



STONEHAVEN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
 7 – 9 pm, 14th December 2021
 Hybrid Meeting, Stonehaven

Present
<p>Community Council Members: Dawn Black (DB), Raymond Christie (RC), Paddy Coffield (PC), Mike Duncan (MD), Janine Esson (JE), Ian Hunter (IH), David Lawman, <i>Treasurer</i> (DL), Donald A. Lawrie Morrison, <i>Vice-Chairperson</i> (DLM), Steve McQueen (SMcQ), Keith Simpson, <i>Planning Secretary</i> (KS), Jim Stephen (JS), Fiona Tavendale (FT), Gerry Towler (GT), Daniel Veltman (DV) and Bill Watson, <i>Chair</i> (BW).</p> <p>Aberdeenshire Council Elected Members: Councillor Wendy Agnew (Cllr A), and Councillor Dennis Robertson (Cllr R).</p>
In Attendance
Marc Camus (Police Scotland), Douglas Samways (Wynne Edwards Award) and Emma Storey (Aberdeenshire Council).

1	Chairperson’s Welcome – BW	Action
	BW opened the meeting, welcoming members of the community council, meeting attendees and the public.	
2	Apologies	
	<p>Community Councillors: Alistair Lawrie (arrived later) and Lyndsey Wood</p> <p>Elected Members: Councilor Sarah Dickinson</p>	
3	Declarations of Interest	
	PC – noted would not be participating in agenda item 5 (item 6.1 in minutes).	
4	Recording the Meeting - KS	
	<p>Motion Are meeting participants happy to be recorded during this business meeting for minute taking purposes only and once minutes agreed that recording to be deleted? Proposed by KS and seconded by BW. Result – Agreed.</p>	
5	Last Minute	
5.1	Amendments & Approval of the Last Minutes	
	<p>Amendments: Item 6.3, Dunnottar Visitor Centre – the sale of land will raise the money</p>	

	<p>required for the development and it was noted by the presenter that they had to have be housing development to proceed with the development proposed. Item 6.8, Mental Health Participatory Request – unhappy with expression ‘had enormous benefits for the community concerned’, to be removed. Item 6.11, Sale of Allardice Street – Motion unanimously carried.</p> <p>ACTION – DB to email AL and BW with substitute wording for the correction of item 6.3 of November’s minute.</p> <p>ACTION – PC to email AL and BW with words to be added to item 6.3 of November’s minute.</p> <p>ACTION – IH to email AL and BW with words to be added to items 6.3 and 6.11 of November’s minute.</p> <p>ACTION – Cllr R/MD to discuss and an email AL and BW with words to be removed/added from/to item 6.8 of November’s minute.</p> <p>Corrections: In Attendance – Daniel Harrington (THE), Michael Fotheringham (Fotheringham Homes)</p> <p>5.1 ACTION – members to email AL and BW with any recollection of this.</p> <p>5.2 George Reid would send AL information regarding kit.</p> <p>ACTION – DB to email AL and BW with recollection of this.</p> <p>Approval: Proposed by PC and seconded by GT.</p>	<p>DB/AL/BW</p> <p>PC/AL/BW</p> <p>IH/AL/BW</p> <p>Cllr R/MD/AL/BW</p> <p>AL and BW</p> <p>DB/AL/BW</p>
5.2	Matters Arising from the Last Minute	
5.2.1	Dunnottar Park – Cllr A ACTION – ongoing.	Cllr A
5.2.2	Bicycle Repair Stand – AL ACTION – DB to return item to SDCC upon action from STCIP.	DB
5.2.3	<p>Proposed Asset Transfer at Forest Drive, by Forest Drive Residents and the Mackie Former Pupils Rugby Club</p> <p>The Area Manager has attended meetings with both groups. The SDCC would like to see both groups catered for.</p> <p>Motion SDCC writes to both groups stating that both will be catered for, informing them what is happening. Proposed by JS and seconded by IH</p> <p>Result –</p> <p>ACTION – ongoing meetings with Area Manager ACTION – Cllr R to facilitate meeting with Area Manager. ACTION – AL to top and tail the letters.</p>	<p>BW Cllr R AL</p>
5.2.4	Traffic Management Review – DB Closed until February. Possible delay due to storms Arwen and Barra.	

