



**Minutes of the meeting in at St Drostan's Hall, Inch
on Monday 25 March 2024**

1. Present: – Andy Miller (Chair and Oyne), Wally Rhodes (Treasurer and Leslie), Janette Taylor (Inch), Kevin Shand (Culsalmond), Wilma McIntosh (Rayne), Frank Musgrave (Oyne), Mark Worsley and Lynda Bain (Chapel of Garioch), Sharon Duncan (Rayne), Councillor Moray Grant and by video link Councillor Sam Payne.

Apologies – Stan Averell (Culsalmond), Alan Simpson (Leslie)

2. Approval of the Previous Minutes: Proposed by Sharon Duncan, seconded by Wilma McIntosh.

- Proposed Crematorium Planning Application near Daviot:- BCC had been in correspondence with residents from neighbouring Daviot, Meldrum and Bourtie who were had objections and wanted to know BCC position. BCC raised concerns including road traffic and the Bennachie Special Landscape Area but held a neutral position as there were residents through local discussion who were in favour. The application will go to the Area Committee for decision-making.

3. Police Report – This was a positive report showing low crime levels although a number of road accidents was noted.

4. BCC Business

- **Finance** – Current balance was £3548, down £600 from last year. Insurance renewal rose from £99 to £102 through Zurich, now paid direct. Volunteers helping at events such as Strawberry Fair are covered. Public liability is included. The other notable spend is that £43.50 is paid monthly to St Drostan's for BCC meetings.
- **Resilience** – volunteers taking part in resilience work are covered by insurance provided there is a risk assessment in place. Where halls are owned by the council, those bodies who use them most could approach SSE for grants of up to £2000 per community council.
- **Newsletter** – next edition is ready to go out. A request for sponsorship is included although it was suggested a personal approach to local businesses might be a better route to take.
- **Social media** – there have been a lot of posts about the Community Action Plan. Almost 900 returns, mostly online, which is a great result. Paper copies had a return of 40 out of 300 printed. The results will be considered by the subgroup and available to discuss with the community at the Strawberry Fair. The report will break down responses into neighbourhoods.

5 Roads and Transport: The recent Garioch Area Forum Meeting had a presentation by the Roads Department, who have changed structure to have a split function of Roads policy and

Maintenance. As the national 20 mph speed limit in villages has already been implemented by most other councils, there is a presumption it will be applied in towns and villages in Aberdeenshire by 2025.

6. BCC subgroups:

- **HSCP Group meeting update** – a summary of the BCC/HSCP January meeting is in the newsletter. Frank attended the Friends of Inch Hospital AGM, who continue to fundraise eg classic car rally and Strawberry Fair. The IJB, Friends and CEO of HSCP held a meeting. There was an IJB meeting on 20 March where a 5% saving requirement was announced, excluding inflation. **Action** – Frank to draft a response for comment and submit this outside the online survey deadline. A further meeting is on the 9 May and the CAP results can be put forward if appropriate.
- Friends of Inch Hospital have organised a public meeting for 18 May.
- Health budgets – reserves all spent. Prescribing is very expensive. Hospital at Home was trialed successfully at Turriff. Hospital at Home will ensure quicker discharges to avoid bed blocking. Through this initiative multi-disciplinary teams will support people after discharge. In this case the costs of prescribing could move to GPs. Assurances are required about where the funding will come from.
- **Bennachie Area Community Action Plan** – see item 2 above. **Action** – Janette to clarify parish boundaries.
- **Correen Hills Windfarm update** – Mark has attended a Donside CC meeting with Chris Hamlett which unanimously voted to consider taking action and to survey their residents. Tap o' Noth Community Council sits on 15 April – **Action:** Mark arranging to attend. It was discussed that the 3 community councils work in unison as a subgroup particularly to consider how any community benefit could be allocated. **Action** – Mark Worsley to arrange a meeting with EDF/Force 9 for BCC on 16 April at 10am Inch so that BCC could hear and question the consultants directly in an open conversation on the consultation progress. BCC to formulate an opinion at the next meeting.
- **SSEN Powerline** – Janette had queried SSEN about a powerline showing on the SSEN map, which had been posted in error and is now removed.

7. Aberdeenshire Council

- See item 2 above for Garioch Area Forum feedback.
- **Local Development Plan – Action** All to read and feedback information to the Health subgroup.
- **Community Council elections** – 20 September. AGM should be held in June as usual. There are a few vacancies which have been advertised in the newsletter.

8. Chapel of Garioch update – funding application for solar panels and insulation has been successful. Funding also in place from SSEN for a generator to use as part of the resilience plan.

9. Culsalmond – has applied for funding for a feasibility study to asset transfer.

10. Leslie – nothing to report.

11 Oyne – Oyne CAP priorities were all agreed at the Oyne Community Association recent meeting. OCA Meeting agreed that the Bennachie Area CAP will be useful to update their Oyne

survey results. OCA has agreed to join DTAS which will help OCA look at the constitution with a view to becoming a Development Trust in 2024.

12. Premnay – sandbags to be chased up. Cllr Grant indicated that the village should let Aberdeenshire Council know about any flooding as there could be funding.

13. Rayne – the School Car Park is now finally tarred and paved. Drain, sign and potholes to be completed. Water lying at the top of the hill remains an issue. Bins being left in the wrong place at Rayne North has been fixed.

14. Insch - school playground has degraded to a “C” for repairs. It will be surveyed by Aberdeenshire Council and discussed at the ward 10 meeting. Janette proposed a Green Space subgroup form to progress developments at Insch Meadows.

15. Planning & Consultation – no comment was required on this month’s applications.

16. Date of next meeting – Monday 22 April 2024.