

# STONEHAVEN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

7 – 9 pm, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022 Via Teams

### **Present**

# **Community Council Members:**

Courthouse, Raymond Christie (RC), Paddy Coffield (PC), Jim Stephen (JS), Ian Hunter (IH), David Lawman, *Treasurer* (DL), Fiona Tavendale (FT), Jim Morrison (JM) Via Teams, Alistair Lawrie *Secretary* (AL), Steve McQueen (SMcQ), Keith Simpson, *Planning Secretary* (KS), Daniel Veltman (DV) and Bill Watson, *Chair* (BW),

# **Aberdeenshire Council Elected Members:**

Councilor Wendy Agnew (Cllr A), Councilor Sarah Dickinson (Cllr D)

#### 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 councilors:	
	Dawn Black, Mike Duncan, Lyndsey Wood, Gerry Towler	
	Elected Members:	
	Dennis Robertson	
3	Declarations of Interest	
	None	
4	Police Report	
	PC Marc Camus delivered his report and questions were invited for which	
	there were none	

5	Delegated Planning Matters	
	Dr Paul Davison gave an update on proposed changes to the planning scheme of delegation and sought the backing of SDCC to be represented at the full Council. Dr Davison explained that the default position is that while major applications are considered by Area Committee, the decisions on the conditions are delegated to Officers (without consideration by the Area Committee).  Following on from Dr Davison's presentation IH stated that this appeared to be a poor deal and we should be behind what Paul is proposing. AL stated that we should seek to try and ensure appropriate scrutiny by the Area Committee. It was proposed that SDCC canvas their local Councilors on this matter.  Proposed IH and seconded by AL	AL
6.0	Traffic Management Survey – PC & IH	

PC stated that we are at crisis point in relation to global warming. He went on to report that there is a need to change our transport system in particular-

- Reduce dependance on private car, particularly in townLimit speeds in town to 20mph
- Inconsistent to add new car parking
- · New pedestrian areas required
- Campaign for better bus routes and services

Public member Brian Menzies questioned the reference to Carron Terrace within the Survey and why this had been included with apparent approval of CC without any consultation. Theresa Coffield added her points about less cars in town Centre and oppose any plans for parking on Carron Terrace. WA stated that he had been told that this suggestion had come from Business Association and not SDCC. SMcQ stated that Carron Terrace did get a mention at a meeting of the Business Association. He went on to question the validity of having a new filling station in relation to Morrison's site at Ury, given that we were discussing environmental issues.

PC re-iterated that it is not practical to use Carron Terrace for parking and the idea will not get very far. Increasing parking in town is not compatible with reducing CO2 omissions in town Centre.

AL proposed that ASC should be advised that SDCC did not support additional car parking being provided to Carron Terrace DL seconded.

Cllr D re-assured everyone that the survey would be worked up and forwarded for consideration – encouraged everyone to complete the survey. IH also encouraged everyone to fill it in and raised concerns about-

- Car parks in general
- Parking at railway station
- Need for short term parking at station for pick up and drop off JS stated that he is aware of people coming over the AWPR and picking up south bound trains at Stonehaven instead of Aberdeen thus saving any car parking charges. This act is clogging up car park and potentially neighbouring streets. He also knows of offshore workers leaving their cars at Stonehaven, then take a train to Dyce to go offshore, with car left in Stonehaven for 2/3 weeks.

AL used the discussion to highlight the need to promote new transport/ bus links to the Morrisons' site for people without cars.

SMcQ said we support more bus travel

### 7.0 Future plans for daycare in Stonehaven

PC/IH

AL

elderly provision within Stonehaven, ASC had written to SDCC to advise that the Invercarron site was to be converted to a vaccination centre - DL called for a meeting to bring together user groups and stakeholders to discuss what can be done to replace what has been lost.  AL added that he felt it was not just about replacement but also to ensure that services are enhanced and there are processes in place for facilities for the next 10/20 years.  Cllr A made it clear that she was still fighting the decision RC stated that there needs to be alternatives for the older people on the town and we should not be giving up.  JS also felt that the fight should continue, but that we have to accept that we must look forward in the knowledge that the Invercarron Centre is not going to be usable in current climate and find solutions to its' loss  DL proposed the setting up of a meeting to invite all user groups,			_
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10.0 Planning report - KS KS	9.7		AL
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13.0	AOCB	
	AL and DB reported no correspondence.	
12.0	Correspondence – AL/DB/PC	
	the Long Term Defibrillators Fund (replacement).	
	DL gave his regular update on financial matters,PC asked about defibrillators  DL explained the difference between the Defibrillators Fund (maintenance) and	
11.0	Treasurer report - DL	
	KS advised of the withdrawal of planning permission for two new self-service carwash bays at the Mill Inn site. There had been objections re. Noise and ability to be used 24/7 – NFA  KS went onto seek comments on the proposed filling station at Ury estate in conjunction with Morrison supermarket. He advised that in the main the public seemed to support the application, particular in relation to having competition and fairer pricing. There was only one letter of concern about traffic management around the Slug Road.  PC proposed that SDCC request further information in relation to the provision of electric charging points at the site and to ask about what the planned timescales are for the petrol station as we move to electric Seconded by XX  KS stated that there was now a new application for planning permission in principle for the previously discussed land at Riverside Drive for construction of a new dwelling house and associated land being given over to community groups. It was agreed to take this to a future meeting at which there would be chance to invite interested parties. KS advised that as the last date for comment is 05.05.22 he would seek an extension for planning for the SDCC response  KS advised that he had attended a webinar in relation to changes to Airspace for planes approaching and landing at ABZ. He explained that the proposed changes will only affect 1-5 % of all fixed wing arrivals and would not be noticeable from the ground. For planes arriving from South most will take an over sea approach into the airport, so Stonehaven not expected to be affected. Full consultation will come later, but this was just their obligation to engage at this time in stage 2 of their proposals	KS

	Business meeting 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	
14.0	Next Meeting – Agenda Meeting 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2022	
	another year to 18 months of works.	
	They have had disruption since 2019 and will have to put up with at least	
	will now have as opposed to what they were told at the beginning of the work.	
	the progress of the works and the, reported, variation in the wall height they	
	from McLaughlin & Harvey last week they are very disillusioned about both	
	Cameron Street where flood defence work is still ongoing. Following update	
	AL raised, at the request of DB, who has had conversations with residents on	. •
	Flood Defence Work: <b>PC volunteered to follow up with the residents.</b>	PC
	take responsibility for it.	
	clear that the de-fibs were not just an SDCC matter and the whole community	DL/AL
	JS updated the CC re. donations to de-fib of £1000 from round table and £500 from McHardy's butcher – note of thanks required. JS wanted to make	DL/AL
	but accepts that not all are comfortable with this.	
	There was agreement that the desire is to get everyone back to face to face	
	it was not equitable as those online could not see those in the Courthouse.	
	that he felt it was better, but sound quality was still not good. He also felt that	
	PC updated all about the pros and cons of the first hybrid meeting. He stated	