

# Bennachie Community Council

## Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 November 2019

**Present:** Sarah Robinson (Chair/Leslie), John Agnew (Insch), Stan Averell (Culsalmond), Sharon Duncan (Rayne), Scott Ewan (Insch), Wendy Glasspool (Sec/Chapel of Garioch), Janet Hoper (Insch), Frank Musgrave (Oyne), Wally Rhodes (Treasurer/Leslie), Alan Simpson (Leslie). Kevin Mulligan (Minute Taking)

**Apologies:** Stuart Rennie (Planning/Insch), Wilma MacIntosh (Rayne), Karen Gray (Premnay), Katy Thompson (Premnay), Cllr Smith

**Visitors:** Bill Cameron – Leslie Resident

### **Presentation by Scott Ewan on BCC website and Facebook (FB) Page**

Scott presented the new BCC website to BCC members. A number of minor improvements were suggested and these would be implemented by Scott. These included linkage to community association websites/Facebook pages. Scott also gave a comprehensive presentation on how BCC FB posts work, including how to like, share posts, followers, how to boost posts and 'traffic' (number of views per post). By far the highest views shares are the Road Closures (~1.9K views). FB is an important 'tool' for reaching people within the BCC area and as such it would be good to encourage local communities and community groups to follow the BCC page. Stan to find out if Colpy/Culsalmond has a Facebook page. The Chair thanked Scott for all his excellent work.

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### **Item 1 – Declarations of Interest**

1. There were no declarations of interest.

### **Item 2 – Minutes of the Last Meeting**

2. The minutes of 28 October 19 were agreed. Proposed: Frank Musgrave; Seconded: Wally Rhodes.

### **Item 3 – Police Report**

3. The Chair read out items from the Police Report (Annex A). Frank agreed to contact Police Scotland (Sergeant Rachael MacLennan) to follow up on Oyne and Auchleven communities speed-monitoring and would also provide contacts for Oyne, North Rayne and Premnay schools.

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### **Item 4 – BCC Business**

4. Decisions Since Last Meeting None

5. Financial Statement There had been no change in the accounts and the balance was currently at £3400. WR advised the SSE Wayleave payment was ~£170 to £200 p.a.

6. BCC Email The Secretary advised there was a delay in changing the password on the account due to a change in administration rights to the Sec which resulted in a Microsoft protocol of one month's security delay. Sec to advise when new password becomes active and to provide members with a reminder of 'how to access' BCC emails.

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7. BCC Facebook (FB) Posts The Chair advised that she had drafted a FB post to advise that BCC was looking for new members and that this had been posted on the BCC FB page.

8. Important Dates The Chair ran through the list of forthcoming important dates which had been circulated.

## Item 5 - Planning

9. Planning Applications Stuart circulated information on planning applications by email prior to the meeting. A number of applications have come in for the BCC area.

a). APP/2019/2422 Chapel of Garioch and APP/2019/2468 Knockenbaird were recommended for objection due to locations being on Prime Agricultural Land (PAL). BCC agreed with the recommendation. Stuart to action accordingly.

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b). APP/2019/0719 (Site East of Bridge of Barreldykes Old Rayne and APP/2019/1392 Mains of Rothmaise Steading Culsalmond have both been withdrawn.

c). APP/2019/2013 Erection of Freestanding Sign, S&S Services (Scotland) LTD, Oyne Granted by Garioch Area Committee.

d). APP/2019/2054 Erection of 3 Dwelling houses (Plots 6-8) Mortimer's Way Auchleven Awaiting decision.

e). LDP2021 Stuart provided an update on the LDP2021. Due to the new Aberdeen City & Shire Strategic Development Plan (SDP) taking longer than expected, it is unlikely to be completed until early in the new year. Since the PLDP must conform with comments in the SDP examination report, the PLDP consultation will also be delayed, probably until the end of Q1 2020.

