

Buckie and District Community Council

Date: 20th February 2024
 Time: 7pm
 Venue: Ace Winches, Victoria Park, Buckie
 Attendees: Chair- Allan Paterson (AP), Alison Durno (AD), Ann Mitchell (AM), Beverly Wood (BW), Treasurer- Christine Allan (CA), Daska Murray (DM), Peter West (PW), Ross Ingram (RI),
 Apologies: Cllr. Sonya Warren (SW)

Minutes of Meeting

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Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The previous minutes were agreed as an accurate account of the meeting and on that basis were proposed by BW and seconded by CA. • There was a discussion around the process and formalities involved so that DM and PW could be co-opted as Community Council members. A clause under the provisions of the Moray scheme for Community Councils requires 14 days advance notice prior to co-opting new members. Having taken advice from Debra Duke CLO, 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 both DM and PW as community council members. In addition, DM was appointed to the secretary position and will process the relevant paperwork. 	DM
Guest Speaker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The planned guest speaker, Leah Rossvoll, was unable to attend so CA briefed the meeting about the Buckie Friendship Club which she organises. The club meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 6pm costing £1. It is currently based in the in the Fishermen's Hall but will soon move to Buckpool Golf Club. A yoga laughing session has been planned for their next meeting and more details can be found on their Facebook page. AD will promote the club on the Facebook page. 	AD
Community Police Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last report was issued in January. 	
Community Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA hoped to clarify Moray Council's policy on damage to cars caused by potholes on adopted roads with councillors but unfortunately no councillors were present. It was expected that most claims would be rejected. • AM introduced herself to the owner of the derelict building. They have almost cleared it and it is hoped something will happen with the building by the end of the year. No rodents have been seen for the past 6 weeks. • The Arradoul stakeholder meeting took place with Moray Council where options were discussed to address residents' safety concerns. It was stressed that speeding was not the 	

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	<p>primary concern of the residents. It was suggested residents from Boyd's to the first T-junction near the post box would be encouraged to sell a few feet of their garden. This would allow Moray Council to improve visibility and install drainage to address the ongoing flooding issue. Installing a roundabout is not a viable option due to cost but also because surveys carried out consider the stacking lane to be sufficient. However, there is potential to consider installing a crossing island which in some cases has helped to reduce traffic speed. The residents near the Slackhead junction would also be encouraged to sell land to improve visibility there. One of the residents, Shelley Imlach, will approach the affected residents about the proposal. Future housing development plans and the resulting increase in vehicles adding pressure to the Buckpool junction remain a concern.</p>	
Elected Councillors Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors were not in attendance. 	
Cost of Living – Actions being undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA had no new information on sources of support for the Community since the previous meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Salvation Army continue with their community larder and weekly lunches on a Wednesday. ○ Community hub is open Monday-Saturday. The hub remains popular with the community but in need of volunteers. ○ Community lunch in the Fishermen's hall is due to take place next week. ○ Big Blue Bus continues to visit Portgordon, Portessie and Findochty. ○ AD's larder also remains popular and has been received lots of donations. 	
Treasurers Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admin grant was sitting at £9865.56 as at 2 Feb 2024. A further £602 is to be added to this. • Resilience account balance is £9317.14. CA was keen to have this progressed and explained that the intention for this was for emergency kits. • £1000 was paid out to Laura Russell's locality network for the active start programme. • £1556.07 in own account. • SSE micro grant account was closed. • JCC are seeking a treasurer. • Laura Cameron and Sarah Campbell from Moray Council had emailed to ask for contact details as they had been awarded £10,000 from Buckie common good fund towards the Letterfourie Park Project which will be held for them in addition to the other funds once received. 	
Community Resilience Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP explained the background to the resilience plan. AP and Rev. Jaco are resilience leads and have produced a resilience plan. Moray Council developed an advice leaflet which also called for volunteers to approach their local community 	

