



**STONEHAVEN AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**  
 7:00 to 9:30pm, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
 Invercarron Resource Centre, Stonehaven

<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
<b>1.1</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
<b>1.1.1</b>	<b>SDCC Councillors:</b>
	Raymond Christie (RC), Ian Hunter (IH), Paul Lindop (PL), Fiona Tavendale (FT), Jim Morrison (JM), Mike Duncan (MD), Gerry Towler (GT), Lindsey Wood (LW), Bill Watson (BW), Patrick Coffield (PC), Jim Stephen (JS),
<b>1.1.2</b>	<b>Aberdeenshire Councillors:</b>
	Councillor Agnew (Cllr A).
<b>1.1.3</b>	<b>Others in Attendance:</b>
	John Emslie (Citizens Advice), members of public, press
<b>1.1.4</b>	<b>Apologies:</b>
	Councillor Dickinson (Cllr D), Councillor Robertson (Cllr R), and Councillor Wallace (Cllr Wallace), Julia Lawrie (JL), Donald A. Lawrie Morrison (DLM), Alistair Lawrie (AL), Daniel Veltman (DV),
<b>1.1.5</b>	<b>Absent without Notice:</b>
<b>1.2</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>
	None.
<b>1.3</b>	<b>Chairperson's Statement</b>
	LW announced the good news that at long last she has been scheduled a kidney transplant.  With respect to the elections posters are up and forms available.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Approval of Last Minutes</b>
	<b>Corrections:</b> None requested. <b>Approval: Proposed LW , Seconded IH</b>
<b>2.1</b>	<b>Matters Arising from Last Minutes</b>
<b>2.1.1</b>	<b>2.1.1 - JS to bring forward costed proposal for CCTV</b>
	Carried forward JS
<b>2.1.2</b>	<b>2.1.6 – Surfers Against Sewage – Circulate Material – Amy Barclay – DV to chase</b>
	Carried forward DV
<b>2.1.3</b>	<b>2.1.8 – 2 Minute Beach Clean – Request for information to approach insurers with - PL</b>
	Ongoing – just about complete. Recommendation at next meeting. PL
<b>2.1.4</b>	<b>2.1.10 - Stonehaven Train Station Perimeter Site Visit Follow Up – Share Report When Available – Cllr D</b>
	CLOSED

	Now awaiting action to take place.	
<b>2.1.5</b>	<b>2.1.12 - Stonehaven Station Travel Plan – Share Meeting Material - DV</b>	
	CLOSED	
<b>2.1.6</b>	<b>2.1.12 - Stonehaven Station Travel Plan – Input to Montrose Travel Plan – IH</b>	
	IH understands that there is due to be upgrade, will pursue at Thursday's TRAK meeting.	<b>IH</b>
<b>2.1.7</b>	<b>2.1.15 - Tackling Flooding Together – Circulate Material When Available – PL</b>	
	No response – suggest drop for now.	
<b>2.1.8</b>	<b>3 – Distribution of Police Report &amp; Post on Website – AL/BW</b>	
	Feb, Mar reports posted. April version to be posted	
<b>2.1.9</b>	<b>3 – Park Smart Campaign – Confirmation of what Schools can do themselves – Emma Storey</b>	
	Carry over to June.  Probably look to PTAs to fund.	<b>ES</b>
<b>2.1.10</b>	<b>5.1 – M McKay to pass information to PL regarding Planning &amp; Ury Estate</b>	
	Received at May Business Meeting.	
<b>2.1.11</b>	<b>6.1 – Dog Fouling</b>	
	<p>Public Space Protection Orders only apply in England. In Scotland dog fouling is covered under the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003. Interestingly the PSPO's don't just make it an offence if you don't pick up after your dog, but also makes it a clear responsibility of the owner, so they cannot excuse liability by saying they did not see their dog do it. The PSPO's also give the warden powers to ask a dog owner to produce means of picking up after their dog, subject to a fixed penalty notice if they cannot.</p> <p>The current system in Aberdeenshire is heavily reliant on intervention from the public, and the SDCC feels that the Council should take more responsibility for addressing this persistent problem. For example, the Dog Warden pages on the Council website states that 'Officers routinely carry out enforcement patrols in Aberdeenshire, and any person found committing an offence is issued with a fixed penalty notice'. When the dog warden attended our April meeting, they gave no indication that they were carrying out routine patrols.</p> <p>The SDCC will write to the Stonehaven Dog Warden to request that routine enforcement patrols are carried out per their website. Ideally the dog warden would wear high viz (dog warden) PPE as a visible deterrent. Further we request that results are reported to the SDCC on a 6 monthly basis to measure the impact of patrols. Suggested to start with beach area given the limited resources available.</p> <p>In addition, the letter will also request the following information from the Dog Warden.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many patrols is the Dog Warden tasked with carrying out by the Council in a year? How many patrols were carried out in 2018 and 2019 year to date in Stonehaven and as a comparison how many were carried out in the North and Central regions in same timeframe?</li> <li>2. How many dog fouling reports were received from members of the public in 2018 and 2019 to date. How many persistent offenders were identified?</li> <li>3. How many fixed penalty notices were issued in respective years as a result</li> <li>4. How many cases for non-payment or persistent offenders were pursued in court.</li> <li>5. How many fixed penalty notices were issued in the respective regions / years as a result of dog warden patrols (as opposed to notices issued as of intervention by members of the public)?</li> </ol>	<b>MD</b>
<b>2.1.12</b>	<b>6.4 – Mental Health Consultation – Survey Monkey Access – Emma Storey</b>	
	CLOSED	
<b>2.1.13</b>	<b>6.4 -Mental health Consultation – Making Submission – MD/GT</b>	
	AGENDA	