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## Item 6 - Roads and Transport

10. Bus Forum 5 December 2019 (Kemnay). Members and public encouraged to attend.

## Item 7 - Infrastructure and Services

11. Report It Further to emails received from Aberdeenshire Council (AC), the Secretary gave a brief overview of AC's Report-it System (on-line and by phone). In the first instance individuals are to report problems (e.g. potholes, fly tipping, missed bin collections, etc) using the Report-it system.

12. Waste Management The Chair had made contact with Claire Loney (AC) who has taken over the Waste Management from Matt Davis. The Chair to contact Norman (Nom) Wright (Community Waste Officer) to see if he will come and give an update on waste management services.

Chair

## Item 8 - Aberdeenshire Council

13. No Ward 10 Councillors were present at the meeting and no reports had been received.

## Item 9 - Glens of Foudland Wind Farm Trust

14. Sarah confirmed she would be stepping down as the BCC representative on the Glens of Foudland Wind Farm Trust. An overview of the role was given including monthly meetings which are typically held on a Thursday at The Castle Hotel in Huntly. John volunteered to be an additional BCC representative.

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## Item 10 - Chapel of Garioch

15. Nothing to report.

## Item 11 - Culsalmond

16. Colpy Junction A96 Bus Stop Stan gave an update from Jim Bowie who had met with Transport Scotland and Bear Scotland on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019. (Details provided by Jim Bowie in email 17<sup>th</sup> November – See Papers Tabled). Currently awaiting plans for the whole location. Stan emphasised the need for illumination at the stops and crossings. In addition, Option 2(e) was not regarded as a desirable solution.

## Item 12 – Insch

17. Insch Train Station Survey. The survey has been extended to 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019. BCC to publicise the survey via FB post, BCC website, email local groups, etc. The Chair sought opinions on the content of the survey. Following discussion it was agreed that the Chair would write to AECOM and Aberdeenshire Councillors regarding the survey questions. Frank to send a copy of the AECOM letter to Sharon and Scott as at the time of the meeting they had not received the letter.

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18. Village Lights BCC to make a one-off donation of around £100 to ICAN to assist with the insurance premium. Currently awaiting invoice from ICAN to confirm insurance premium.

19. Tree Work Market Street Deferred to next meeting.

20. Sand Bags John continuing to liaise with Aquatech and Bennachie Leisure Centre regarding the siting of these.

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21. Flooding Insch Discussion of newspaper reports of £4.5 million for Insch flood protection. Frank to forward information members. Chair to contact Lee Watson (AC).

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22. AB54 Magazine John advised the magazine had secured funding and would run as 3 issues per year (reduced from 4). The next issue to be January 2020.

## Item 13 - Leslie

23. Leslie Hall Bill Cameron (Leslie Resident) gave an overview of the recent closure of Leslie Hall by AC due to Health and Safety concerns. Bill gave a summary of the usage of the hall by two main groups (Indoor Bowlers and Wood Turners). There is a general concern that the hall will not be re-opened and that both groups will have to re-locate to other premises within the local area. The Chair to follow up and find out AC intentions by contacting Tracy Morris.

Chair

## Item 14 - Oyne

24. Rowan Tree Car Park Toilets Frank raised that it was the understanding of neighbouring landowners that when Aberdeenshire Council obtained the land for the Rowan Tree Car Park toilets that this included a future obligation to maintain the toilets and suggested that pressure could be brought on the Council to take back the operation and maintenance of the toilets instead of relying on volunteers. There was a consensus view that the current arrangements through the Baillies of Bennachie was working effectively and that Aberdeenshire Council were unlikely to change their position as public toilet closures were continuing throughout the county. It was suggested that any residents from the vicinity of Rowan Tree who wished to pursue this should liaise with the Baillies.

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25. Frank gave a summary of the on-going issues in Oyne which are speeding and the continuing issue regarding access to Bennachie.

## Item 15 – Premnay

26. No representatives.

## Item 16 – Rayne

27. Passing Place Signage Update Sharon advised that the two passing place signs had not been replaced. Chair to contact AC again.

