



STONEHAVEN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
 7 – 9 pm, 8th March 2022
 Via Teams

Present
Community Council Members: Dawn Black (DB), Raymond Christie (RC), Paddy Coffield (PC), Janine Esson (JE), Ian Hunter (IH), David Lawman, <i>Treasurer</i> (DL), Alistair Lawrie <i>Secretary</i> (AL), Donald Lawrie-Morrison (DL), Steve McQueen (SMcQ), Keith Simpson, <i>Planning Secretary</i> (KS), Jim Stephen (JS), Gerry Towler (GT) Daniel Veltman (DV) and Bill Watson, <i>Chair</i> (BW), Aberdeenshire Council Elected Members: Councillor Wendy Agnew (Cllr A),
In Attendance
Marc Camus (Police Scotland)

1	Chairperson’s Welcome – BW	Action
	BW opened the meeting, welcoming members of the community council, meeting attendees and the public.	
2	Apologies	
	Community councillors: Fiona Tavendale, Mike Duncan, Lyndsey Wood Elected Members: Dennis Robertson and Sarah Dickinson	
3	Declarations of Interest	
	None	
4	Last Minute	
4.1	Amendments & Approval of the Last Minutes	

	Amendments:	
	Approval: Proposed by AL and seconded by SMcQ.	
5	Matters Arising	
5.1	Dunnottar Park – Cllr A	
	ACTION – nothing further to report - ongoing	Cllr A
5.2	Bicycle Repair Stand – AL	
	STCIG meet next week ACTION – DB gave an update and matter ongoing	DB
5.3	Sale of Council Office, Allardice Street	
	ACTION - Ongoing	Cllr R
5.4	Mackie Academy Campus – Cllrs	
	ACTION – Ongoing - DB gave an update, meeting to be organized and report ongoing	AL/DB
5.5	Resilience/Emergency in Response to Storm Arwen - DB	
	No update. ACTION – Ongoing - DB advised that there is a meeting planned for next week and she will update CC at next business meeting	DB
5.6	Online Meetings - BW	
	ACTION – Chair advised that there had been no updates on guidance	ALL
5.7	Dunnottar School and Carronhill School Relocation Proposals,	
	ACTION – ongoing, copy of presentation received and circulated on 16/3/22	
5.8	Aberdeenshire Council’s Review of Planning Delegations - DL	
	ACTION – ongoing, to be covered in item 9 of the agenda	BW AL
5.9	SDCC Hannah Dyson and Community Awards - AL	
	AL reported that he had spoken to Doug Samways and confirmed that the STP had already submitted their letter for the Wynne Edwards award, so we should just go forward with a letter for nominations for the Hannah Dyson ACTION – ongoing,	AL
6	Police Report - MC	

	<p>Police report circulated amongst members beforehand. MC informed the meeting of February's statistics in anti-social behavior, drink, drug driving and road safety and regarding community engagement and warrants. Including information on identity theft and protection.</p> <p>PC stated that the stats surrounding online fraud/identity theft are more than all other types of crimes. He went on to ask about the success on catching such criminals. Mc stated he was not sure but would ask. PC went on to state that his impression was that street crime was relatively under control, but online crime was out of control. MC stated that there was a dedicated officer in Stonehaven named Mike Urquhart who looked into such matters</p>	
7	Planning Report - KS	
	<p>KS stated there was little to report but he had been made aware of a proposal for Petrol Filling Station at the Morrison Supermarket site on the Ury estate. He stated that it appeared to be a preapplication enquiry and public views were being sought where anyone can comment. It was agreed that each individual can put in their own comments with SDCC having their say via the consultation stage as part of that process.</p>	
8	Treasurer report - DL	
	<p>DL reported that a new laptop and Zoom licences had been purchased and should be brought into use for the April meeting.</p> <p>He went on to seek approval for £1000 be transferred to the de-fib account from the admin account. This was to plan for ongoing maintenance. Longer term we needed to look at replacement with all details contained in his detailed summary sent round everyone last week. JS stated that the defibs were community responsibility with other groups willing to fund and support.</p> <p>Proposed by DL and seconded by JS</p> <p>DL and RC went on advise that the notice board on Academy Road needed repair. The Men's Shed had agreed to do the work but needed funding of £200 for materials and they would provide the labour. DB asked if was possible to check if any other notice boards in town were in a similar state. It was agreed to do this.</p> <p>Proposed by DL and seconded by RC</p>	
9	Delegated Planning - PC	
	<p>PC give a brief overview of this matter in light of concerns raised at recent area community and from other CCs. Concern seemed to relate to making sure that local Councilors still had channels to pass comment on developments.</p> <p>ACTION – to invite Dr Paul Davidson to next SDCC meeting to provide more information</p>	AL
10	Local Place Plans	

