



Minutes of the meeting in at St Drostan's Hall, Inch
on Monday 28 October 2024

1. Present: – Andy Miller (Chair and Oyne), Wally Rhodes (Treasurer and Leslie), Lynda Bain (Chapel of Garioch and Secretary), Janette Taylor (Insch), Frank Musgrave (Oyne), Mark Worsley (Chapel of Garioch), Gill Walker (Old Rayne), Duncan Thow (Balquhain and Chapel of Garioch), Gordon Hood (Insch), David Wyllie (Premnay), Diana Muriel (Rayne), Gill Bishop (Durno)

Councillor Moray Grant

Apologies – Kevin Shand (Culsalmond and Vice Chair)

2. Approval of the Previous Minutes: Proposed by GH, seconded by AM.

3. Police Report – to become quarterly. New police contact Constable Mark Barber. Police visited Inch twice last week to deal with anti-social behaviour. AM to ask police to attend a BCC meeting once a year. Police attend quarterly meetings with Aberdeenshire Council so issues to be raised can be passed to Cllr Grant.

4. BCC Business

- **Presentation to retiring members** – Wilma MacIntosh and Stan Averell were thanked for many years' service as BCC members.
- **Finance** – circa £3000. BCC agreed to undertake the maintenance of the defibrillator at Inch Fire Station. ICAN to pass on £600 which would be ringfenced for maintenance of the defibrillator. Location of defibrillators will be put in every newsletter and JT to put on Facebook.
- **Resilience** – JT and DM reported back on resilience seminar. Storms are given a name if there is an amber warning in place; in power cuts communications will be down so there is a £2000 grant available to improve communication; emergency services get first priority on communications; water is a priority for Aberdeenshire Council; NHS and Aberdeenshire Council look after vulnerable people as they hold a list; Radios 2 and 4 are the stations used for updates; communities should complete risk assessments. Roads Dept attended and suggested Premnay should contact the Scottish Flood Forum for advice on flooding. Discussion on resilience hubs. JT asked for another volunteer to join the resilience group.
- **Newsletter** – discussion about using advertising to pay for the newsletter. Next one will come out before Christmas. Articles wanted. GW to assist with Facebook.
- **Social media** - no report.
- **CC Members Induction Training** – members can attend a seminar or listen to a recorded version. Members can access ALDO, the council training site.

5. Roads and Transport: BCC has had problems getting responses from the Roads Dept. Amey who are responsible for trunk roads are quick to respond and have added AM's query about a path between Oyne fork and the Chapel of Garioch turn off to their list. No update on Inch Station. A96 report due out end 2024. Potholes can be reported on council website or app.

6. BCC subgroups:

- **Health and Social Care** – FM gave an update for new community council members on the current situation regarding Inch Hospital. FM attended NHS Grampian annual review. FM will send the subgroup a draft response to a letter received refusing a new build hospital. FM liaising with other rural healthcare providers with a view to addressing rural health cutbacks together. DW to join subgroup.
- **Bennachie Area Community Action Plan** - 4 Nov Stakeholders meeting. Jacky Niven will record stakeholders who will work with BCC against the action plan. FM requested a copy of the draft to be sent round all BCC members.
- **Correen Hills Windfarm update** – survey open till 18 November. All responses will be online. Individual community council results and combined results will be available at the next BCC meeting. Planning application for the windfarm due to go in March 2025. Link to slides to be sent to all BCC members.
- **BCC Paths Group** – JT has applied for grant. Results out end of October.

7. Aberdeenshire Council – Ward 10 meeting Tuesday 5 November. Cllr Grant to raise issues with junction down from BLC and buildout in Inch. Budget engagement exercise will be discussed. Next meeting with Police is 10 December.

8. Chapel of Garioch update – village noticeboard installed. Insulation, solar panels, painting completed. Feasibility Study will look at future developments of the village hall. AM advised that future developments could be partially funded from developer obligation if the hall is used by the school. Hall opening and AGM 30 October at 7pm. Graffiti on road to be reported to Cllr Grant.

9. Culsalmond – no report.

10. Durno – GB to report back on food pantry project.

11. Leslie – cemetery wall completed.

12. Oyne – AM resigned as Chair of Oyne Community Association. Angela Allan is new Chair and all posts are filled. A high percentage of actions on Oyne CAP have been achieved. Coffee morning planned to look ahead at future actions and to prepare a draft plan for next 3 years. Proposal is to become a development trust and complete an asset transfer of the hall.

12. Premnay – Roads dept indicated Scottish Flood Forum should undertake a survey of the flooding issues.

13. Rayne – drains completed. Residents have asked if speed reducing measures can be explored. AM indicated a 20mph zone is tied in with a proposed development. Aberdeenshire Council have a tentative date of mid 2025 to roll out 20 mph zones across Aberdeenshire. The Facebook post has improved problems with overhanging hedges.

FORK – Friends of Old Rayne Kirk is now a registered Scottish Charity. Public meetings will be held on 20 November at Meikle Wartle, 26 November at Logie Durno and 28 November at Old Rayne. All start at 7.30pm. The group has been formed in response to the proposed closure of the church. The meetings will be a call to action to acquire the church and find a use for the space. FORK needs more volunteers with skills to find funds.

14. Inch – police visited Inch to deal with anti-social behaviour. Christmas lights are ordered and there will be a Christmas shopping night on 14 November. There is a new minister and he will share with Huntly ministers.

15. Planning & Consultation – GH to lead on planning for BCC. Oyne have submitted an enforcement request – in the recent Kirkton of Oyne housing development paths, hedging and tree planting have not been completed.

16. Date of next meeting is Monday 25 November 2024