Chair

## Item 17– AOCB

28. Aberdeen Supported Bus Survey It was confirmed that the deadline for this survey was 9 December 2019 and that it had been issued to all BCC members on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019,

29. Winter Safety Notice The Secretary to resend email to members sent by AC.

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**Item 18 - Next Meeting**

30. The Chair thanked everyone for their hard work over the last year and wished everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year. The next meeting was planned for Monday 27 January 2020 in the Insch Institute at 7.00pm.

## Bennachie Community Council Police Report for NOVEMBER 2019

This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Bennachie Community Council area during the period 24/10/2019 to 23/11/2019.

As you will note this has been another very quiet month.

The report aims to highlight emerging issues in your area, and to provide crime prevention advice and guidance to Community Council members and residents you represent. Our focus is to reduce crime and disorder, help create safer communities and respond effectively to local concerns.

### **Community Policing Priorities**

#### **Antisocial behaviour, Violence and Disorder:**

On 16 November 2019, 37 year old male was charged regarding Threatening and abusive behaviour on Commerce Street, Inch.

The Police attended various public nuisance calls throughout the time period and dealt with them accordingly.

#### **Acquisitive Crime:**

On 11 November 2019 a theft of a children's bike and helmet was reported from within a garden on Whitehall Gardens, Inch, enquiries are ongoing.

There have been no other reports of acquisitive crime during the time period.

#### **Road Safety & road crime:**

Police attended several Road Traffic Collisions in the area during the time period, but none resulted in any offender being dealt with criminally.

We are aware of parking issues within Greenhall Avenue, Inch and both the households involved have been given suitable advice in terms of what is legally required when parking a vehicle.

We continue to be aware of general parking issues within Inch and the reports of parents stopping on zig zags outside Inch Primary School.

We will continue to give these attention and where identified owners will be visited.

Frank Musgrave has made us aware of poor driving standards and speeding around the Communities various schools and we will look into possible initiatives we can carry out with a view to improving this.

## Community Engagement & Reassurance

### New mobile phone technology to increase police officer visibility in local communities

Police officers in the North East will start using mobile devices as part of their operational duties which will increase their visibility within local communities.

Officers will be able to access a wide range of police systems while out on duty without the requirement to return to a police station and log on to a computer.

This means that officers will be able to spend more time working within the community, dealing with incidents, engaging with members of the public, supporting victims and focussing on crime prevention.

Previously, when officers dealt with a crime, they would have to return to base to record details of an incident on the appropriate systems and complete paperwork.

The new mobile devices will mean that every Community Policing Team officer, and those with a front line operational role, will be able to connect to police systems whilst working remotely.

The mobiles will provide apps enabling officers carry out checks and file crime reports. Officers will also be able to type statements directly to the device through the use of its digital notebook function Pronto which will obtain an electronic signature from victims and witnesses.

### Bike security

Keeping hold of your bike should be easy. More of us take to the roads as the better weather approaches so here are some tips to hold onto yours.

- Get a good quality bike lock - the more expensive your bike, the more you should spend, a good guide is to spend 10 - 20% of the cost of the bike on the lock. Solid 'D' locks offer good protection.
- Ideally the lock should have the Secured By Design Award or the Sold Secure Award.
- Use the lock! - even if popping into the shops for 2 minutes, many thefts are opportunistic.
- Lock to the best solid object you can find such as a cycle stand, railing or other street furniture. Ensure that the bike and lock cannot simply be lifted over the object.
- Consider using a stand-alone alarm (from £2) or a padlock with a built in alarm.
- Leave your bike where it can easily be seen by others or under CCTV surveillance.
- Remove anything that can't be secured, lamps, pumps, quick release saddles etc.
- Secure quick release wheels with your main lock or a separate cable which should also have the Secured By Design Award or the Sold Secure Award.
- Use Setectamark, Cremark, Veloeye, or other bike marking product and use visible sticker to advise the bike is security marked.
- If you regularly park it away from home and in the same location (e.g. work) as your employer, council, etc.) if they would consider installing bike security lockers.
- If you store the bike in a shed or garage fit a ground or wall anchor and lock your bike to it.

