



Date: 21 January 2025
 Time: 6pm
 Venue: Ace Winches, Victoria Park, Buckie
 Attendees: Ann Mitchell (AM), Alison Durno (AD), Treasurer - Christine Allan (CA), Secretary - Daska Murray (DM), Chair - Peter West (PW), Cllr. Sonya Warren (SW)
 Apologies: Allan Paterson (AP), Beverly Wood (BW), Ross Ingram (RI)
 Public Present: James Souter (JS), Richard Simpson (RS), Holly and Meghan (fundraising for Linzee Gordon playpark)

Minutes of Meeting

Agenda Item	Discussed	Follow up / Action by
Welcome and apologies	PW opened the meeting and noted apologies.	
Visitor's questions/ comments	JS raised concerns about parking issues near St. Peter's School, particularly illegal parking. While acknowledging the challenges in addressing the issue the problem persists despite reaching out to both Moray Council and the school, and continues to affect residents, especially those with disabilities. PW and SW agreed to explore potential solutions. They asked JS to provide his contact details to facilitate further discussion.	PW/SW
Co-option of new Community Council members	<p>RS and PW had been meeting to discuss various town initiatives, and following on from this RS has expressed an interest in joining the community council.</p> <p>There currently 4 vacancies; 1 in Arradoul, 3 in Buckie. PW proposed RS be co-opted, which was seconded by CA. 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 RS as a community council member.</p>	
Sub-committee report and plans	<p>Linzee Gordon - the Committee provided an update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total of £33,777.73 raised so far. • The project is currently taking part in the Blue Token Scheme at Tesco. • Plan to meet in early February to consider fundraisers for the year, including a coffee morning on 22 March. • The group have submitted an application to the lottery fund and have another to submit. • In November, the group met with Tracey Rae and Sarah from Open Spaces who will appoint a procurement officer to assist with the project. The group need quotes to seek more funding opportunities but these are only valid for six weeks. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SW has raised concerns about discrepancies in Fit Life charges, which disadvantage some single parent families. Savings of £4.6 million required for the next financial year. 	
Treasurer's report	<p>CA provided an update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admin grant £6,183.04. Own account £2,019.92 Resilience balance remains at £9,317.74. Speed activated sign £5,000. The current status is unclear. PW suggested taking this item outside of the meeting to move it forward. The recent accident on the A98 was also discussed. NHS overpayment issue is being resolved and the overpayment of £2,000.61 will be returned. Linzee Gordon play park balance is £20,961.89. CA has been researching alternative bank accounts due to the introduction of charges but has faced challenges. Some banks are not accepting new customers, others only accept if there is someone who banks with them. SW suggested trying the Co-Op. CA expressed a desire to step down as Treasurer. Still have the £420 reserved for the walking and cycling poster but measurements for the noticeboard are needed. 	PW
Community engagement	<p>Cost of living - new information/actions being undertaken</p> <p>CA provided an update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Hub have coats/jackets, donation if can afford and free if not. Community lunch in Fishermen's Hall on 24 February, again donation only if can afford it. Be So Crafty are providing free food. Pension Credit advice and support available at the Hub. <p>Facebook – In addition to AD, DM and PW are now set up as admin and a former member has been removed.</p> <p>Notice board - PW and RS partially installed the notice board so that Buckie's Roots could use it for their Burns celebration. The front street facing cabinet will be for community council matters and the rear for other events. A decision on the management will be required, but in the meantime PW has set up a WhatsApp number for contact about the notice board.</p> <p>Strengthening relationships with other community groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PW proposed an informal meeting with other community groups to improve communication and promote partnership working. PW confirmed that he has spoken with Tracey Rae who has agreed to organise a meeting, in due course, for some members of the CC to meet with the other groups/organisations. PW recommended that he would attend this meeting along with DM and RS - there was unanimous agreement from the meeting. There was a discussion around support with funding applications. PW will circulate information on forthcoming training through TSI. 	PW

