


28/2/22

Bennachie Community Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th January 2022
Via Zoom

Present: Andy Miller (Chair/Oyne), Frank Musgrave (Oyne), Wally Rhodes (Treasurer/Leslie), Robert Grant (Insch), Stuart Rennie (Planning/Insch), Alan Simpson (Leslie), Stan Averell (Culsalmond), Hugh Fraser (Insch)

Apologies: Wendy Glasspool (Sec/Chapel of Garioch), Sharon Duncan (Vice Chair / Rayne), David Millar (Premnay) Wilma McIntosh (Rayne)

Visitors: Cllr Hazel Smith (Aberdeenshire Council)

Item 1 – Declarations of Interest

1. Robert Grant – planning applications due to his personal circumstances in that his wife is a Planner with Aberdeenshire Council.

Item 2 – Minutes of the Last Meeting

2. It was confirmed the minutes of the last formal BCC meeting held on 22nd November 21 were circulated. Stuart Rennie to provide additional comments. Andy Miller proposed to accept the minutes and Wally Rhodes seconded. Approved minutes to be forwarded to AC by the Sec.

Sec

Item 3 – Police Report

3. Not available

Item 4 – BCC Business

4. Decisions Since Last Meeting BCC representative (Frank) attended further meeting on the 1th December as part of the ongoing Insch Hospital Strategic Needs Assessment consultation. Frank advised he had discussions with local GP Dr Davies and Chris Humphries of Communities Hospital Association who agreed that we continue to need to engage with the process despite the 'lack of confidence' concerns about the pre-determination of the assessment and that closure outcomes were a foregone conclusion. Frank keen to not be seen as a 'human shield.' BCC therefore would wish to reserve the right to comment as required. Friends of Insch Hospital group looking for wider membership.

FM

Next Stage is a discussion panel with Volunteers in and around late January 2022 but delayed due to staff redeployment.

5. Financial Statement Wally advised the finances were in a good position standing at ~£3700. Recent donation to Insch Larder was gratefully received.

WM

6. Queens Platinum Jubilee Bonfire to be held at Tillymorgan on day while community groups will have a beacon on Mither Tap. Oyne looking at various options. No plans at Insch unless part of the Strawberry Fayre (BCC to make separate arrangements on this for August).

7. Licensing Board (Gambling Premises) Guidance Frank advised on updated and clarified information requirements for such establishments. There are few in BCC area but we voiced our support for proposed changes via online consultation.

8. Greenspace Herbaceous Perennials Expressions of interest have had little response. Wally

unsure of why changes to present system are required. Hugh continues to promote on website.

9. Giant Hogweed Andy approached by River Don Trust who are looking for support to tackle and treat the ever increasing spread of plants along the section of river near Pitcaple. Drone footage being prepared to increase awareness. Cllr Smith stressed that landowner is required to combat it. Andy proposed we support the Trust in its efforts to obtain Lottery Funding and all agreed. AM
10. BCC Membership Andy outlined that BCC had recently lost members due to personal circumstances. New membership desperately needed both in Inch and the villages – key action to generate interest and directly recruit. FB post required. HF

Item 5 – Planning

11. Planning Report Stuart Rennie presented the planning report. Application at a field at Oyne for a storage shed and parking for a local business – local objections, flood risk and Roads objection – this to be monitored until wider community stance known. Retrospective pp sought for a machine workshop at a rural site near Meikle Wartle but limited concern. Stuart highlighted another proposal at Brownhills near Daies to relocate a previously approved dwellinghouse (1 of 3 granted as part of rural brownfield site) – some issue with fact that the relocated site had never been previously developed itself just close to. Others took view that no real impact.
12. An update on Local Place Plans was provided but it was thought that there would be little interest in this owing to the lack of action arising from the Place Standards exercise in Inch undertaken 3 years prior. Andy to check on progress. Oyne looking to do a smaller scale exercise to enable public funding opportunities to be explored. AM
13. New Aberdeenshire LDP due shortly after Examination, this included Affordable Housing Paper circulated previously. Latest update that this was delayed until spring time. This would be the new plan and policies to which development applications would need to comply with.
14. Delegated Planning Powers It was highlighted that Scheme of Delegation changes are being sought where planning applications with a total of 10 objections or fewer can be approved by Officers without being referred to Area Committees. It was highlighted that local members can still request referral – Cllr Smith stated that all three local councillors had to agree to this.
15. Discussion on Prime Agricultural land policy (presumption against its loss). This stating that BCC had developed a strong stance on this that others were now following. It was highlighted however that there is a concern about proposals still being permitted on these areas. A Local Member – Officer working Group was to be formed by Aberdeenshire Council to establish best practice. Stuart to raise concerns on the erosion of the application of this policy requirement. Cllr Smith to check on working group status. SR

Item 6 – Roads and Transport

16. 20 mph speed limit roll out No timeframes are known for this. Issues of speeding still major concern in all communities – Discussions Groups are due to get underway and paper had been to ISC. Policy approach needed first before working out how to implement.
17. Public Transport Ready to Go User Survey published. Stan queried whether it was this service or A2B that served Culsalmond – he will speak directly to operators. Free Bus Travel for Under 23's promoted on FB. SA
18. Inch station disability access Cllr Smith highlighted that Nestrans Disability Access Study was underway after grant assistance to look at options including footbridge and lifts as per BCC

support. This is a positive development. The existing footbridge repairs were also discussed and supported as well overdue.