<b>2.1.14</b>	<b>6.9 – Health &amp; Social Care Consultation – Raise with Partnership – MD</b>	
	AGENDA	
<b>2.1.15</b>	<b>6.10 – Roads – Prioritisation of Projects – Cllr R</b>	
	Carry over to June Meeting.	<b>Cllr R</b>
<b>2.1.16</b>		
<b>3.</b>	<b>Police Matters</b>	
	<p>Reviewed material from the issued report that will be posted on the S&amp;DCC website.</p> <p>LW raised issue of a car running over a number of ducks crossing the road adjacent to the Carron Chipper. Police not aware of the incident and asked for anyone with information to come forward.</p> <p>JS has raised issue with Police regarding yesterday’s vandalism of the Market Square defib box.</p> <p>PL raised matters regarding Swanley road and increased appearance of full length articulated lorries. This links to increased traffic expected from the Slug Road bridge closures.</p>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Additional Matters from the Public</b>	
<b>4.1</b>	Nothing Raised.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Planning and Development</b>	
<b>5.1</b>	<b>Ury Supermarket Update</b>	
	<p>Developer has reported that work has started on the Supermarket after Approval Received. Noted conditions around site remediation, deliveries and noise from ventilation and/or refrigeration.</p> <p>PL has asked Developer for meeting to discuss the integrated planning matters to the south of Cowie Water (Blue Lodge, Retail, Mackie Village and new service road). Have raised with Planning the continued lack of an integrated SUDS and Flood Assessment.</p> <p>Discussed with public the issue of the Link Road and why it wasn’t in place. Resolved to keep asking, but noted that, as per our LDP submission a rational debate was needed around the East Lodge access.</p>	
<b>5.2</b>	<b>Self Build - Proposals for Seminar</b>	
	<p>MD shared a note regarding the issue of unaffordable housing in Stonehaven. Too late unfortunately as part of the formal submission. MD has identified that there are members of the team involved in the Laurencekirk Self Build Project. IH has raised this issue with KDP a number of times, but notes that it keeps going onto the “back burner”.</p> <p>MD to share the digital version so that PL can circulate to Strategic Planning.</p> <p>Will be put onto June Agenda.</p>	<b>MD/ PL</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Business Matters</b>	
<b>6.1</b>	<b>Citizens Advice Bureau – John Emslie</b>	
	<p>All CABs are independent of each other – comes into play when two sides of a dispute both seek advice.</p> <p>Advice is free and confidentiality is strongest principle. Core of paid staff, but majority are volunteers.</p> <p>Stonehaven CAB has a successful history of delivering Client Financial Gain - £1.1mm (in last year)</p> <p>Just moved to new larger premises in the Old Court House.</p>	

