



STONEHAVEN AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
 7:00 to 9:30pm, 9th April 2019
 Invercarron Resource Centre, Stonehaven

1.	Welcome	
1.1	Attendance	
1.1.1	SDCC Councillors:	
	Raymond Christie (RC), Ian Hunter (IH), Paul Lindop (PL), Alistair Lawrie (AL), Fiona Tavendale (FT), Jim Morrison (JM), Mike Duncan (MD), Gerry Towler (GT), Jim Stephen (JS), Lindsey Wood (LW), Bill Watson (BW),	
1.1.2	Aberdeenshire Councillors:	
	Councillor Dickinson (Cllr D), and Councillor Agnew (Cllr A). Councillor Robertson (Cllr R),	
1.1.3	Others in Attendance:	
1.1.4	Apologies:	
	Patrick Coffield (PC), Alix Gunn (AG), Daniel Veltman (DV),	
1.1.5	Absent without Notice:	
	Councillor Wallace (Cllr Wallace), Donald A. Lawrie Morrison (DLM), Julia Lawrie (JL),	
1.2	Declarations of Interest	
	None.	
1.3	Chairperson's Statement	
	Regrettably due to work commitments, Alix Gunn is having to stand down from the Community Council. AG will continue to be involved with the Environmental Group. The Chair thanked her for her help and contributions.	
2.	Approval of Last Minutes	
	Corrections: Raymond missed off the attendees. Approval: Proposed JM , Seconded LW	
2.1	Matters Arising from Last Minutes	
2.1.1	2.1.2 - JS to bring forward costed proposal for CCTV	
	Carried forward	JS
2.1.2	2.1.4 - LW to write to Burns Memorial Garden Advisory Committee – Contemplation Tree	
	Horizon Group have been working with the groups that maintain the gardens to improve the use and engagement with the garden. Looking at deployment of QR codes to supply information, audio messages/poems etc. With regards to a tree, there are several already. Kwik-Fit have offered to provide power for tree lights. Further ideas trees are being explored and LW to be kept informed.	
2.1.3	2.1.7. Double Yellow Lines – Land Train Bay – Question at next Ward Meeting – Cllr R	
	There is no Roads Order so people cannot be fined. Lines will be replaced with a bus stance with	

	markings.	
2.1.4	2.1.8. Letter to Police & Dog Warden regarding Dog Walker Services & Safety Incidents - PL	
	Done – responses given during Police Report.	
2.1.5	2.1.9 Dog Fouling & Dog Wardens – Matter for Ward Meeting. Cllr D	
	Agenda	
2.1.6	2.1.12 – Surfers Against Sewage – Circulate Material – Amy Barclay – DV to chase	
	DV absent – roll over to May.	DV
2.1.7	2.1.13 – Analysis of the performance of the segregated bins in the Square – Mark Gracey	
	PL received response and has been shared with SDCC & Environmental group	
2.1.8	2.1.20 – 2 Minute Beach Clean – Request for information to approach insurers with - PL	
	Further information received and now part of discussion with Insurers.	PL
	Keep Scotland Beautiful campaign ongoing through April. Horizon did one earlier this month, which was well attended.	
2.1.9	5.1 - Local Development Plan (LDP) & Main Issues Report (MIR) – Submit Consultation Response	
	Response submitted.	
2.1.10	6.2 - Stonehaven Train Station Perimeter Site Visit Follow Up – Share Report When Available – Cllr D	
	Workshop summary now received. Will send to AL	Cllr D
2.1.11	6.3 - Stonehaven Station Travel Plan – Share Meeting Material - DV	
	Carried Over	DV
2.1.12	6.3 - Stonehaven Station Travel Plan – Input to Montrose Travel Plan – IH	
	First check if there is a Montrose Travel Plan and if so make appropriate comments on behalf of Stonehaven – in particular as relates to Glasgow trains which now require change at Montrose for Off-Peak services.	IH
2.1.13	6.4 – “A-Z of recycling” Information Pack to be Shared – Cllr D	
	Closed	
2.1.14	6.5 - Mental Health Consultation – Circulate Material – MD/GT	
	Agenda	
2.1.15	9.1 - Tackling Flooding Together – Circulate Material When Available – PL	
	Nothing received yet.	PL
2.1.16	9.2 – Briefing on “Post Brexit Town Centre Improvement Fund” Cllr D	
	Agenda	
3.	Police Matters	
	Report issued. Has been shared with SDCC, but question whether it goes to Elected Members. AL to include in future distributions. Will also put it on the website.	AL BW
	Slight increase in Anti-Social behaviour last month. Also thefts seen to increase – mainly shop-lifting, but no break-ins.	
	No drink/drug driving events.	
	Recent survey shows poor behaviours in 20 MPH School Zones. Increasing number of staff being trained in use of speed monitoring equipment.	
	IH raised question around the Park Smart Campaign. Council implementation will be very slow. However, proposal that SDCC and/or PTA could fund purchase of the banners.	
	Action needed to define what can be done for our local schools without waiting on the Council’s forecast	

