



**STONEHAVEN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**
7:00 – 9:30 pm, 10th May 2022
Meeting held in the Sheriff Court Buildings, Stonehaven

Present
<p>Community Council Members: Ian Hunter (IH), David Lawman, <i>Treasurer</i> (DL), Jim Morrison (JM), Jim Stephen (JS), Fiona Tavendale (FT), Gerry Towler (GT), (via Zoom): Patrick Coffield (PC), Janine Esson (JE), Alistair Lawrie, <i>Secretary</i> (AL), Steve McQueen (SMcQ), Danny Veltman (DV) and Bill Watson, <i>Chairperson</i> (BW).</p> <p>Aberdeenshire Council Elected Members: Alan Turner (Cllr T), (via Zoom): Wendy Agnew (Cllr A), Sarah Dickinson (Cllr D), Dawn Black (Cllr B)</p>
In Attendance
<p>Marc Camus (<i>Community Police Officer, Police Scotland</i>) (MC), Jane Cruickshank (<i>The Bellman</i>), Karen Johnson(?), Julia Morton (?), Dave Morrison (DM), Stuart Alexander, <i>Stonehaven Town Partnership</i> (SA), John Cruickshank, <i>Horizon</i> (JC), Kenneth Hillock, <i>Grampian Tigers</i> (KH), Gillian Wishart (GW), Neil Lindsey, <i>Scouts</i> (NL), Lil Wood (LW) (via Zoom): Brian Menzies (BM), Nick Reid (NR), Catherine Victor (CV)</p>

1,2	Chairperson's Welcome	Action
	PC agreed to take minutes of the meeting. The meeting agreed to record the meeting on Zoom to assist the minute taker (to be deleted once minutes agreed). BW welcomed members of the community council, Aberdeenshire councillors and the general public.	
3	Apologies	
	Community Councillors: Raymond Christie, Keith Simpson, Lindsay Wood, Mike Duncan	
	Declarations of Interest	
	JS and GT declared an interest in Item 5, concerning association with the planning application for development on the bank of the River Carron near Riverside Drive.	
4	Police Report	
	MC gave report of activity in the last month including anti-social behaviour around Carron Terrace. Cllr D asked about excessively noisy driving. MC said that the police had not received enough information so far about the cars or drivers involved (such as car registration) to investigate further. BM asked about anti-social behaviour by youths around Carron Terrace and mentioned that Waldie's shop window had been damaged	

	<p>possibly by one of the same group. MC said that some suspects had been identified and they were trying to locate them.</p> <p>IH asked whether the implementation of 20mph speed limits in Aberdeenshire towns had been delayed because of the cost of the necessary road signs.</p> <p>Cllr D could not confirm but offered to provide an update to the Community Council on progress with the speed limits.</p>	Cllr D
5	Planning Application: Carron River Bank, Riverside Drive	
	<p>DM introduced the case for the application, which will now include a proposal for asset transfer of a part of the land to Stonehaven Town Partnership.</p> <p>Stuart Alexander from the Stonehaven Town Partnership spoke in favour of the application confirming that the Tigers, Scouts and Horizon were all interested in developing the site for their benefit. The Allotments Group had decided not to continue their involvement.</p> <p>JC from Horizon, KH from Grampian Tigers and NL on behalf of the Scouts spoke in favour.</p> <p>Gillian Wishart spoke on behalf of local residents opposing the application, suggesting that the application to build a house should be separated from the proposed asset transfer, that there have been around 3 submissions against the proposal for every 1 in favour, and asking that the Stonehaven Town Partnership ought to consult the whole community about any future development of the land. Michael (?) and Chris (?) also spoke in opposition.</p> <p>DL spoke in favour. IH supported the concerns raised by GW. PC acknowledged potential benefits of the asset transfer but opposed the application because it was linked with the building of a large new house on protected land outside the settlement which did not conform with the planning policy for Stonehaven. JE opposed the application also on the grounds that it did not conform with planning policy. AL asked whether the two could be separated.</p> <p>PC proposed that the Community Council lodge an objection to the planning application. Voting: 3 for, 3 against and 3 abstentions, 2 community councilors having declared an interest did not vote. Chair declined to cast a vote, and declared the motion undecided so the Community Council will not make any comment on the planning application.</p>	
6	Daycare Services in Stonehaven	
	<p>DL explained that a public meeting is to be arranged for Tuesday, 24th May in the Bowling Club. Aims of the meeting are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm willingness to see Invercarron Resource Centre restored to its original purpose in future • Define what facilities would be required for any new premises meantime (including access, furniture, toilets, kitchen facilities) • Request a statement from Aberdeenshire Council about their plans for provision of services for older people. <p>IH mentioned that there would be a consultation this Friday, 13th May, in the Bowling Club to consider what services are required. Tea and coffee to be provided.</p>	