16. Dualling A96 East of Huntly to Inverurie Consultation No update and as yet no formal position on this progressing or otherwise.

Item 7 - Aberdeenshire Council

17. Councillors Report – As per Insch Disability access note.

Item 8 - Chapel of Garioch

18. No issues.

Item 9 - Culsalmond

19. A96 Bus Stop Relocation/Community Centre relocated bus stop now been agreed and progress expected. An expression from community for a CAT or similar to takeover the now defunct Community Centre was briefly mentioned. Storm Arwin has toppled the surrounding trees and destroyed the fencing. No timeline for this to be rectified. Andy and Stan to discuss separately.

AM,
SA

Item 10 - Insch

20. Insch Library reopening/Xmas Tree/Forest Plan Member of public had raised concern about lack of clarity on reopening library. A previously mooted suggestion to install a vending machine has been flagged up as a potential option by AC. BCC to try to establish intentions with reopening options and/or alternatives as needed. Christmas tree by BLC to be removed by Hugh. Christkirk Forest Management Plan consultation to be responded to. Robert to do this.

RG,
HF

Item 11 - Leslie

21. No issues / A2B check.

Item 12 – Oyne

22. No issues.

Item 13 Premnay

23. No update

Item 14 – Rayne

24. The blocked drain / culvert & flooding issues continues to not have been addressed by AC. Previously AC indicated August/September for works to take place. Cllr Smith to speak to Area Manager

Item 15 – AOCB

25. None

Item 16 – Next Meeting

26. The next meeting is planned for Monday 28th February 2022 face to face.

Bennachie Community Council
Police Report for January 2022



POLICE
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POILEAS ALBA

GARIOCH COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM
VISIBLE, ACCESSIBLE AND EFFECTIVE

Not Available

Bennachie Community Council Papers Tabled as of 24 January 2022

Police Reports

From Debbie Burnett (Debbie.Burnett@scotland.pnn.police.uk) / Gareth Hannan (Gareth.Hannan@scotland.pnn.police.uk) / Mark Irvine (mark.irvine@scotland.pnn.police.uk), Michael Urquhart (Michael.Urquhart@Scotlandpnn.police.uk) / Heather Nelson (North East CrimeReduction@Scotland.pnn.police.uk)
(09.12.21) Police Scotland North East Business Watch December 2021

Planning

From Fraser Napier / Katie Cranwell / Hannah Gray / Calum Wright / Emma Furneaux / Jemma McBain (Aberdeenshire Council) & Adminhub (Adminhub.woodhill@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
(24.01.22) 24 January 2022 – Weekly List - Garioch
(17.01.22) 17 January 2022 – Weekly List - Garioch
(03.01.22) 03 January 2022 – Weekly List - Garioch
(27.12.21) 27 December 2021 – Weekly List - Garioch
(20.12.21) 20 December 2021 – Weekly List - Garioch
(13.12.21) 13 December 2021 – Weekly List - Garioch
(12.12.21) Aberdeenshire Council Briefing Note on Local Place Plans Regulations
(06.12.21) 06 December 2021 – Weekly List - Garioch
(29.11.21) 29 November 2021 – Weekly List – Garioch

From Martyn Skinner (martyn@archon-design.co.uk)
(10.12.21) Website Enquiry FAO Mr Stuart Rennie

From Piers Blaxter (piers.blaxter@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
(17.12.21) Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan and Development Plan Scheme

From Caroline Smith (caroline.smith@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
(23.12.21) Presentation Garioch CC Forum (Outdoor Access Garioch)

From Inverurie CC (Colin Wood Chair) (Inverurie.secretary@outlook.com)
(14.12.21) Bennachie Community Council – Planning Application in Close Proximity to ICC / BCC Boundary

From Paul Davidson (drpdavidson@gmail.com)
(08.02.22) Delegated Powers Increase Proposal – Aberdeenshire Council Planning Service
(01.01.22) Garioch Area Committee January Meeting – Planning Delegation Report

Licensing

From Clark Simpson (clark.simpson@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

Roads/Transport

Road Closures

From Elizabeth Ross (Elizabeth.ross@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) Elma Murray (elma.murray@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

(12.01.22) For Information: Temporary Road Closure C62s Auchleven

(06.01.22) For Information: Temporary Road Closure B992 Newton Cottage

(06.01.22) For Information: Temporary Road Closure U84c Logie Durno

From Madelyne Simpson (madelyne.simpson2@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

(14.01.22) Ready2Go Around Inverurie Survey

(31.12.21) Survey – Free Bus Travel of Under 22s

A96 Inveramsey Bridge (Feedback)

