



**STONEHAVEN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

19:00– 21:30 Tuesday 11 June 2024

Meeting held in the Sheriff Court Buildings, Stonehaven

Present		
Community Council Members: Alistair Lawrie (AL), <i>Secretary, via Zoom</i> , David Lawman, <i>Chairman</i> (DL), Denise Bannerman (DB), Ian Hunter (IH), James Stephen (JS), Julie Lindeman (JL), Michael Ogden (MO) <i>Treasurer</i> , Raymond Christie (RC), <i>Vice Chairman</i> , Steve McQueen (SMcQ) via Zoom.		
Aberdeenshire Council Elected Members: Alan Turner (Cllr T), Dawn Black (Cllr B) via Zoom.		
In Attendance -		
Ramona Waters, <i>The Bellman</i> , Fiona Malcolm, <i>Minutes Secretary</i> , Rachel Frame, Andrew Newton, <i>Stonehaven Town Partnership</i> , Andrina Craig, Carlo ?, via Zoom.		
1 & 2	Chairperson's Welcome and Rollcall	Action
	DL welcomed everyone to the meeting, including those who were attending via Zoom.	
3	Apologies and Declarations of Interest	
	Caroline Duguid (CD), Daniel Veltman (DV), David Charnley, Police Scotland (DC), Donald Lawrie Morrison (DLM), Fiona Tavindale (FT), Janine Esson (JE), Julia Lawrie Morrison (JLM), Norman MacKay (NMck), Pauline Brindley (PB), Sarah Dickinson (Cllr D), Wendy Agnew (Cllr A), William Gibson (WG).	
4	The Library Status	
	DL noted that Live Life Aberdeenshire (LLA) is looking at options for the Library, including a possible relocation to Viewmount. Before any decisions are made LLA must consult with the community. Should the Library relocate, the existing building should be kept for community use. DL has received an e-mail from Aberdeenshire Council Area Manager Tim Stephen (TS), confirming there will be consultation with the community, and highlighting Aberdeenshire Council's policy for making vacant buildings available for community use if possible.	

	<p>MO commented there may be an issue with the artificial grass as it can become poisonous due to a chemical reaction to bird guano, and will require regular inspection.</p> <p>Cllr T agreed to ask Stuart Alexander at Aberdeenshire Council about this.</p> <p>DL noted the Tennis Club has secured an extension (sic., to the timeframe for spending PB grant) to allow them to apply for additional funding.</p>	<p>Cllr T</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</p>	
	<p>a) SSEN Kintore -Tealing 400kV Connection and Hurlie (Fetteresso Forest) 400kV Substation – DL advised that SSEN will host a Public Consultation on the Hurlie Substation from 2pm – 7pm, on 13 June, in the Town Hall. Some Community Councillors (CCs) had already met with SSEN, there had been a lack of direct responses to some questions.</p> <p>MO said SSEN do not know where the demand for extra energy will be, and there is no option for sub-sea or underground transmission lines.</p> <p>IH noted some power lines may be underground.</p> <p>DL encouraged as many CCs as possible to attend the Public Consultation. He suggested CCs hold an additional meeting to draft a response to the Consultation (deadline is 23 July), and noted that many decisions are not taken by SSEN but by the Government. The Sherriff Court Building is booked from 7pm on Wednesday 3 July for this meeting.</p> <p>b) Royal Mail Building – AL confirmed there was no update on this item.</p> <p>c) Aberdeenshire Council Updates – Storm Damage Updates (Harbour / Board Walk / Promenade Steps); Redclock Park); Library Opening Hours; Fly Posting. DL said that, following feedback from the previous meeting, this will remain as a standing agenda item for ongoing updates.</p> <p>d) Community Storage – JS said there will be another meeting in the coming month.</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p>Approval of Previous Minutes (14th May 2024)</p>	
	<p>These were proposed by JS and seconded by AL.</p>	

