



## Minutes of the Meeting in at St Drostan's Hall, Inch

on Monday 24 February 2025

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

Councillor Moray Grant, Gill Walker (Rayne), Vikki Pattis (Inch), Fran Moldaschl (Inch), Alan Simpson (Leslie) by Zoom link

**Apologies** – David Wyllie (Premnay), Fiona Heinonen (Bennachie Leisure Centre)

**Members of the public** – Emma Rattray (Meikle Wartle), Dougie Simmers (Inch/Leslie Men's Shed), Bryan Thompson (Inch/Leslie Men's Shed), Chris Hamlet (Leslie)

**2. Approval of previous minutes:** Agreed.

**3. Police report** – no report.

**4. Leslie Men's Shed** – DS gave presentation followed by Q and A. *Action BCC to provide supporting letter when Leslie Men's Shed start to look for funding.*

**5. a Financial statement** - £1700

**b. Resilience** – JT & DW did presentation to Premnay Hall Committee. *Action GB to contact Logie Durno Hall Committee and JT to contact BLC and Old Rayne. All potential venue representatives to visit Chapel of Garioch Village Hall. Sandbags will possibly no longer be provided by council – to be voted on by Aberdeenshire Council at next meeting. Alternatives to be explored. No future SSE grants so JT looking at alternative funding sources. Information to be posted on Facebook and BCC website, and other options of sharing information to be explored – flyers, hall signage, contacting schools and health centres.*

**c. Newsletter** – closing date for articles 20 March.

**d. Social Media** – A96 survey, speeding, 60mph to 50mph consultation, health. *Action Cllr Grant to find out why vapes and batteries have been taken off Inch Recycling page.*

**6. Roads and Transport** –

**A96** – FM will send letter to local MSPs with view of presenting BCC view of A96 review at Scottish Parliament. Date to be confirmed for meeting between Cabinet Secretary and local MSPs.

Accidents at Colpy – sadly there was a recent fatality at Colpy of a pedestrian crossing the A96. *Action AM to email Amey and ask for report back on this. Will also invite Amey to a future meeting. KS to discuss with Cllr Grant.*

**National Speed Management Review** – proposal is that single carriageways speed limit will move from 60mph to 50mph, HGVs will move to from 40mph to 50mph. HGVs will move to 60mph on dual carriageways. Individual contributions are invited.

**Snow gates** – *FM to contact Amey.* Concerns about what happens to residents living between the 2 remotely operated gates if they are closed when they are away from home, and they are unable to get home. It is possible that people will try to bypass the closed gates on side roads which may become impassable and clogged up as happened after the recent accident at Colpy.

**Bus Forum** – request for BCC to support request to Stagecoach – reroute 10C late bus through Oyne and Insch. *Action Cllr Grant to ask for data on bus use.*

**Oyne** – *Action AM asked Cllr Grant to facilitate a meeting with roads officer regarding traffic calming – has been trying since November to arrange meeting.*

## **7. BCC subgroups**

**a. Health** – FM attended IJB budget meeting. There will be a review of service delivery reporting back mid next financial year. FM and AM met with Ann Overton (Garioch Area Manager), Caroline Smith and AHSCP – AHSCP plan to review care home estate and community hospitals. AHSCP asking Aberdeenshire Council and NHS Grampian to help financially as a 70% cut to home care is planned. FOIH – dementia daycare will go ahead in Insch Hospital dayroom. Planning gain money goes to the Insch Medical Centre.

**b. Bennachie Area Community Action Plan** – CAP will be ready for BCC endorsement for next meeting. GH to chair LPP. JT working on travel plan. FOIH has started rickshaw outing for elderly. *AM to reword health section.*

**c. Correen Hill Windfarm Development** – reply received to joint letter with Donside CC and Tap O’Noth CC to Land and Forest Scotland. Alexander Burnett MSP to meet with the 3 community councils. BCC will have 28 days to respond to the planning application but can request an extension.

**d. Paths Group** – will meet in March.

## **8 Aberdeenshire Council**

**a Insch Library** – current provision to remain.

**b Insch School Playground** – *JT to progress.*

**9 Chapel of Garioch/Pitcaple** – complaint received about state of garage on A96. *AM to discuss with Garioch Area Manager.* New pavement build with no drop kerbs. *GH to progress.* No new pavements will be build by Aberdeenshire Council. Next Pop Up Pub 28<sup>th</sup> March.

**10 Culsalmond/Colpy** – held survey and drop-in about community asset transfer of hall. Will hold open session on 15 March. CAT must get to certain stage by end of March.

**11 Durno/Whiteford** – Cllr Grant is progressing bridge/lighting issues.

**12 Leslie** – Men’s Shed presentation earlier in meeting.

**13 Oyne** – local paths work has been completed at a cost of £6500. £3000 was received in a grant from Garioch Area Funding, Glens of Foudland gave £1600 and Harthill/OCA gave the remainder. Archaeolink buyers are in discussions about a business development in the building.

**14 Premnay** – JT visited to discuss creating a resilience hub.

**15 Rayne** – Kirkton of Rayne residents have complained about the lack of/haphazard bin collections. No speed limit in Kirkton of Rayne. *Action AM suggested that this issue should be raised when the new 20mph limits come in. AM to follow up on Rayne North School.*

**16 Insch** – police attended recently for a disturbance.

**17 Planning and Consultation** – no applications. GH now records planning decisions for BCC. Recent refusal was for a pram/baby equipment retail development at Kellockbank.

**BESS** – ER highlighted some of the slides on her powerpoint. *LB to share powerpoint.* Date for next public consultation is 5 March at Meikle Wartle Hall 3pm-7pm. Developers have requested to present to BCC at next meeting. 15 mins talk and 15 mins Q & A.

**18 Date of next meeting** Monday 24 March 2025.