7	Invercarron Resource Centre	
	<p>BW Cllr A still campaigning to save the Invercarron Resource Centre, spoke to Chief Executive about extra cost for repairing the roof, yet to be established, and doubts whether enough funding had been made available. The use of the Centre as a Vaccination Centre will be reviewed after one year. IH drew parallels with the campaign to “Save The Pool” and encouraged a similar approach by involving The Mearns and Coastal Healthy Living Network who have a considerable number of volunteers and are very willing to help maintain a centre like the Invercarron Resource Centre.</p> <p>LW said that the Resource Centre had been well-used and highly valued and spoke in favour of using it as had been originally intended.</p>	
8	Fly Posting	
	<p>The fair the weekend before last had been advertised using posters which were not removed afterwards and required a fair effort by locals to clean up afterwards.</p> <p>Cllr D confirmed that the posters should have been removed. It was agreed that SDCC would write to the Licensing Team to express their concern.</p>	AL
9	Previous Minutes	
	<p>Under Item 10, Planning, the motion to ask for more information about charging points at the new supermarket on Ury Estate, proposed by PC was seconded by BW.</p> <p>Under planning report, a member of the public asked that her statement made at the last meeting be included in the minutes: “If the community is prepared to sacrifice precious countryside to be rezoned and redeveloped as residential it should be for housing that meets the needs of the community as identified in the Stonehaven vision and the local development plan 2020-21, namely small scale and affordable not a huge single-occupancy house”</p> <p>JE had submitted an apology for being unable to attend. Minutes proposed by AL, seconded BW, accepted.</p>	
10	Matters Arising	
10.1	Impact of Flood Defence Works on Cameron Street residents	
	<p>PC confirmed that he had discussed with local residents. Some of the problems have arisen due to poor communication by the project team and misinformation concerning the details of the work e.g. height of the wall is 1.7m rather than 1.5m. This means that much of their garden areas will be in shade for almost the whole day.</p> <p>Resident CV complained that the street directly outside their houses were very dirty due to the works and efforts to clean the street by the project team were not usually very effective.</p> <p>DL suggested that SDCC help to organize a meeting together with residents and Aberdeenshire Council to discuss these complaints.</p> <p>SMcQ proposed to include McLaughlin and Harvey also in the meeting.</p> <p>BM mentioned that there was a bad litter problem and suggested that some litter bins on that part of Cameron Street might help. BM also said that there had been no communication at all with residents since the Community Liaison Office left.</p>	

	Cllr D said that the Project Engineer, Rachel Kennedy was quite willing and ready to meet with local residents. Agreed that SDCC would facilitate the meeting as discussed.	DL
10.2	Item 5, Delegated Planning: AL has written to Aberdeenshire Council asking to ensure appropriate level of scrutiny on delegated planning matters by the Area Committee	
10.3	Item 6, Traffic Management Survey: AL has written to Aberdeenshire Council to advise that SDCC did not support additional car parking on Carron Terrace.	
10.4	Item 9.1, Provision of play areas in Dunnottar Park: Developer has refused to progress. Cllr A said that nothing more could be done meantime.	
10.5	Item 9.2, Cycle Repair Stations: carried forward	
10.6	Item 9.4, Mackie Academy Campus: public meeting arranged 12 th May in the Town Hall.	
10.7	Item 9.5, Resilience Planning: meeting arranged 11 th May, JE will replace Cllr B.	
10.8	Item 9.7, Hannah Dyson Award: have received 3 nominations. No nomination yet for Community Award.	
10.9	Item 10.0, Charging Points: carried forward	
10.10	Vote of thanks to McHardy Butchers: carried forward.	
11	Planning	
	No new points to discuss	
12	Treasurer's Report	
	JS reported new defibrillators installed, with installation free of charge letter of thanks to be sent to contractor.	AL
13	Correspondence	
13.1	Community Council Elections	
	Nomination forms available, closing date 24 th May	
14	AOCB	
14.1	DB having resigned, DL will help keep Facebook up to date.	DL
14.2	AGM in June: three weeks notice required	
14.3	Community Action Plan: report has not been written, Cllr B offered to assist SDCC complete the report.	
15	Future Meetings	
	Public meeting, Daycare services in Stonehaven: 24th May 2022 Agenda Discussion Meeting: 7th June 2022 AGM: 14th June 2022 Business Meeting: 14th June 2022	