



**Minutes of the meeting in at St Drostan's Hall, Inch**  
**on Monday 23 September 2024**

**1. Present:** – Andy Miller (Oyne and Chair), Kevin Shand (Culsalmond and Vice Chair), Wally Rhodes (Treasurer and Leslie), Lynda Bain (Chapel of Garioch and Secretary), Janette Taylor (Inch), Frank Musgrave (Oyne), Mark Worsley (Chapel of Garioch), Alan Simpson (Leslie), Gill Walker (Old Rayne), Duncan Thow (Balquhain and Chapel of Garioch), Gordon Hood (Inch), David Wyllie (Premnay), Diana Muriel (Rayne)

Councillor Moray Grant and Ann Overton (Garioch Area Manager)

Members of public: None

Apologies – Gill Bishop

**2. Approval of the Previous Minutes:** Proposed by Frank Musgrave, seconded by Andy Miller. 2 amendments agreed.

**3. Police Report** – to become quarterly. Concerns raised about anti-social behaviour in Inch.

**4. BCC Business**

- **Finance** – circa £5000.
- **Resilience** – features highly in next newsletter. BLC has applied to become a resilience hub. Aberdeenshire Council are organising another training day. Aberdeenshire Council are responsible for care of people at high risk.
- **Newsletter** – Draft out. QR code to windfarm survey to be added. Changes by 9.30am 24 September.
- **Social media** - no report.
- **Retiring members** – Andy to host a thank you event for long standing members.
- **Paths Group** – Sub-Group to be formed to look at LAG funding for paths in the area. (AM/JT/KS)

**5. Roads and Transport:**

- Black post has been added to Rothney build out in Inch. Cllr Grant in discussions with Aberdeenshire Council.
- Disabled access to Inch Station – reserved item. NESTRANS has made recommendations, and it will go forward to repeating awards. No timescale.
- There are no speed restrictions in Kirkton of Rayne. Glass turn off dangerous.
- 20mph limits being rolled out from June 2025.
- Police and Council are data driven therefore volume of reports is crucial.
- Problem with angle of light on level crossing.
- Durno and Kirkton of Rayne – sign for Old Rayne needed at fork.

**6. BCC subgroups:**

- **Health and Social Care** - i) night-time closure of MIU's - liaise with Huntly campaign group ii) IJB action new build hospital with inpatient facilities- NHS (G) response to BCC enquiry on status is "we are treating the document as being superseded by current

government directive to cease all project work”. HSC subgroup to consider suitable follow up. iii) LDP evidence report topic paper on Health and Safety- response to BCC submission consolidated into general actions in response to consultation submissions. Inch Hospital is treated as closed. HSC sub-committee to decide whether we are satisfied with the responses or wish to retain these as formal disputes.  
iv) There is a summary of FOIH activities in this month’s BCC newsletter.

- **Bennachie Area Community Action Plan** – about to be published. 4 Nov 10.30-12.30 Stakeholders meeting. Janette to bid for grant for Local Place Plan.
- **Correen Hills Windfarm update** – Jacky Niven has made up a survey which links to postcode. Concerns about a temporary high mast to collect wind statistics for which planning permission has been applied. Survey will go out after 2 consultation events in October. Will run from 11 October till 11 November. £53 is cost to BCC.
- **Green Spaces and Paths Group** – Janette, Kevin and Andy have put their name forward for this. 10-15 days of consultancy are available from Aberdeenshire Council.

## 7. Aberdeenshire Council

- **LDP / other items:** Area committee objected to Hill of Fare Windfarm. Garioch Area Committee recently approved the sale of Leisureland, to Inverurie Men’s Shed, which is an recent example of an Asset Transfer. DTAS and AVA can advise on asset transfer for projects in BCC area.
- 8. Chapel of Garioch update** – work on the hall is underway and should be finished in time for the Pop-Up Pub Opening on 29 November. The Hogmanay Ceilidh Event tickets are sold out.
- 9. Culsalmond** – the white lines at the junction have been painted. Consulting is ongoing with the community over next few months about how best to use the hall and discussions started with Friends of Old Rayne Kirk (FORK) .
- 10. Leslie** – Leslie Men’s Shed are taking over the old school hall.
- 11 Oyne** – Berryhill Developments have cleared the old Archaeolink site. Vandalism has stopped. A new footpath leading to Berryhill has been started.
- 12. Premnay** – junction retared. Drain repair Issue with speeding at school. Ann Overton to find out about parking buddies.
- 13. Rayne** – the drains at side of park are still flooding and remain blocked with tree roots.
- 14. Inch** – Cllr Grant and Ann Overton to assist Janette with the technical inspection issue on lamp posts for Christmas lights and the policy review constraints.
- 15. Planning & Consultation** – Andy to send out a list with comments on each application and email feedback. Overall view is “no comment” on current block.
- 16. Date of next meeting is Monday 28 October 2024**