	<p>AL introduced the subject by saying that the Head of Service seemed willing to listen and provide the necessary support</p> <p>DL stated that it seemed a 'no brainer' not to get involved</p> <p>JS stated that we can only benefit from being involved and urged everyone to get behind this.</p> <p>DB stated that this should be developed along with the community action plan. This is all about land use and should sit side by side.</p> <p>JE went on to say that we could have the benefit from being in from the start and may benefit from addition help as a 'pilot'.</p> <p>GT stated that he was still frustrated at the ongoing sale of Council buildings, but this appears a brilliant opportunity to be involved with.</p> <p>DL thought it was best that we look at this as the town as a whole rather than small individual projects.</p> <p>ACTION – to invite Ailsa Anderson to next meeting to advise of next steps</p>	AL
11	Update on Rugby Facilities	
	<p>Cllr Agnew was asked for update on the requested asset transfer of land to the Rugby Club. Cllr Agnew said that she could not comment at this time as this was part of a quasi-judicial process.</p> <p>JS mentioned that it was said that the provision of pitches was on the LDP, but he had asked for more information as to why this has been delivered.</p> <p>Alan Venters on behalf of Mackie Academy FPRFC was brought into the meeting to address the points raised. He gave an update on the site in Dunnottar Woods and stated that this was not within their budget but was happy to look at it again.</p> <p>The CC see this issue to still be firmly on the agenda as they want to see a home for the Rugby Club albeit not the proposed open space on Forest Drive.</p> <p>The Asset Transfer application is going out to public consultation.</p>	
12	Invercarron Resource Centre – Petition update	
	<p>An expression of thanks to all that contributed to the petition that received 1242 signatures thus far. Cllr Agnew encouraged the continued use of the petition going forward.</p> <p>IH stated he thought that the use of online tools was effective</p> <p>RC stated he was never in favour of the composition of the IJB and questioned their accountability.</p> <p>DL questioned the money spent on other vaccination centres across Aberdeenshire – interested to know?</p> <p>RC stated he had raised concerns with Cllr Howatson re. Invercarron and received no response.</p>	
13	Mental Health Discussion - GT	

	<p>GT gave an update.</p> <p>Pillar referral cases are up 133% for Jan/Feb 2022 in comparison to the same two months in 2020. At the GP surgery anything from 1/3rd to 2/3rds of the Econsult service cases referred to mental health issues. In response to this increase to the rise in Mental Health, the surgery has appointed Amy McKenzie who is their new Mental Health Practitioner. Amy will offer specialist support to the GP's as they endeavour to tackle this growing problem. Amy started in July 2021. A further appointment of a Link Worker was made on the 01/03/2022 and that person will also work out of the GP surgery and provide support to patients with guidance to the relevant service and support areas they may require</p> <p>He explained that current contractor SAMH was not going forward, and new contractor was to be agreed by end of March.</p>	
14	Hybrid Meetings – DL	
	<p>DL stated that he felt the CC should move back to more 'face to face' meetings in line with the lifting of current COVID restrictions. He went on to explain that the direction of travel is towards this but must bear in mind members and guests' personal decisions as to whether they want to attend in person or remain online. Proposal to go to 'Hybrid meetings' for the April meetings</p> <p>KS stated that this would be acceptable, but testing must be done beforehand to make sure the IT system and audio was all good. Agreed to carry out trials.</p>	ALL
15	Correspondence - AL, PC and DB	
	<p>Emails and letters – AL</p> <p>AL advised that he had been reminded by Lena Prothero of the requirement to notify of those members up for election</p> <p>Social media – PC</p> <p>PC advised that he had received an enquiry from the Development Manager of Hanover Court and colleagues in Hanover Court about what resources were available in the event of future storms/power outages. Email response to go to enquirer stating that resilience plans were being discussed at a meeting with council on Monday and her comments would be forwarded.</p> <p>Action PC to refer it to DB with recommendation that Resilience Planning take account of Sheltered Housing requirements</p> <p>Website – PC</p> <p>PC raised the communication from David Officer re. lack of sporting facilities in the town. It was agreed to invite him to the next meeting as he seemed to have strong views on the matter which may be worth sharing.</p> <p>PC also advised that he had received a query/comment from someone opposing the proposed move for Carronhill to the Mackie Site. Presentation and schedule of consultation from learning support to be forwarded to the enquirer.</p>	AL/DB/PC
16	AOCB (Urgent or For Next Meeting)	
	None	

17	Next Meeting: Agenda Meeting 5th April 2022 Business Meeting 12 th April 2022	
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