

Buckie and District Community Council

Date: 21st November 2023
 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), Ross Ingram (RI), Cllr. Sonya Warren (SW)
 Apologies: None

Minutes of Meeting

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Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AM confirmed that there is no SSE funding remaining. • CA enquired about the formalities of appointing DM as secretary. AP sought advice on the process after the last meeting and awaits a response from Debra Duke. Additionally, the status of paperwork from the previous secretary remains unknown. 	
Community Police Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The report was circulated by email prior to the meeting. 	
Community Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RI noted the need for street lighting in Mains of Buckie. • AM advised that Environmental Health contacted the owner and building inspector in relation to the derelict building/rodent problem. Environmental Health refused to enter due to the condition and AM is waiting to hear from them. However, the building is being cleared out and the owner has plans for it. • AD noted concerns from residents about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Street light maintenance - SW explained that for resource and cost reasons the policy is now to wait until a cluster need repair but encouraged to report online. Also relating to street lighting, AD added that there is a safety concern with the poor visibility at zebra crossings. CA will contact Mark Atherton to raise these concerns. ○ Drain blockages, particularly following heavy rain across the town. SW advised the gully cleaning service reduction is likely to be the reason but she has raised this and highlighted the impact of the lack of drainage at the cemetery. There was a discussion as to whether it was worthwhile reporting this given the lack of response to the Community Council's correspondence. SW stressed the importance of reporting problems and providing feedback to inform the local development plan (via Eily Webster) and planning consultation responses. AP agreed to action. ○ Concerns about the work carried out by a contractor to the rear of Moray Reach Out including safety concerns, damage, mess and differences between the work agreed in the planning application. SW had received complaints 	<p style="text-align: center;">CA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AP</p>

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	<p>about this and advised that Estates, Lands and Open Spaces and Planning are all aware.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW advised that Merson’s park is now considered common good. There is a proposal to take on the pavilion and there was a discussion about the current grass cutting arrangements. • AP had followed up on the concern about the speed limit at Arradoul but despite repeated attempts did not receive a response until councillors were involved. A meeting is being arranged early next year to include Shelley Imlach who will represent the residents alongside other stakeholders. SW noted that a recent Committee Report suggested there was no issue with the road however accident statistics do not capture incidents such as near misses. SW had been advised that a constant monitor logs that 85% of traffic keep to the speed limit. 	
Elected Councillors Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW reported difficulty accessing nursery provision. Some local mums are arranging a petition to ask the Council to review their policy which discharges their duty if they offer a place within Moray. • SW encouraged the group to complete and promote the survey on leisure facilities including gyms, swimming pool, fit life memberships. There is another survey on the libraries and the mobile van which is at the end of its working life and expensive to run. It is now £15 million of savings to be delivered over the next two years. • AP asked about the £20million funding recently promoted in the press by Douglas Ross MP but SW clarified this was for projects based in Elgin. • Stagecoach advised SW that lack of numbers were attributed to the changes to the 38 bus service. There is still a recurring problem with the 35 not turning up/running late. There was however positive news in that it will include Seafield Circle though the date this is effective is unknown. • The harbour has been short staffed due to absence and staff turnover/changes. As a result, advisory meetings have not taken place. • Council housing rent consultation is taking place to the service is sustainable. • SW recommended promoting consultation surveys on the Facebook page. 	AD
Cost of Living – Actions being undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA provided an update on several sources of support for the Community: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tuesday larder continues at the Salvation Army where there has been an increase in uptake. Wednesday lunch has been rebranded to welcome the community over a longer period and chat/partake in crafts. In addition, there is a games night each Friday evening at cost of £2 which includes food and drinks. ○ Community hub continues to be popular and have partners attending most of the week. They have funding 	