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	<p>PW also received information on another course about running your own building.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cullen have a local place plan and it was noted this is something that we need to develop too. <p>Other strategies for 2025 - PW highlighted the need to more inclusive in the community and work with other community groups.</p>	
Planning apps	No new applications for the ward to discuss/respond on.	
Community Council groups, sub-committees & initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JCC – Next meeting on 13 February. PW will be discussing with Cullen CC, the possibility of forming a local equivalent of the JCC for neighbouring community councils. LOIP – Community hub. An interest has gone in for the Bank of Scotland building (not flats above) with funds being applied for. Hub will remain open for another year. Received a money wellbeing fund and another fund which for an electronic notice board for jobs. Money for Moray – Just Transition Participatory Budgeting (PB) for adults completed with 14 successful. Celebration event 22 February in Lhanbryde to celebrate adult winners. There will be a young people PB event and CA called for support for the Buckie Girl Guides. Buckies Roots – talking about inviting groups to an event in February. Harbour Advisory – no update. Next meeting is provisionally set for 10 March. Potential options for the harbour masterplan were discussed. Coastal erosion remains a concern. BAF – no update as no meeting has taken place. 	
Correspondence to note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aultmore letter by Portgordon community council was sent. Ice Crews – there was a further discussion on responding to poor weather. It was noted there was difficulty sourcing grit bins for unadopted roads in the Morlich estates as normally the developer would be expected to arrange it however SW offered to assist with this given they ceased trading. Additional Bicycle Racks – PW has suggested Speyside Way and Linzee Gordon. It was felt that Buckpool could benefit one. VE day posters for lamp posts to be considered. 	
AOCB	<p>Meeting dates – PW noted that our meetings clash with Cullen Community Council's and asked about the possibility of changing the cycle to the second Tuesday in order to provide an opportunity to attend each other's meetings. Those present unanimously agreed.</p> <p>Website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PW provided a demo of the work carried out on the website so far. There are concerns that it does not offer the flexibility to make certain changes or develop the website and concerns that there would be delays or additional costs to request this. PW had carried out some research into WordPress, purchased a template (costs vary between £50 and £300) and produced an alternative solution within 7.5 hours at a total estimated value of approximately £1k based on a £100/hr rate. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was a discussion around the case for supporting local businesses, which had previously been highlighted by AP by email. PW proposed to take the alternative website onto the hosting service which he has set up, but also transfer the email from one.com (reducing annual costs by £60/70, to £20 for the registration only). PW will work with others within the community council to train them to maintain the website and ensure its continuity. PW had encountered challenges in contacting the website designer. After discussing the pros and cons with those present, PW's proposal was agreed upon to ensure the website is prepared for launch next month. PW will need to approach AP to make the arrangements, since he registered the domain name <p>Friendship Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Friendship Club has been running weekly sessions to help beat January boredom. Tomorrow evening, Dot Bremner will be leading a fun dancercise session. Later in the month, there will be a talk from the Scottish Charity Air Ambulance. In February Buckie Wildcats will deliver a CPR session and there will be seasonal crafts. On 13 February, the club is partnering with Childsmile for a session exploring foods that promote healthy or unhealthy teeth, including a supermarket visit and collage-making. On Valentine's Day, the group will visit the Ice Cream Cabin for cookie decorating, sundae-making, and an activity to design custom ice cream recipes. Information has been provided for sharing on the Facebook page. <p>Cluny Square North East Quadrant - PW and RS met with Eily Webster from Moray Council. An overview of the project was shared, and the consultation begins today. Posters were handed out to help spread the word throughout the town.</p>	<p>PW</p> <p>DM</p>
Date/venue of next meeting	Following the discussion about potentially moving meetings to the second Tuesday of the month instead of the third, a provisional date was set for 11 February 2025 at 6 pm pending confirmation from PW at the Ace Winches Lounge, Victoria Park, Buckie.	ALL/PW

Community Council meeting closed at 21:15 hrs.

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

Sign/initial:

PW

DM

Date:

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