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	<p>council. This was published near the end of last year and should have been sent to all households in Moray but only some present had received it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA advised that Rhona McNichol is no longer the resilience planner, Debra Duke is now the point of contact. • AP noted that there may need to be further work/publicity since no volunteers had come forward to support the plan. 	
<p>Community Council Groups & initiatives</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claire Lock at Clock Studio has developed a draft of the logo for the Bike and Walking Pathways leaflet. Claire requires part of the payment upfront, and it was agreed that CA will pay this from our account and claim back from SSE once the work is complete. • AP will follow up on the website with Neil Headley once the logo is finalised since this will inform the design/colour scheme. AP has approached Malcolm at Slater Sports about video footage for the website and he agreed to provide this from his archives. CA had been approached by Susan from Findochty and Buckie Development Trust to enquire whether there could be a joint approach to the website development to share resources and avoiding duplication of effort. AP will contact Susan to discuss. • JCC took place last week with CA and RI in attendance. It was noted that there was a typo for the meeting date on the recent minute that was circulated. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The JCC had called for Road Safety Champions. RI volunteered. ○ Colin Birch from Cullen suggested community councils hold a joint hustings event when election plans are known. It was agreed that CA would register an interest. ○ JCC meet quarterly with their next meeting is on 9 May. CA will sent PW the minutes from the meeting. • LOIP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A priority will be sourcing the new location for the community hub. CA has circulated an invite to the workshop/facilitation meeting on 4 March at 10am at the Community Lounge in the High School. ○ Newsletter is expected in April. ○ Allotments still under consideration at Merson's Park (common good land) or near Buckie High School. ○ Dropped kerbs will be installed in two areas in Buckpool. ○ Childcare petition has received a lot of signatures. • AD advised that the next harbour advisory meeting will be March. There have been a lot of work going on and parking issues are often raised. Ocean Winds office is aiming to open in March but their carpark is not complete yet. Pontoons are complete but water level needs to be 3.3m. Work on harbour office has also commenced to build second level. • Money for Moray <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Just Transition Participatory Budgeting finished. Most capital funding has gone out and there have been issues with the revenue funding. 	<p>CA</p> <p>AP</p> <p>AP</p> <p>CA</p> <p>CA</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The young person's Future is Green, led by Fiona Herd, had 14 entries. This was lower than expected and so the funding reduced from £50,000 to £33,300. Unfortunately, there was no representation from the Buckie community areas. ● CA and RI met online with Emma Gordon from the Planning department at Moray Council who had been allocated £75,000 of Scottish Government funding. This is to be spent by end of March on improving the town centre. The intention is to remove the benches, old bike holders, bollards and so on and to install bespoke seated areas for locals and visitors to look out to the sea as well as a bespoke sign. There will be a need for vandal proof installations and it was felt that the plans should avoid enclosed spaces which may encourage antisocial behaviour. They also are trying to avoid impacting the amount of parking spaces. 	
Planning Applications - responses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AP will ensure PW is included in weekly wards list. 	AP
Correspondence to note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AD to update Facebook page with the information about the abnormal load per email dated 7 February. ● Scottish Community Council Conference will be online on Saturday 24 February. ● Rural Matters information was circulated. ● ASG learning estate now scheduled for evening of Thursday 22 February. 	AD
AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AP advised of plans for a bridge near the end of the Ardach Medical Centre Road. Moray Council have received funding for a full access bridge (no vehicles) to Buckpool. ● AP has assisted in installing a counter at the bridge near Tesco to provide evidence of footfall. Hopefully this will lead to opportunities to fund a replacement for the bridge which is privately owned but no longer used. It is in poor condition and unsuitable/inaccessible for many. ● CA highlighted the notable improvement to the lighting at zebra crossings but there is one still to be replaced. ● PW enquired about the speculation about cruise ships coming to the area but the harbour is generally felt not to be suitable for this unless the ships were small. ● There was also a discussion around the closure of the TSB and the Indian restaurant above it. ● RI had found someone interested in joining the community council but unfortunately they are unable to attend due to other commitments. 	
Date & Venue of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 19 March 2024 – 7pm Ace Winches Lounge, Victoria Park, Buckie 	

Community Council meeting closed at 20:50 hrs.

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

Sign/initial:

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Date:

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