	<p>ACTION – DB to bring item back to SDCC once reviewed.</p> <p>ACTION – Cllr R to provide timeframe clarification, if possible.</p>	
5.2.5	<p>Sale of Council Office, Allardice Street – IH</p> <p>Cllr R noted that Cllr D had sent SDCC information on where things were at here. Notes of interest have closed but SDCC could have done so but without this having happened it may be too late. The Council are looking at potential bidders.</p> <p>Concern was noted over the issue of loneliness and the need for a community building. It was further noted that around two thirds of doctor appointments locally are to do with mental health but the town doesn't have a mental health support centre.</p> <p>SDCC were informed it by the Council it was outwith their remit, as a community council, to make a submission but other community groups could. Short notice made this very difficult to organise. The community were not given adequate time or engagement from the Council to prepare documents for a community asset transfer. A lack of forward planning is a consistent criticism of Aberdeenshire Council and the Health and Social Care Partnership and SDCC would seek to see how this can improve. To see a 'vision' from the Council would help facilitate this and for it to be communicated to the community.</p> <p>ACTION – Cllr R to report this to their meeting and to feedback to SDCC.</p>	Cllr R
5.2.6	<p>Keep Scotland Beautiful Bid – PC</p> <p>Application was unsuccessful but the project remains alive and will be taken to the Kincardine and Mearns group.</p> <p>ACTION – bring back item when there is an update.</p>	MD
5.2.7	<p>Nippy Dip – JS</p> <p>ACTION – JS to notify the community on social media that this event has been cancelled.</p>	JS
5.2.8	<p>Mackie Academy Campus – Cllrs</p> <p>Cllr A no update yet. There will be a consultation.</p> <p>Cllr R noted it's at scoping stage. Adding that the schools were part of the discussion at the beginning.</p> <p>Motion</p> <p>SDCC communicates actively with the schools, parent councils/PTAs to gather feedback, asking if they would like to speak at an SDCC meeting. Proposed by JS and seconded by DL.</p> <p>Result – agreed.</p> <p>ACTION – Cllrs to engage with SDCC with timetable at early stage.</p> <p>ACTION – put matter on January's agenda.</p> <p>ACTION – DB/AL to compose letter as per Motion.</p>	Cllrs BW DB/AL
5.2.9	Invercarron Resource Centre – Aberdeenshire Councilors	

	<p>Cllr A got a reply from the cabinet secretary noting it was not a statutory requirement to provide a vaccination centre. The funding provided by the Health and Social Care Partnership needs to be used by the end of this financial year but it can be used for purposes wider than securing premises, it can be used for expanding or refurbishing premises. Cllr A adds this would suggest there is money available to add an annex to the Forest View Centre. It was noted a variety of other services would also be removed from GP service but where they are going is not yet known.</p> <p>Cllr R informed the meeting about a communication from Shona Strachan, the interim Manager for the Health and Social Care Partnership. Another meeting is to be set. The Director for Public Health Scotland will be invited to attend this meeting. The meeting will look into what alternatives have been made to the support groups previously housed in the centre.</p> <p>Motion SDCC supports Cllr A's proposal for the vaccination centre to be moved to an extended Forest View centre in place of the Invercarron Resource Centre. Proposed by IH and seconded by JS. Result – agreed.</p> <p>ACTION – ongoing.</p>	<p>BW</p>
6	Business Matters	
6.1	Presentation: Police Report – Marc Camus (MC)	
	<p>A copy of the police report had been circulated around members prior to the meeting. MC summarised its contents for the meeting. MC noted a slight decrease in the number of anti-social behavior calls for the last month; 41 calls, 17 youth specific. There were 11 assault crime reports in November which is an increased against the previous month; no serious assaults were reported. No thefts and no commercial break-ins reported. No drivers were found to be under the influence of drink or drugs last month and no reports of careless or dangerous driving. There has been one drug warrant search undertaken in Stonehaven which was positive and has been referred to the Procurator Fiscal. Extra care to be taken when travelling in winter, from checking in with the weather at the MET office to telling someone your intended route, allowing extra time for your journey, packing food with you, winter tyres, blankets, warning signs, ice scrapers, shovels and warm clothes. Garden security ideas shared such as gravel, prickly shrubs beneath windows, vertical fencing, solar powered lighting around the house a part of a home security initiative.</p>	
6.2	Presentation: Wynne Edwards Award – Douglas Samways (DS)	
	<p>Wynne Edwards was a proud Welshman and resident of Stonehaven and member of Stonehaven Town Partnership. Wynne sadly died a few years ago unexpectedly and it was thought by a number of people who knew him that setting up the Wynne Edwards Award would be a way to keep his memory alive and continuing his work in the community. Wynne helped organise projects like the regeneration of the caravan park, the all-weather</p>	