### Keeping people safe

[www.scotland.police.uk](http://www.scotland.police.uk)

## Rural Watch Scotland

'Rural Watch Scotland' is an extension of the Neighbourhood Watch Scotland movement and endorsed by the Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime (SPARC) and is aimed specifically at the rural communities of Scotland and aims to bring all the benefits of Neighbourhood Watch to all rural communities irrespective of location, size or demographics.

Rural watch is an online community for any member of the public where appeals, crime prevention tips and safety alerts can be posted by those who subscribe which can be viewed by all members. Subscription is free and the sharing of information on the forum is a great example of real time crime prevention in action.

The objectives of Rural Watch Scotland are to:

- Reduce crime and the fear of crime by providing the right information, to the right people, at the right time.
- Encourage people to think about safety and security for themselves, their neighbours and their community.
- Improve community cohesion and well-being by supporting communities to develop 'their watch, their way'.
- Work in partnership with national and local service providers to develop more resilient communities that are better prepared against threats, intentional or unintentional, such as crime or extreme weather.

The experience of Neighbourhood Watch throughout Scotland and elsewhere across the world is that members of Rural Watch Scotland will be less likely than non-members in the rural community to be a victim of crime.

By joining the Rural Watch Scotland scheme members can receive alerts and advice by phone, text or email. By keeping members informed about crime and other threats in specific areas, Rural Watch Scotland can help prevent crime, keep communities and residents safe, and member's responses to these alerts can help catch criminals or be better prepared to deal with other threats to communities. To join Rural Watch Scotland simply:

Log onto [www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk](http://www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk)  
Click the green JOIN button at the top of the page.  
Follow the on screen instructions.

## Contact Us

Please also remember you can communicate with us using any of the following:

- ☎ 101 – Non emergency;
- ✉ Email - [InverurieCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:InverurieCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk)
- 🐦 Twitter - @NorthEPolice
- 📘 Facebook – [www.facebook.com/NorthEastPoliceDivision](http://www.facebook.com/NorthEastPoliceDivision)
- 🌐 Web – [www.scotland.police.uk](http://www.scotland.police.uk)
- ☎ 999 – Emergency;
- ☎ 0800 555 111 - Crimestoppers;

Temp Inspector Hannan  
Inverurie Community Policing Team  
Date: 23/11/2019

## Bennachie Community Council Papers Tabled 25 November 2019

### **Police Reports**

From Rachael MacLennan ([Rachael.MacLennan@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Rachael.MacLennan@scotland.pnn.police.uk))  
(23.11.19) Bennachie CC Report

### **Planning**

From Fraser Napier / Katie Cranwell / Hannah Gray (Aberdeenshire Council) & Adminhub ([Adminhub.woodhill@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:Adminhub.woodhill@aberdeenshire.gov.uk))  
(25.11.19) 25 November 2019 Weekly List – Garioch  
(18.11.19) 18 November 2019 Weekly List – Garioch  
(14.11.19) Consultation for Application Ref No APP/2019/0719  
(11.11.19) 11 November 2019 Weekly List – Garioch  
(04.11.19) 04 November 2019 Weekly List – Garioch

### **Licensing**

No Papers

### **Roads/Transport**

From Jennifer Mitchell / Elizabeth Ross / Elma Murray (jennifer.mitchell or [elizabeth.ross or elma.murray@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:elizabeth.ross or elma.murray@aberdeenshire.gov.uk))  
(21.11.19) Temporary Road Closure – C120c Chapel of Garioch -29 January 2020  
(20.11.19) Temporary Road Closure – Strathorn Road, Old Rayne – 25 November 2019  
(20.11.19) Temporary Road Closure – C62s Auchleven – 13 January 2020  
(20.11.19) Temporary Road Closure – C58s North Rayne – 9 January 2020  
(05.11.19) Temporary Road Closure – C83s Kirkton of Rayne – 13 November 2019