	long roll out. SDCC to express their willingness to work with the schools and Parent Councils to make this happen. Cllr D has information to indicate that it is possible for Schools to do their own initiative. Aberdeenshire Council to confirm what schools can do.	Emma Storey
	Police & Dog Warden responded to letter issued under 2.1.4 - see Item 6.	
4.	Additional Matters from the Public	
4.1	Nothing Raised.	
5.	Planning and Development	
5.1	Planning AOB	
	Member of Public (Mr Mitch McKay) raised issues seen in press about Ury Estate. Action on MM to share with PL for investigation.	MM PL
5.2		
6.	Business Matters	
6.1	Dog Warden – Gillian Abel	
	<p>Commercial dog walkers are unregulated and unlicensed at this point. Some work to a voluntary code of code. They are required to have PLI insurance, but not sure who checks.</p> <p>Consultations ongoing following complaints on dog fouling and other incidents so likely to become regulated.</p> <p>Member of Public (Anne Marie Yardley?) who runs a dog walking business spoke and said that she would welcome Regulation. Know that England has applicable legislation, but unaware of plans in Scotland. GA said that there would be a consultation ahead of legislation.</p> <p>Aberdeenshire Council does have a reporting system. Requires certain information – e.g. name of person or vehicle registration. This can be used to modify the limited warden resource patrol times to try and catch the culprit. Only 3 wardens for whole of Aberdeenshire.</p> <p>Law covers Dog Fouling in Public Places – Civil Law. The Wardens have the ability to issue fixed penalty when fouling is witnessed. Has to be intelligence led action. Because it is Civil Law, even when someone is fined they cannot be named, hence it has limited impact when covered in press etc.</p> <p>https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/environment/animal-health/dog-fouling/</p> <p>Public Spaces Protection Order – MD raised question as to whether they applied in Scotland. GA was not aware of them.</p> <p>Question raised regarding dogs being off the lead by the side of a road – if it is a designated road then it is an offence under the Road Traffic Act. Dogs off lead are often behind owner and owner may not notice what dog is doing. It does not excuse them, but there is a limit to what can be done.</p> <p>With Police present the letter sent by SDCC as per 2.1.4 above was discussed. All companies should carry appropriate insurance to cover public liability. Some companies do tag or band their dogs when walking them – but such best practise is not uniformly adopted. All companies should have control over their dogs at all times and should pick up mess – they are subject to the same rules as individual members of the public. There is not a limit on the number of dogs that can be walked at any time – some insurers say 6, but not all. Segregation of dogs during transportation is again best practice as only regulations cover long distance livestock transport.</p>	
6.2	Community Council Election Timetable – AL	
	Nomination forms due to be issued 2-3 weeks ahead of the process starting.	
6.3	TRAK Meeting – IH	
	New rail service – webcast available on Aberdeenshire Council’s Infrastructure Services Page.	

	To now get to Glasgow in off peak hours have to go via Montrose. Montrose Station needs upgrades to accommodate the waiting traffic. Looking to get live feed of bus information into cafes in the town so as to avoid waiting outside.	
6.4	Mental Health Consultation – MD/GT	
	Working up submission and a supporting article to go into Bellman, with avenue to respond with people's experiences and thoughts on the provision of mental health services. 2 issues – risk of gathering confidential data; and secondly how to get the information. Best way would be to use Survey Monkey – Aberdeenshire Council to investigate if Survey Monkey can be accessed via the Council. Now ready to make submission for Proportional Representation.	Emma Storey MD/ GT
6.5	Environment Group	
	Finalising constitution and plans for EGM	
6.6	Feein' Market Preparation – BW	
	Working up banner design. Will be jointly with Surfers Against Sewage. Looking to work with others. Looking to get another stand next to the SDCC to be associated with the Grand Promenade fund raising. BW/JS/JM to meet and discuss.	
6.7	Town Centre Improvement Fund – Cllr D	
	Aberdeenshire Council has been allocated £3.3mm of funding. Timing restriction – delivered by March 2020. Capital Projects to improve the town. Now for towns to make their representations. Funds have to be matched. Town Centre Improvement Group met 9/4/19 to identify projects to put forward. Number of projects put forward – Improvement of the Boardwalk; Directions to Sites; Digital Infrastructure; Changing Places/Toilet Facility; etc Dianne Strachan will now take this forward through Infrastructure Services. Local Members have meeting on 23 rd April to follow up on this.	
6.8	NHS Out of Hours Service – LW	
	LW had recent experience of A&E in Aberdeen where it turned out that out of hours service in Stonehaven only opened at 22:00, not when the GP's closed. There is a consultation coming up on 25 th April about the provision of Minor Injuries Provision. Should bring this issue up at the meeting.	
6.9	Health & Social Care Consultation – MD	
	Consultation just launched on the full spectrum of Health & Social Care Services. The H&SC Partnership Team have offered to run a facilitated session for communities as part of the Consultation. Will be coming to the May Community Council Forum to discuss what's on offer. MD to make the Partnership aware that we would wish to be part of one.	
6.10	Roads – Area Committee Feedback – Cllr D	
	Number of road resurfacing projects to be kicked off around Stonehaven town centre in near term. Question raised about how projects were prioritised. Invite to Roads to attend the SDCC Meeting to be repeated.	
7.	Correspondence	
7.1		
	Nothing to Report	

8.	Future Dates and Events	
	16 th April – 19:00 – Dunnottar Woods Litter Pick.	
9.	A.O.C.B.	
10.	Date of Next Meetings	
10.1	Agenda Meeting:	
	Tuesday 7 th May 7:00pm start, Invercarron Resource Centre, Stonehaven.	
10.2	Business Meeting:	
	Tuesday 14 th May 7:00pm start, Invercarron Resource Centre, Stonehaven.	

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