pitch, including far-reaching ideas for developing Stonehavens beach and harbour areas. He was also very keen on sustainably gained power, including having the idea for Stonehaven to produce its own electricity, enough to power most of the town, including suggesting to the Council to renew the Town Hall's boilers with biomass fuel but this was not undertaken. STP seeks to establish this award in his name. There will be two awards annually open to school pupils in Stonehaven and surrounding areas irrespective of academic achievement. One award for a pupil of Mackie Academy and one award for a pupil of the cluster primary schools in the area including Carronhill. People are asked to come up with innovative ideas that benefit the area of Stonehaven and area sustainable. Ideas may focus in areas such as science, technology, welfare, disability, equality, architecture, business, commercial and the environment. Participants would have from January until March each year to come up with ideas for presentation to the Chair of STP. Presentations need not be more than one side of A4, including a brief description of the innovation, how it might operate, who would benefit and its sustainability. The Mackie Academy award would be evaluated using the same process SDCC uses for the Hannah Dyson Award to avoid duplication of effort. It is proposed Wynne's wife Trish and a representative of STP would be involved in the evaluation process. A similar system would be developed for the primary school cluster award, with a representative from the Stonehaven primary schools, from Carronhill School, from the rest of the primary school cluster, from STP and Trish, Wynne's wife. STP is asking SDCC to piggyback the Hannah Dyson Award. This information has been given to the primary schools and Mackie Academy who thought it was a good idea asking for it to be widened to schools within the Stonehaven area.

Motion

STP seeking SDCC support in this and participation in the running of the awards as part of the Hannah Dyson Award, alongside a representative from STP and Wynne's wife Trish.

Proposed by JS and seconded by BW.

Result – agreed.

Questions

Funding? DS noted there would be no real cost to SDCC as the award would be a certificate unless SDCC wanted to back the award financially.

It was noted it would be a shame to award Hannah Dyson recipients with a small financial award but not for the Wynne Edwards Award.

Motion

SDCC to provide half the monies for this award alongside STP as a small financial rewards for the winners of the Wynne Edwards Awards, in line with the recipients of the Hannah Dyson Award. (Subject to STP approval.)

Proposed by DL and seconded by JS

Result – this would come back to the community council for further discussion, BW.

	<p><i>Timing of Award?</i> DS noted that submission for the award would be made at the end of March to the STP.</p> <p><i>Doing something with the ideas submitted?</i> DS noted it is a paper exercise but it might be possible for an excellent idea to turn into reality. It was noted that ideas submitted could be publicised around community groups to see if viable to take forward.</p> <p>ACTION – DS to ask STP to match what SDCC provide financially towards the Wynne Edwards Award, for the Hannah Dyson Award.</p> <p>ACTION – BW to circulate a copy of DS’s presentation to members. . AL issued previously.</p>	<p>DS</p> <p>BW</p>
<p>6.3</p>	<p>Resilience/Emergency in Response to Storm Arwen - DB</p>	
	<p>Many in the affected areas were vulnerable and required assistance but little arrived in the immediate aftermath. SSEN and the supply company were fighting as to who was responsible for issues. Mixed messages as to when the power would be turned on again. Council lines were set up too late, should have happened immediately. SDCC needs to lead in these matters with the Council. Stonehaven needs a resilience plan noting actions and places that people can use if required, such as the community centre or leisure centre. There needs to be a plan and a coordinated approach.</p> <p>After 2009 flood the community was ignored and keys were not available during that emergency to access community buildings.</p> <p>Doubt as to whether SDCC has resources to undertake this, but it should get involved perhaps not as lead. It was noted that the electricity companies need to have a plan themselves. The Council has said they do have a plan in place but resources were spread in other areas of the Shire. Emma Storey noted that the Council was let down by the information they were provided at the time by the energy companies but it notes they can do better and would be keen to work up a better resilience plan with the community which could be publicised by the SDCC. The Council will be organising a meeting in the new year at which the community will be invited.</p> <p>Cllr R noted that Aberdeenshire Council have an ongoing enquiry into this matter which will be made public.</p> <p>A known go-to site in the town should be identified for community to use in these circumstances that is equipped suitably. It was noted how wonderfully the community came together to help each other out during this Storm and its aftermath.</p> <p>ACTION – Create links with other community groups</p> <p>ACTION – SDCC speaks with Area Manager on this</p> <p>ACTION – DB to write on social media to let community know what the next steps are</p>	<p>DB</p> <p>JE</p>