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	<p>for at least another year. Karen Adam MSP visits on Friday.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sonas Action for Children have a wellbeing drop-in service on Thursday 3:30pm – 5.30pm at the library aimed at young people under 25s. ○ Riverside Church had a larder but CA was unsure if it is still running ○ Big Blue Bus visits Portgordon, Portessie and Findochty. ○ Citizen’s Advice Bureaux provide a service. ○ Moray Council also have a Cost of Living Hub. ○ Community Hub and Salvation Army have shopping vouchers to issue to people who are struggling so they can visit the Co-op to pick up essentials. ○ The Community Christmas Lunch (Soup and Sweet) is on 11 December – REAP will attend and provide energy efficiency advice and support. Salvation Army Christmas lunch is on 22 December. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SW advised Moray Food Plus also have a benefits advice worker who can identify benefits people are entitled to. ● AD’s school larder continues to be very busy. 	
Treasurers Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Admin grant account has £7985.56. ● Resilience account at £9317.14. ● £1000 held for Laura Russell’s locality network. She is waiting for her staff to submit claims. ● £1000 for additional support needs obtained through NHS. £3700 has received in error and the overpayment (£2700) will be returned. ● Buckie CC account £1462.10. ● There is £93 in the SSE account to be transferred to another account and closed when next banking. ● Wreath cost £34 was paid out. ● £100 cheque given to Buckie Roots has not yet been cashed. ● Hall hire costs continue. ● CA will be arranging an audit of the accounts. 	CA
Community Resilience Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AP advised no further update since previous meeting. 	
Community Council Groups & initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prior to the meeting AP circulated a website development quote along with some local examples (Cullen, Keith and Portgordon). The quote was higher than anticipated at around £3000 but it was agreed that AP should proceed. ● Barry Robertson (BR) joined the meeting. ● Money for Moray had 18 successful groups over Moray; 3 in Cullen, 2 in Findochty and Buckie Thistle got money for lighting. A small celebratory event took place at the weekend in Lhanbryde. ● LOIP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Newsletter published last month. ○ Providing £1000 to the FABDT towards website development with £2000 being provided by another source. ○ Contributing £300 towards Fishermen’s Hall to set up basic cooking skills club. 	AP

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Completing two community grant applications for a stock of clothing to help people who need it keep warm and for the mental health and well-being fund for training such as mental health, first aid, catering, lifting, PTSD and confidentiality for the area. ○ With reference to the nursery care issue and there has been talk of a petition and involvement with Laura Russell. ○ Following the dropped kerbs questionnaire identifying issues in some areas mainly in Buckpool. AM had visited the areas identified by Tracey Rae and marked this out on a map. ○ Community Support Unit have confirmed they will meet the costs of a community meeting to progress the allotments. ○ Next Community Lunch is 27 November. ○ Active Travel – Participatory budgeting project for bike shelter, tools and holders. Work has commenced on the harbour one and Cluny Square has been marked out. ● CA was unable to attend the JCC meeting last week. ● CA noted that the Moray transport meeting clashed with this meeting. ● AD stated that the harbour advisory meeting is likely to be next year. ● AD introduced and welcomed Barry Robertson (BR) of Mairs Funeral Directors and the crematorium. The company is focused on growth but he wants to offer his support to the community. BR’s predecessor had offered to contribute towards a website sponsorship banner, but no details had been agreed. AP will follow this up with BR. BR accepted the invitation to attend future community council meetings but explained due to his commitments he may arrive part way through meetings. 	AP
Planning Applications - responses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It was confirmed planning applications are being received. AP will include a response commenting on the drainage issues in Buckpool given the earlier discussion. 	AP
Correspondence to note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AP noted only two emails received to the mailbox but neither relevant to the remit of the Community Council. ● CA advised Buckie Area Tourism Network meeting taking place in Fishermen’s Hall on 24 November. ● AP advised that he was advised that although only two CCTV cameras are working, he is of the understanding that it is not permitted for the general public to be known which are functioning. ● CA asked if anyone had attended the Banffshire Flag unveiling near Struan in Cluny Square. SW advised that despite the weather it went well. ● CA asked whether anyone had visited the Fire Station following the last meeting. AP had approached asking if the Community Council could provide any support but had not received a response. CA noted the Fire Station is also a drop off point for MFR Cash for Kids on Monday evenings at 6:45pm to 9:45pm. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CA Bike and Walking Pathways Leaflet and Map was discussed. AP suggested Claire Lock (Clockstudio) who develops community maps, having produced them for Cullen website and Moray Council. SW also suggested Paths for All. CA will follow this up. 	CA
AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> James Milne Watt was identified as the owner of the bridge at Mains of Buckie. AP approached Ian Douglas, Core Path Manager who said Moray Council would not be able to provide financial support but would assist with the proposal document to evidence it is a major walkway. DM will send AP Committee Report SW highlighted as relevant to this since the path has been agreed as a priority for developer contributions to improve the connection between the new developments in Buckpool with Buckie. 	DM
Date & Venue of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16 January 2024 – 7pm Ace Winches Lounge, Victoria Park, Buckie 	

Community Council meeting closed at 21:10 hrs.

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

Sign/initial:

AP

DM

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