### **Insch Railway Station**

From Jo Duck (Joanna.Duck@aecom.com)  
(20.11.19) Re: Insch Train Station Survey  
(04.11.19) Accessibility at Insch Study: Online Survey  
(01.11.19) Re: Accessibility at Insch Station Study  
(31.10.19) Re: Accessibility at Insch Station Study  
(30.10.19) Re: Accessibility at Insch Station Study  
(29.10.19) Re: Accessibility at Insch Station Study

### **Aberdeenshire Council**

From Alison Cumming ([alison.cumming@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:alison.cumming@aberdeenshire.gov.uk))  
(11.11.19) Community Council Forum Meeting – Tuesday 3 December 2019  
(29.10.19) Fw: Housing to 20140 – Community Council Engagement



From Fiona Garden ([Fiona.garden@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:Fiona.garden@aberdeenshire.gov.uk))  
(15.11.19) Re: 2020 Meeting Dates  
(14.11.19) 2020 Meeting Dates  
(14.11.19) VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
(12.11.19) Snow Warden Scheme  
(06.11.19) Garioch Area Committee Agenda – 12/11/2019  
(05.11.19) Re: Agenda & Minutes – September & October  
(01.11.19) Re: Agenda & Minutes – September & October  
(31.10.19) Agenda & Minutes – September & October

From Kat Laakso ([kat.laakso@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:kat.laakso@aberdeenshire.gov.uk))  
(18.11.19) News Release – New Recycling & Waste Leaflet

From Ian Mitchell ([ian.mitchell3@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:ian.mitchell3@aberdeenshire.gov.uk))  
(05.11.19) Re: Tree Work, Market Street, Inch

From Caroline Smith ([caroline.smith@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:caroline.smith@aberdeenshire.gov.uk))  
(18.11.19) Garioch Community Planning E-Bulletin w.c. 18/11/2109

From Madelyne Simpson ([Madelyne.simpson2@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:Madelyne.simpson2@aberdeenshire.gov.uk))  
(20.11.19) Garioch Area Bus Forum – Autumn / Winter 2019

From Councillor Hazel Smith  
(20.11.19) Fw: Colpy Junction A96 – Bus Stop Locations Update

### **Health & Social Care**

From Christopher Third – Scottish Health Council ([Christopher.third@scottishhealthcouncil.org](mailto:Christopher.third@scottishhealthcouncil.org))  
(15.11.19) It's Good to Share 15 November 2019 CRM: 0021864  
(08.11.19) It's Good to Share 18 October 2019: CRM: 0021522 – Survey Scottish Ambulance Service New Mental Health Strategy Opens  
(30.10.19) Scottish Health Council Grampian Newsletter – October 2019 CRM:002117

From Meriem Kayoueche-Reeve ([meriem.kayoueche-Reeve@avashire.org.uk](mailto:meriem.kayoueche-Reeve@avashire.org.uk))  
(06.11.19) The Contribution of Volunteering to Scotland's Health and Wellbeing – Report and Influencing Policy Guide

### **Business**

#### **BCC – Website / Facebook Enquires**

No Papers

### **Insurance**

Zurich ([Customer.Service@zurichtogether.co.uk](mailto:Customer.Service@zurichtogether.co.uk))  
(15.11.19) Have You Been Impacted by The Recent Floods

### **Meeting Minutes**

From Kevin Malachi Mulligan ([kevinmalachimulligan@gmail.com](mailto:kevinmalachimulligan@gmail.com))

(19.11.19) Re: BCC Meeting – 25 November 2019

## **Other Correspondence**

### **Garioch Partnership**

From Louise Thorburn / Dawn Brown ([info@gariochpartnership.org.uk](mailto:info@gariochpartnership.org.uk))

(19.11.19) TGP – Weekly Update

(19.11.19) Garioch Gazette – March 2019

(05.11.19) TGP – Winter Forum

(05.11.19) TGP Weekly Update

### **FoIH**

From Jane Reid ([janereidinsch@aol.com](mailto:janereidinsch@aol.com))

(17.11.19) Mailing List – Friends of Inch Hospital & Community

(06.11.19) Re: Fw: Accessibility at Inch Station: Online Survey