6.4	Dunnottar Visitor Centre - BW	
	<p>Pre application consultation and it will come to full consultation at which SDCC may provide comment.</p> <p>A letter was sent to SDCC on this topic, from Ivor Palme which raised issues <u>Mr Palmer felt</u> had not been adequately discussed during the developer's presentation, a copy of which was sent around members. It raised issues that had not been adequately discussed at the previous business meeting and that SDCC might ask further questions to the applicant.</p> <p>ACTION – AL invite Mr Palmer along to a future meeting when this will be considered further as a formal planning application.</p>	AL
6.5	Return to Hybrid Meetings - BW	
	<p>Peak in Covid at the moment with the expectations things will tail down by Springtime. Hybrid meetings have encouraged a good attendance and may be the way to go for the future. Aberdeenshire Council provided advice on hybrid meetings which will include risk assessments as Covid develops.</p> <p>DL has produced a first draft and will work alongside AL and Cllr R.</p> <p>ACTION - Cllr R to share latest advice ACTION – add to January agenda</p>	Cllr R BW
6.6	SDCC Planning Report – KS	
	<p>Local Development Plan – Request Aberdeenshire Council Planners to Attend Future SDCC Business Meeting</p> <p>There doesn't appear to be adequate forward planning. Would like planners to explain their process so SDCC is prepared during consultation. There is a need to develop Stonehaven thinking ahead according to a 10-20 year timescale.</p> <p>In the current proposed development plan, no protected areas of future green space or community areas noted, this threatens existing green and community space with future development.</p> <p>Motion Planners to attend an SDCC meeting and provide SDCC fresh opportunity to engage with the LDP Proposed by MD and seconded by JE. Result – agreed.</p> <p>ACTION – Emma Storey to help facilitate</p> <p>Craigneil Windfarm Development On appeal to the Scottish Government. SDCC response will be forwarded to Scottish Ministers and the Appellant. If SDCC want to make any additional comments need to do so within next 14 days. It was noted that original</p>	ES

	<p>comments were thin on the application itself or jobs and green energy. Increasing local jobs and the creation of clean energy are matters important to the SDCC and the local area and are therefore in support of the application.</p> <p>Motion SDCC supports this application based on its potential to increase local jobs and further a transition to green energy in the area. Proposed by BW and seconded by DB. Result – agreed.</p> <p>ACTION – KS to collate this response, with members assisting providing comments.</p>	KS/ALL
6.5	SDCC Treasurer’s Report – DL	
	<p>SDCC Small Grants Submissions closed at the end of November. 22 applications requesting a total of £10,600. The fund available is £4,290. Groups to be advised after discussion.</p> <p>ACTION – applicants to be advised of awards.</p> <p>Equipment (Laptop) and Software (Zoom) Proposed Purchase To enable SDCC to become self-sufficient.</p> <p>Motion SDCC obtains a laptop and Zoom software within a budget of £750. Proposed by DL and seconded by DB. Result – agreed.</p> <p>ACTION – DL to purchase laptop and zoom</p>	DL DL
6.6	Correspondence - AL, PC and DB	
	<p>Emails and letters – AL No update.</p> <p>Social media – DB No update.</p> <p>Website – PC ‘Question Time’ looking for locations in Aberdeenshire for next year, Stonehaven noted as a candidate. ACTION – JS contact Diane Henderson about this ACTION – PC to email Diane and JS ACTION – PC to let correspondent know our action</p>	JS PC PC
7	AOCB (Urgent or For Next Meeting)	
	None.	

Next Meeting:

Agenda Meeting 4th January 2022

Business Meeting 11th January 2022