	<p>CAB also offers out reach and home visits.</p> <p>Q&amp;A.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are things getting worse or better? Delivery of Universal Credit and Digital Access/Literacy are a common cause of concerns and knock on to use of food banks etc.</li> <li>• How bad is food bank situation? Within K&amp;M it hasn't changed dramatically. Working with FoodShare to get some of their stock into Stonehaven.</li> <li>• Interface with government? Has been successful with lobbying government.</li> <li>• How can people to access digital infrastructure who don't have it? Official line is that benefits and others are moving to on line. There are extreme examples where someone who has no digital access. CAB Outreach do help, but it is a lengthy process because of secure access to their financial details etc. New office has free wifi, so besides the Library this becomes a resource for those who don't have access.</li> </ul>	
<b>6.2</b>	<b>Light Touch Review Community Council Scheme of Establishment – PC/RC</b>	
	<p>Aberdeenshire have asked for responses by 11<sup>th</sup> June on Elections and Disciplinary Procedures.</p> <p>Proposed response outlined by PC on Disciplinary Procedures – as per PC's e-mail circulated by AL on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019.</p> <p>Issues raised regarding issue of Elections and the Council's role in that process.</p> <p>Action for SDCC to comment on PC paper by the June Agenda Meeting.</p>	<b>All</b>
<b>6.3</b>	<b>Community Council Election – Publicity – RC</b>	
	Covered	
<b>6.4</b>	<b>Finance Review 2018/19 &amp; Budget 2019/20 – PL</b>	
	Support given for the budget – formal approval to be taken at AGM.	
<b>6.5</b>	<b>Slug Road Bridge – IH</b>	
	<p>Cost for lowering the road under the bridge is forecast to be £100k. Council not prepared to fund it.</p> <p>At recent bus forum Stagecoach mentioned that they are looking at standardised stock which is lower in height.</p> <p>Suggestion to write to Stagecoach that they fund the works rather than buy new buses. To be done through TRAK.</p>	<b>IH</b>
<b>6.6</b>	<b>Mental Health Consultation – MD/GT</b>	
	<p><b>Community Survey</b></p> <p>Survey Monkey survey was launched on 10<sup>th</sup> April. To date 102 completed responses have been received although well over 500 residents have viewed the survey.</p> <p>There is an item on the SDCC homepage with a link to the survey. An article was also posted on the Bellman news site with a link and all 16 elected members (from wards 16, 17, 18 &amp; 19) have been asked if they would post on their Facebook pages. The response has been disappointing to date, with only 6 Councillors replying and offering to support, It is possible that they may have regarded the survey as outside their area, but the same third sector service provider supports all of Kincardine &amp; Mearns, so the feedback would have been useful.</p> <p>The Survey consists of 10 questions and a free text option at the end to provide any information that the</p>	

survey didn't encompass. Main findings as follows:

- I'm aware of mental health services in Stonehaven – 75% No / Not Sure
- Is information available on services – 80% No / Not Sure
- Are mental health services readily available - 92% No / Not Sure
- I'd know where to go for help – 63% Yes
- Where did respondents first receive help – 74% GP; 25% Pillar, 5% SAMH
- I got support straight away – 65% No / Waiting list
- Was support effective – 63% Yes
- Scoring of services – Excellent 0%; Good 14%, Adequate 12%; Need improvement 36%; Don't know 37%

The free text option, highlighted the following:

- Lack of access to services, delays in obtaining support
- Poor signposting / availability of information on who, where and what is available
- Lack of children services
- Closure of beds / units at Stracathro and Cornhill
- Many respondents commented that GP's reliance on prescribing anti-depressants and a lack of knowledge of referral options
- Strong support for the work that Pillar does in the community.

Representatives from the SDCC met with Pete Matthews (AHP Strategy Manager) and Laura Thom (Aberdeenshire South Community Health Manager) on 2<sup>nd</sup> May to discuss Consultation response findings and an update on the initial findings from the survey.

PM confirmed they had taken on board our consultation findings – will have to wait until the draft strategy (for 2019 – 2024) is published – early June – to see the extent to which they have done this. The strategy will go to the Integrated Joint Board (Council & NHS Grampian) in June for approval, which Cllr Robertson sits on.

The strategy has identified a number of key priorities – access, fit for purpose person centred care, early intervention/prevention and community engagement. Re the latter, we proposed that the SDCC could add value as the link partner between Health Partnership and community.

We made them aware of our intentions to submit a Participatory Request and desire to play an active role in this issue going forward.

