



**Minutes of meeting held in St Drostan's Hall, Inch
on Monday 26th February 2024**

- 1. Attendees:**– Andy Miller (Chair and Oyne), Wally Rhodes (Treasurer and Leslie), Janette Taylor (Inch), Lynda Bain and Mark Worsley (Chapel of Garioch), Kevin Shand (Culsalmond), Wilma McIntosh (Rayne), Stan Averell (Culsalmond), Cllrs Moray Grant and Sam Payne

Apologies – Frank Musgrave (Oyne), Alan Simpson (Leslie) and Cllr Hazel Smith

Visitor for part of meeting Cllr Andrew Hassan

- 2. Minutes of previous meetings – 27 November & 22 January.** Proposed by Janette Taylor, seconded by Kevin Shand. Minutes of 27 November were signed off.
- 3. Police Report** - There has been no progress on the request for more detail around the data in Police reports and neither was this discussed with the New Chief Inspector at the Garioch meeting.
- 4. Finance:** Current balance = £3800 in bank. Insurance renewal costs are £102.20, with Zurich Municipal for an all-risks policy. AM & WR to attend meeting with Zurich on 27 February 2024 where the policy will be discussed. Clarification is sought on volunteer cover during resilience and BCC projects.

Resilience - No further halls have put themselves forward as resilience hubs. Aberdeenshire Council owned halls have to go down another route. There is a £2000 fund for resilience. A structural engineer will visit the proposed hubs. SSE fund might reopen at the end of Spring. A Volunteer database is being tested by Fordyce and Sandend Community Council and .

Newsletter - Due end of March and cover April to June inclusively. **Action** Janette to put in advert for secretary.

Social Media – The request from Trainline to promote direct links to their website on Facebook was turned down. There was a lot of feedback on the temporary road closure at the golf club, with no access for buses and cars to the main car park in Inch.

- 5. Roads and Transport:** Bus forum minutes have been circulated. At least 2 cars have hit the build out at Inch, which is not completed and without warning bollards. Feedback on social media has asked for road priorities at 2 crossing points in Inch to be changed. There have also been comments on speeding. Will wait for the CAP results.

There will be an extra week of work done on the A96 at Morgan McVeighs. No progress with the bus stop at Culsalmond.

- 6. BCC Subgroups:**

a) HSCP Update - The partnership did not put in a question for the CAP. An HSCP survey on budget priorities closes tonight proposing approx. 10% cuts. FM to draft a BCC reply

in a separate written response to avoid inadvertently appearing to support cuts detrimental to our area.

No-one appointed to Friends post yet. Inch Hospital budget in HSCP exists but is not ring fenced.

b) Community Action Plan: Posters are ready and the Survey will run for 3 weeks. A separate young person's survey for mobile phone use of a QR code has 6 simplified questions to get feedback. **Action** Janette to contact academies and Inch primary, Lynda to contact Chapel of Garioch, Wilma to contact Old Rayne. There are paper copies of the main survey in Poppys, Old Post Office tearoom, BLC, Doctor's, Inch Library, Stephens DIY with returns boxes. Garioch Area Forum are paying costs.

c) Windfarm Subgroup: to look at Hill of Fare and other locations as examples of good practice. **Action:** Mark W to form Windfarm Subgroup and meet leader of information group & connect with other affected community councils. BCC has to decide on its position depending on the views of the community. **Action** AM to arrange presentation from EDF/Force 9 and contact other CC's.

7. **Area Committee Forum:** Meeting 6 March online. **Action** AM to attend.

Joint Planning Meeting - Meeting 26 March at Gordon House. **Action** AM to attend.

Local Development Plan: Newsletter to be circulated and 30 technical papers due to come out.

Community Council Elections: Now proposed on 20 September to avoid clash with national elections. BCC agreed with proposal and nominations would be called in August and closes on 8 September. BCC AGM in May to approve accounts. An inaugural meeting in September would accept nominations. **Action** : to extend current office holders for a few months.

8. **Chapel of Garioch:** 2 large potholes filled. Mark has had communication from Jack Rigby. 5 more properties in village are to be connected through R100. 2 properties are negotiating with Openreach. BT have given a date of December 2026 for the remainder. Aberdeenshire Council's Digital Engagement Team has the highest success rate for R100 in Scotland. **Action** Janette to put reminder in newsletter that the onus is on householders to contact their provider to finalise their connection. The last stage does not happen automatically.
9. **Culsalmond:** Bin collection problems continue. The Aberdeenshire App does not give enough feedback. Notifications have to be turned on to get updates on which bins to put out and if there is a collection problem. Some bottle banks across the area have not been emptied due to a machine breakdown. The trees around the community centre are now mainly down.
10. **Leslie:** The community did not want to take on the running of the hall so it has reverted to Live Life Aberdeenshire to give to Property to sell. It is semi-detached to a privately owned house and there are concerns about upkeep of the hall.
11. **Oyne:** OCA has agreed the 2024 Action Plan with priorities include speeding, lack of a footpath/cycle path between the village and Kirkton, no action on roads survey, possible 20mph zone. Will look at funding for consultants to look at traffic calming.

Oyne Reel Club is successful with 26 people at the last event. Village Hall may be the subject of a future community asset transfer. OCA agreed to join DETAS, who can assist help communities with a range of projects and constitution updates. OCA needs data from the BCC survey to justify securing funds of £20-£30k to resurface the car park and also the village path.

12. Premnay – No representative present but from social media they are having problems with bins.

13. Rayne: - The Saga of drain continues – 4 years on. Aberdeenshire Council staff have been to see on numerous occasions but there has been no action. Local farmers have had to use slurry tankers to drain water to prevent flooding. Work is supposed to be in the budget for 2024.

14. Insch - Speeding problems. BCC to take stand at Strawberry Fair to promote CAP.

AM has tried multiple times to see Stuart's wife without success. **Action** Andy to write note.

Mobile mast transmitters need generators otherwise they just have a one-hour battery backup in a power cut.

New legislation means that private water supplies will have to be tested – being consulted on.

New legislation means that all new houses will have to be energy rated C by 2025. All tenanted houses will have to be C by 2028 and all properties will have to be C by 2033. Being consulted on. **Action** Janette to put in newsletter.

15. Planning and consultation:

- A Met Mast application for Correen Hills has gone forward.
- Mains of Glack Crematorium – BCC is neither for or against. BCC raised several points – public transport issues, spoiling views from Bennachie, appearance of building, and a query over regulations. Meldrum CC has concerns from resident near Daviot opposed to the development and they will contact BCC. The application will go to the Garioch Area Committee.
- Kemnay Woods Land Management – consulting on replanting of woods. No comment.
- February planning – no comments on any application.

16. Date of next meeting – Monday 25 March 2024.

