	• Events calendar with potential for organisations to submit events for admin approval	
	• Proposal: “Memory Lane” archive (historic photos/documents by decade, tagging/search by names) to drive engagement—DM to coordinate discussion with Chris Thornton CT	RS & DM
	Website Build & Ongoing Management • CT remains willing to manage/build; preference for him to stabilise first, then delegate sections (calendar, content). • Discussion about recognising the website creator (e.g., “Created by...” credit); payment not requested currently	CT

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	but BDCC may offer something if maintenance expands. Community Noticeboards • Need to identify preferred locations first before approaching council for feasibility/cost (public vs private land constraints). • Discussion points: • Harbour board likely should remain for cruise ship/tourist use; alternatively use temporary signage/banner + QR code at harbour during ship days. • Potential sites discussed: Buckpool St Andrews Square, near Linzee Gordon park, Tesco (existing board is outdated and poorly placed). • Plan: contact Tesco community liaison Andy to explore refurbishing/updating the noticeboard. Muirton Way Planning Extension • Email sent (5 Aug) asking why an extension required; no response yet. No further action required at this moment. Safety, Antisocial Behaviour & Environmental Issues Police Liaison / Antisocial Behaviour • SI emailed police liaison end of July inviting attendance; no direct reply, but police report later provided for circulation. • Discussion on publishing police report: likely permissible to share a link rather than reproducing content; confirm with police.	SI SI

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	- Interest in police allocating a sergeant per area (Buckie/Portknockie mentioned); staffing/holiday pressures suspected. Wastewater Treatment Odour Complaints - Odour previously severe for weeks, then resolved; - Guidance agreed: encourage residents to report persistent odours with timings/location to Environmental Health. <u>Report it</u> Will also add link to BDCC website and Facebook page Dog Park Proposal - DD responded positively to concept of Dog Park at Ian Johnston Park by NT; Moray Council involvement likely needed. - Proposed phased approach: - Initial fencing/planting/landscaping - Separate areas for large/vigorous dogs vs small dogs - Add solar lights for winter - Add weather shelters - Emphasis: currently “wasted space” being regularly cut; proposal aims for better community use. - BDCC voted to bring on Dog Park as Sub-group allowing more support	DM NT ALL

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6. New Business	Graffiti / Damage Reporting • Reports of offensive/racist graffiti (bus stops/walls) and collapsing/defaced wall near Harbour Street/viewpoint area. • Emphasis: report issues promptly so council can act. Seagull Problems • Reports of: • People feeding seagulls leading to attacks/injury risk • Requests for specific location details so council can act proactively (nesting sites) • Suggestion: website guidance such as “do not feed seagulls” and advice for small-bird feeders (deterrents/spikes) discussed. Missed Bin Collection • Resident reported green bin not collected with no note; advised to use council “missed bin” reporting link and check if neighbours affected. Missing/Replaced Lifebelts • Lifebelts reported missing; replacement took over two weeks. • Observation that replacement team was slow to act on arrival (sat in van before replacement). • SW to find alternative methods of reporting, by email, and why it took so long from reporting.	DM & SI SW

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7. Sub-committee reports and plans	Tourism (Cruise Ships/Coaches) Cruise Ship Welcome Planning • Draft tourism workflow/flowchart in development; needs contact lists (dancers, piper, etc.) so others can run it if key people unavailable. • Payment approach confirmed: • £30 allocated for dancers per visit, split if multiple performers share. • Discussion on supplies: • possibility of providing bottled water; idea of custom labels with BDCC branding (cost/benefit not decided). • Gazebo hire vs purchase: • Question raised whether repeated hires now exceed purchase cost. • Decision deferred; depends on long-term certainty of cruise ship calls (currently estimated 3–4 per year). Coach Tours / Holiday Park Visitors • Coaches are stopping in Buckie; opportunity seen to engage coach operators more directly. RS to approach Maynes Coaches and others as identified to maximise opportunities • Strathlene Holiday Park reported very busy; suggestion to place QR code stickers/signage linking to BDCC website/calendar for visitors.	RS

