Minutes of meeting of Buckie and District CC

Date: Tuesday 21.03.2023

Time: 1900 hrs

Venue: Ace winches Buckie Thistle

Chair: Allan Paterson (AP)

Attendees: Christine Allan (CA) Alison Durno (AD) Ann Mitchell (AM) Beverley

Wood (BW)

Councillors: Sonya Warren

Apologies: Stephanie Lindsay (SL) Cllr John Stuart (JS)

Not present: Ross Ingram (RI) Cllr Neil Mclennan (NM)

1. Welcome and apologies - recorded as above.

- **2. Previous minutes –** need amended before approval.
- **3. Matters arising not included in the agenda –** see below.
- **4. Co-option** successful co-option of Ailsa Foulds and Mandy Walker took place.
- **5. Community feedback** AM brought to our attention concerns regards Main Street as noted at last meeting. Also concerns with vermin query from dilapidated building in Main street? old joinery building. **AP to follow up** and await response from MC. AM raised community concerns re dropped kerbs in Buckie.

AP informed group re the local "bird lane" at Slochy and conflicting pros and cons re surrounding grassy areas and mowing. Community Council doodle pool to be set up on FB to gauge community feeling. **AD to action.**

AP brought up Buckies Roots concern re lack of water supply to square as Cllr Warren present.

CA raised on behalf of community member, issue with parking area/potholes causing damage to vehicles at St Andrews Square (hairdresser/barber side. Been brought up before. (**DD** to assist with actioning).

CA queried from Buckie LOIP consultation concerns about parking in town and enforcement. (see below response from SW).

AP reported flooding at Drybridge (near Hilton cottages) had been dealt with promptly by MC on request.

6. Councillor feedback – SW in response to parking issues/enforcement, police are policing presently, high quality CCTV cameras are being installed but C/O budget over spend it is unlikely traffic wardens will be replaced. SW informed group about problems she has had with issues regards the same area at St Andrews square. She explained the pavement around is maintained by MC but not parking area.

She also informed us of the online MC Report it service and Contact us Police Scotland, and the need to report occurring issues as and when they happen. High school issues re vermin, pupil concerns re vaping and behaviour. Swimming pool renovations on hold. We all concluded that most young persons are well behaved and a real asset to the community.

A discussion around Fit-life cards and the importance of applying for membership locally.

JS by email the 3 councillors have written to MC officers re maintenance of BCHS following storm damage. He is also unsure on the process of the new High School at present.

- **7. Cost of living** SA continue a weekly Wednesday warm hub, with increasing numbers of attendees. Community warm hub East Church street has increased opening hours now Wed and Sat am. Successful grants obtained. CH have funding to remain open until Dec. Discussion took place re Portessie meeting about CofL and northeast oil industry and Just Transition. Discussion took place re transferable renewable jobs and carbon capture.
- **8. Guest speaker –** TBA for next meeting.

9. Treasures report – CA informed group that Area Forums have lost all funding from MC.

Administration Account £18046.79 (including £9317.14 for Resilience funding).

SSE micro grant £343.97 members encouraged to recommend any suitable groups that may benefit from £250.

Own CC fund £1357.00. Further discussion took place round sponsorship of items for school children.

Group asked if they were happy for travelling expenses to be awarded to members attending meetings out with area. This was agreed.

CC advised that Locality network had applied for funding from Buckie Common Good Fund and if successful, we were happy to hold money if required for Active start practitioner. (Await outcome). Also we are open to hold finances for Youth space project if required. Await contact from Fiona Herd.

- **10. Resilience planning** (you are more knowledgeable).
- **11 (a). CC subgroups** CA JCC no meeting since last CC. Next meeting to be in person.

SSE BOWL AM further round of funding will be available.

LOIP CA Group asked if willing to take the lead on Priority 2.2 Walking wheeling and cycling paths. This was agreed. Group updated on the plans progression to date and the EOI on Buckie Access building for potential Community Hub. Community Lunches continue next 27.03.2023 in Fishermen's hall. All welcome.

M4M CA informed CC that previous JT PB money was dispensed to groups throughout Moray. Ongoing evaluation of PB process is taking place. It has been confirmed that further JTPB funding will be available for this year.

Buckie Harbour advisory group AD informed us next meeting due soon. **AD** to attend.

MorayTransport Forum Group CA meeting held online 09.03.2023 Nicola Moss discussed the Bus revolution project in relation to Buckie, due to start 02.05.2023. Next meeting 11.04.2023, venue TBC.

11.(b). CC Initiatives - AP informed group we were unsuccessful in progressing website development. Decision made to contact local Web site designers or online Fiverr to design suitable web site. **AP and AD to progress.**

FB page to become active again to keep our community updated on our progress meantime. **AD to action.**

Notice board in Cluny square to be updated for community members not online. **All members to action.**

!2. Planning Applications CA commented that no weekly planning regulations have been forwarded for a few weeks now. (**DD to action**).

Anaerobic digestion plant at Rathven Alan I canna mind what was all said here.

- **13.** Correspondence Covered in earlier minutes.
- **!4. AOCB** CA MC Active Travel update on PB project regards cycle shelters, suitable sites, bike stands and tool/repair stations for Buckie area. There was 32 returns and 13 proposed sites forwarded to vote. **CA to keep group updated** (Needs to be added to future agendas).

Discussion took place re walking paths. Fish wives way regards access issues at Drybridge by landowner and unsafe bridge at Mill of Buckie crossing burn.

Moray Town centre summit meeting to take place 04.05.2023 ETH.

15. Meeting closed 21.15hrs. AP thanked all for their input.

Date and time of next meeting Ace Winches. 18.04.23 at 1900hrs.