



Date: 14 April 2026
Time: 6.30pm
Venue: Ace Winches Suite, Buckie Thistle Football Club, Buckie
Attendees: Ann Mitchell (AM), Alison Durno (AD), Christine Allan (CA), Treasurer - Daska Murray (DM), Co-chair Neilian Toms (NT), Secretary - Sharon Innes (SI), Richard Simpson Co Chair (RS), Cllr. Sonya Warren (SW), Associate Member George Dawson (GD)
Apologies: CCLO Debra Duke (DD), Associate Member Pringle George (PG)
Public present: Meghan Skene (MS), Holly Mayne-Garrow (HMG) and Jessica Slater (JS) from Linzee Gordon Park, Aleisha Forbes (AF) on behalf of concerned parents regarding High St crossing, Regan Parsons (RP) from P&J newspaper

Minutes of Meeting

Agenda Item	Discussed	Follow up / Action by
1. Welcome, Apologies and Introductions	All attendees were welcomed, apologies noted and introductions made. NT and RS chaired the meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One formal apology: Deborah Duke (unable to attend due to a sick child). • Ongoing issue: RI has not returned group laptops despite repeated requests 	
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 DM and AM	
Visitors/ guest Speakers	AF brought her concerns about pedestrians getting across High St from residential housing to Millbank School. Traffic is extremely busy, often at excessive speeds and visibility can be restricted depending on parking in the area <p>Key Problems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heavy traffic near park and school. • Difficulty crossing road safely. • Speeding vehicles (often above 30 mph). • Increased congestion due to park popularity. <p>Suggested Solutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pedestrian crossing or traffic island. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce speed limit to 20 mph. • Build pavements out or improve crossing points. • Submit formal case to council with evidence. <p>RS proposed we schedule another sit down with concerned parents to brainstorm ideas which may help. Date to be confirmed. Post meeting this is proposed for Tuesday 28th April 2026, 6.30pm at Ace Winches Suite, Buckie Thistle FC, Buckie</p>	
4. Open Business from last meeting	<p>Portgordon School Bus Cancellation No response from email submitted on 11th March 2026 to Timothy Mackay. BDCC to contact DD regarding lack of response to us from MC.</p> <p>Protest Walk from Portgordon to School and return was held Monday 13th April 2026. It was well documented and will be highlighted in the press.</p> <p>An Adult and Child petition have been done and interested parties need to create a large presence on 6th May to submit these petitions to Karen Greaves for submission to Full Council for consideration. Suggested to link with Craigellachie and Lossiemouth who are in the same situation, to make the biggest impact.</p> <p>It is noted here that MC do not own the bridge which is included in the safe walking route. There is maintenance scheduled for the bridge by MC. However this is not their precedence to carry out work if they do not own it.</p> <p>SI to make contact with Portgordon Parents regarding meeting on Tuesday 21st April 6.30pm at Ace Winches Suite, Buckie to discuss further with more time. (Confirmed post meeting)</p>	<p>SI & NT</p> <p>SI</p>
5. New Business	<p>BDCC members encouraged to respond via email quickly, due to deadline on Moray Engage RE Moray 10 Year tourism plan. Looking for opinions highlighting our wish to be involved in the future of our town.</p> <p>RS to attend LDP meeting on Thursday 16th April 2026, members to submit their comments, questions or observations for consideration at this meeting as soon as possible.</p> <p>The Roundabouts at entrance to Buckie and Buckpool are looking messy and not a nice entrance to the town. It was suggested that BDCC take on these areas similar to those in</p>	<p>ALL</p>

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	<p>Findochty and Portknockie. SW updated that Mark Apperton has confirmed MC have adopted all roundabouts in Buckie. The signage on the Buckie entrance/Tesco roundabout is paid for by Stewart and Watson to an Inverness company (unknown) who manage the signage. SI to speak to Stewart & Watson regarding the current set up.</p> <p>RS floated his idea of a “Community Appreciation Awards”. This is to highlight the good that happens in our community. It was suggested not to make the awards a popularity contest but rather a way of highlighting individuals or groups in the area and what they achieve. It was suggested possibly making it a daytime event in the square, outdoor/sheltered event at Buckie Thistle Football Ground or a formal dinner night at Fishermens Hall but further discussing will be required.</p> <p>GD raised a concern over the condition of James St, Buckie surface. BDCC to check the Maintenance list on MC website before providing update. This document should allow us to have better understanding for future complaints whether work is scheduled or not.</p> <p>Annual Works Programme - Moray Council</p>	SI
6.Sub-committee report and plans	<p>Linzee Gordon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project nearing completion but not fully finished. • Overall positive community feedback, especially high usage during Easter. • Remaining funds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ £400 in account ○ Additional funding pending (e.g. Tesco tokens £1500, possible £500 grant from Co-op). • Possible next investment: football goals (based on community consultation). <p>Issues Identified</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bins overflowing due to high usage → request for larger bins submitted. • Anti-social behaviour: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Drinking, drugs, rough behaviour ○ Broken glass and vandalism ○ Police now asked to increase patrols • Advice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Report via council system. ○ Call police (999 in serious situations). • Dogs in park causing safety concerns for children. 	SW

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incomplete works: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fencing unfinished ○ Ground uneven / needs grassing ○ Contractor delays <p>Parking Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cars parking dangerously near junctions and entrances. • Residents frustrated by blocked access. • Ideas discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Allow controlled parking on grass (with barriers first). ○ Install signage. ○ Consider yellow lines (enforcement uncertain). <p>Bairns Bank The group would like access to a petty cash so they can purchase items immediately if required rather than having to wait for DM to approve small purchases. It was suggested a lockable cash tin with £50. An alternative which may be a better option (DM to confirm with bank) is for the BB money to in a separate account with a card. All receipts will still come to DM to keep the books accurate.</p> <p>The group needs to actively find new premises with less time restrictions or damp issues.</p>	
7. Members Community engagement and feedback	We ran out of time so none of these issues were discussed.	
8. Reports from local group activity and initiatives	No time to discuss at length. SI to share her list of groups, clubs and charities which are active within the area. We will use this to start engaging with more people as the year progresses.	SI
9. Community Councillors feedback	No official updates. SW updated group as issues arose during the meeting.	
10. A.O.B	No time to discuss	
11. Correspondence to note. Treasury update	DM issued report detailing the balances of the account. Report was not discussed due to time but we will record the bank statement reconciliation balance for reference £139,898.56	
Date and Venue of Next Meeting	Tuesday 12 th May 2026 at 6.30pm at Buckie Thistle Ace Winches suite	

Community Council meeting closed at 20:50 hrs