Laura Thom identified that the farming community in general were susceptible to mental illness and/or isolation and requested that we should explore this avenue. Contact has been made with the farming community and details will be forwarded to AHSCP.

#### **Health & Social Care Alliance Workshop**

Representatives from the SDCC attended a workshop on 30<sup>th</sup> April facilitated by the Health & Social Care Alliance (a ScotGov funded organisation), which is compiling a report for NHS Grampian on the provision of mental health services in Aberdeenshire. Feedback at the event, attended by residents across south Aberdeenshire, was similar to that captured in our survey.

Further enquiries are to be completed with regards to the services provided by "The Haven" who offer private activities such as Yoga, Meditation & Mindful therapies in an endeavour to assist with the prevention of mental illness.

Community Council Forum on 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Health and Social Care Strategic Plan will be on the agenda,

	<p>which is separate to the above and is to be covered at 6.8 below. RC is not able to go, but MD can. CCF is going ahead in spite of the fact that everyone is up for election the following month.</p> <p><b>SDCC Mental Health Participation Request</b></p> <p>Submitted 10<sup>th</sup> May. Awaiting response from Council and next steps in process – presumably a meeting to discuss way forward.</p>	
<b>6.7</b>	<b>Feein' Market Preparation – BW</b>	
	<p>BW checked that there was sufficient support to proceed. Low volunteers.</p> <p>Recognised need to raise the profile. JM has been surveying local businesses and groups to see if there is anything they want to publicise via the stand. General feedback is that we aren't known about and we need constructive approach to wider engagement. Agreed to cancel Feein' and focus efforts on Harbour Festival in August</p> <p>Need a plan from Comms Group to raise profile. Also to include e-mail addresses that works for incoming and outgoing e-mails.</p>	<b>Comm Group</b>
<b>6.8</b>	<b>Health &amp; Social Care Consultation – MD</b>	
	<p><b><u>System Wide Health Update</u></b></p> <p><b>Health &amp; Social Care Consultation</b></p> <p>A representative from the SDCC attended a workshop organised by Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action on 13<sup>th</sup> May at the Edenholme Centre. The workshop was organised as part of Aberdeenshire Health Partnership's ongoing System Wide consultation – the findings of which will help refresh its strategy for the next 5 years. In addition to residents at the Edenholme, David Dobbie from Stonehaven Patient Participation Group was also there.</p> <p>The discussions focused on 3 of the Health partnership's identified priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevention &amp; Early Intervention</li> <li>• Reshaping Care</li> <li>• Effective Use of Resources</li> </ul> <p>SDCC has requested that the Aberdeenshire Health Partnership Strategy manager, Wendy Probert contacts the SDCC to discuss running a workshop for the wider Stonehaven community.</p>	
<b>6.9</b>	<b>Greener Kincardine &amp; Mearns – IH</b>	
	<p>Now a constituted group.</p> <p>Attended by Claudia Cowie - Team Leader – Sustainability and Climate Change.</p> <p>Minutes of meeting to be published on Website.</p>	<b>IH/ BW</b>
<b>6.10</b>		
<b>7.</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
<b>7.1</b>		
	Nothing to Report	

<b>8.</b>	<b>Future Dates and Events</b>	
<b>9.</b>	<b>A.O.C.B.</b>	
<b>9.1</b>	<b>Blue Room at Community Centre</b>	
	Condition of room has not improved since issues raised last couple of years. Will get it on to the June Agenda.	
<b>9.2</b>	<b>Roads</b>	
	Trying again to get a meeting with Ewan Smith and ideally attend the SDCC Business Meeting – in part to discuss the prioritisation of remedial road works.	<b>JS/ MD</b>
<b>9.3</b>	<b>eHealth Consultation</b>	
	Medical Practice proposing another public meeting – suggesting third week June. Would be for SDCC to book Town Hall. Availability of TH unlikely so RC to suggest September is more doable.	<b>RC</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Date of Next Meetings</b>	
<b>10.1</b>	<b>Agenda Meeting:</b>	
	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 7:00pm start, Invercarron Resource Centre, Stonehaven.	
<b>10.2</b>	<b>AGM &amp; Business Meeting:</b>	
	AGM - Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 7:00pm start, Invercarron Resource Centre, Stonehaven. Business Meeting - Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 7:30pm start, Invercarron Resource Centre, Stonehaven. Self Build	