8	Police Scotland (PS) Report	
	DL had circulated the latest report in advance of the meeting. He noted the number of minor crimes was creeping up, this is a slight concern. PS no longer has resources to attend SDCC meeting in person.	
9	Planning Report	
	DL noted there was a request to change the proposed windfarm. (Number of turbines reduced from 11 to 8.) There are further Public Consultation events at Mackie Academy on 19 June, and the Sherriff Court Building on 20 June. He urged people to attend one of these if possible. JS said this was a great opportunity for the community and local groups to become familiar with the Community Disbursement Fund.	
10	SDCC Committees / Sub-Groups	
	<p>a) Local Development Plan / Local Place Plan – MO said there was good progress on this, he will send out the documents again, and requested feedback before the next meeting.</p> <p>b) Invercarron Resource Centre / Older People’s Services – IH has received correspondence from Jane Cruickshank (JC), at The Bellman about a Freedom of Information request, he will follow this up with her. There was uncertainty whether Alzheimers Scotland had withdrawn, or their contract had been cancelled. DL commented this highlighted that the process was flawed.</p> <p>c) Community Resilience Plan – MO confirmed the WhatsApp group had been mobilised (but not needed) in response to all of the winter storms. An electrician will check the minimum requirements for the use of emergency generators, these may be purchased or rented. Once this is complete, the Plan can be finalised. He noted there is no way for the Emergency Services First Responders to contact SDCC. DL agreed it was important to keep communication open as SDCC wants to be able to help if and when required. IH asked if MO has access to other organisations’ Resilience Plans? MO confirmed all of the key holders are members of the WhatsApp group.</p> <p>d) Achères & Stonehaven Twinning Partnership – DL said nobody (from SDCC) has volunteered to take this forward, and questioned SDCC’s role in the Twinning Partnership, as this needs to be clear. This is not at the stage of a formal partnership/twinning arrangement.</p>	MO

	<p>MO agreed there should be a named volunteer from SDCC to take this forward.</p> <p>SMcQ suggested this item be set aside until after the SDCC elections.</p> <p>MO wondered if there was any interest from Stonehaven Business Association?</p> <p>Cllr B offered to ask them at their next meeting.</p> <p>e) Swim the Bay – DL said there is a meeting arranged to look at how this event can take place next year.</p>	Cllr B
11	Outside Bodies / Committees	
	<p>a) Transport Action Kincardine-shire (TRAK) – IH said the next meeting may be in September.</p> <p>b) Town Centre Improvement Group – JS reported that the Group has secured funding for new furniture at the Craw’s Nest. He voiced concern about litter collection along the beachfront, as this is done via voluntary overtime. He asked if Aberdeenshire Council could look at packaging for takeaway food? He noted all the good work Horizon has done.</p> <p>Cllr B clarified that business owners are responsible for a 50m area around their premises, she will raise the issue of litter with the Sub-Licensing Board.</p> <p>c) Kincardine and Mearns Community Council Forum – no update</p> <p>d) Kincardine and Mearns Community Planning Group – IH said the last meeting had focused on Tackling Poverty and Inequality and access to transport. Taxi companies cannot use school minibuses for community requirements due to additional bureaucracy. There is a consultation on the Engage Aberdeenshire website, DL will add this to SDCC Facebook page.</p>	Cllr B DL
12	Treasurer’s Report:	
	This was circulated before the meeting. DL noted his thanks to JS for money raised for a donation of £500.	
13	Correspondence	
	a) AL received a note of thanks from Bill Allan for his Community Award. AL noted his thanks to everyone, especially SMcQ and JL for their help with selecting winners. DL noted the shields had arrived late.	

	b) He also had thanks from the organisers of the Poetry Festival, this will take place from 1 – 3 August, all events are free.	
14	AOCB	
	None.	
15	Dates of Next Meetings	
	<p>Agenda Discussion and Planning Meeting – Tuesday 6 August 2024 @ 7pm</p> <p>Next SDDC Business Meeting – Tuesday 13 August 2024 @ 7pm</p> <p>Please note there is an extra meeting to agree response to SSEN Consultation – Wednesday 3 July @ 7pm on Wednesday 3 July, in the Sherriff Court Building.</p>	