

MINUTES OF MEETING

An online meeting was held for Buckie and District Community Council on 9 June, 2020

In attendance: Kevin McKay (Chair), John Stuart (Secretary), Alison Durno, Beverley Wood (Minutes)

Councillors: Sonya Warren, Gordon Cowie, Tim Eagle

Apologies: Morag Stewart, Christine Allan, Ann Mitchell, Paul Whibley

No police in attendance for an update.

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Kevin would like to get meetings running regularly again. In the meantime, any decisions to be emailed round for members to take a vote on actions. need to contact the police to get them involved again, Mike McKenzie is contact name. Minutes of meetings will be put on Community Council website soon.

Two new laptops have been purchased for secretary and minute secretary. John will work on old one to get it going again for other members to use for online meetings.

SSE – £3000 left from fund for Coronavirus pandemic.

a micro grant was requested for a school so that end of term hoodies can be purchased for p7 pupils, normally they would do lots of fundraising but because of Covid has not been possible this year, agreed to this request. Another request from a school is for contactless hand sanitisers (20) to be purchased for every class and other areas in a school, decision delayed for this until checks are made with council as to what will be available from education budget decide at next meeting. Tim to email Karen at Moray Council. see decision making sheets.

Town Centre Regeneration – Tim spoke to Sarah Campbell at council re new playpark equipment, have to wait for different phases for work to begin. Kevin not happy that he has not received any correspondence from council for his request for bus shelter brick up and playpark. He also has not heard any word about short term parking on one side of the road on main streets. (people are queuing to get into shops and not handy with the 2m distancing for spread of the virus). Hoping that Phase 2 will be entered into soon and more shops opening up.

Sonya suggested any funding be used to make a pavement up beside Inchgower Distillery because loads of people out walking at present and it is dangerous that they are on the road.

Buckie Kindness Group – John gave a summary of work they are doing to help vulnerable people, Kevin asked if more people can be helped due to a lot of redundancies happening at moment. John has referral form for people to complete to get from the group. They are also working alongside Buckie Salvation Army who give food parcels to anyone who asks. BKG can make referrals to Moray Food Plus for people after they have helped them more than 3 times.

Suggestions to put more information about help offered and at notice board in square, key is at library just now and it is closed, so need to find the other key or get one cut.

Kevin concluded the meeting by acknowledging that Covid 19 has giving us an exception. BKG was originally set up to spread acts of kindness and to stop isolation and has landed up doing some great work, will be applying for charity status.

Next meeting to be arranged when there is something of importance to be discussed