From Christopher Buck (Christopher.Buck@jacobs.com)

(18.01.22) A96 Inveramsey Bridge Feedback – Permission To Use Comments

(14.01.22) A96 Inveramsey Bridge Feedback – Permission To Use Comments

Insch Railway Station

From Cllr Peter Argyle (cllr.p.argyle@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

(14.12.21) Insch Station Access – Saturday P&J

NESTANS 2040

From Nestrans (NestransInfo@nestrans.org.uk)

(15.12.21) Nestrans 2040 The New Regional Transport Strategy

Roads & Bridges

From Ken Duncan (ken.duncan@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

(15.12.21) Aberdeenshire Council Bridges and Roads Releases 15.12.21

Aberdeenshire Council

From Garioch Area (Gemma Morrison PA to Ann Overton) (garioch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

(26.11.21) Local Place Plan Regulations – Expressions of Interest

From Alison Cumming (alison.cumming@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

(30.11.21) Postponed – Garioch Community Council Forum -1 December 2021

From Caron Dawson (caron.dawson@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

(31.12.21) Agenda Pack – Garioch Area Committee 11/01/2022

(30.11.21) Garioch Area Committee Link 7th December

From Robert McKinney (Robert.mckinney@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

(19.02.22) Trading Standards Scams Bulletin No. 37

(09.12.21) Trading Standards Scams Bulletin No. 36 (2 emails)

(25.11.21) Trading Standards Scams Bulletin No. 35

From Ken Duncan (ken.duncan@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
(20.01.22) Aberdeenshire Council Waste Collection Strategy Release 20.1.22
(19.01.22) Aberdeenshire Local Outdoor Access Forum Release 19.1.22
(15.12.21) Pedestrian Alcohol Warning Release 15.12.2021
(26.11.21) Mobile Testing Schedule WC 29.11.21

From Greenspace Aberdeenshire Council
(11.01.22) Invitation: Herbaceous Perennial Project - Clarification
(06.01.22) Invitation: Herbaceous Perennial Project

From Aberdeenshire Council – Customer Services (customer_services@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
(22.12.21) Community Council Query – Inch Area (Christmas Lights)

From Aberdeenshire Council Roads (roadspolicy@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
(13.01.22) Aberdeenshire Councils Roads Policy Review – Consultation

Storm Arwen Updates

From Alison Cumming (alison.cumming@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
(01.12.21) Message from Police Scotland

From Ken Duncan (ken.duncan@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) / Katy Jones
(katy.jones@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) / Caroline Smith (caroline.smith@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) /
Gemma Morrison (gemma.morrison@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) / Sarah Rochester
(sarah.rochester@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
(08.12.21) Update – Final Bulletin Update In This Format – Storm Arwen / Barra
(08.12.21) PM Public Update – Storm Arwen / Barra
(08.12.21) AC Community Poster re Storm Barra
(08.12.21) Storm Arwen / Barra: Update Community Poster
(07.12.21) Storm Preparedness & Info Poster – Social Media Channels
(07.12.21) Aberdeenshire Council Storm Arwen Briefing 7.12.21
(06.12.21) Aberdeenshire Council Storm Arwen Briefing 6.12.21
(05.12.21) Aberdeenshire Council Storm Arwen Briefing 5.12.21
(04.12.21) Aberdeenshire Council Storm Arwen Briefing 4.12.21
(04.12.21) Community Support Update
(03.12.21) Aberdeenshire Council Storm Arwen Update 03.12.21
(02.12.21) Aberdeenshire Council Storm Arwen Update 02.12.21
(02.12.21) Aberdeenshire Council Military Aid Message 2.12.21
(01.12.21) Storm Arwen Public Update 01.12.21
(30.11.21) Aberdeenshire Council Storm Arwen Update 30.11.21 – 2 emails
(29.11.21) Aberdeenshire Council Storm Arwen Update 29.11.21
(28.11.21) Aberdeenshire Council Storm Arwen Update 11pm 28.11.21

From Caron Dawson (caron.dawson@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
(29.11.21) Assistance Hub Information

From Elizabeth Ross (Elizabeth.ross@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

(08.12.21) (06.12.21) For Information: Emergency Closure – U69s Largie (Storm Arwen)
(06.12.21) For Information: Emergency Closure – U69s Largie (Storm Arwen) - Cancelled
(06.12.21) For Information: Emergency Closure – U69s Largie (Storm Arwen)

From SSEN Sarah Rochester (sarah.rochester@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
(06.21.21) Update from SSEN 6th Dec

Insch Health & Social Care & Friend of Insch Hospital

From Philippa Jensen (Health & Social Care Manager (inschsc@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
(18.01.22) Insch Strategic Needs Assessment – Next Stage
(07.01.22) Insch Strategic Needs Assessment – Next Stage

From Jane Reid (janereidinsch@aol.com)
(30.11.21) Friends of Insch Hospital & Community (Reminder 1st Dec Meeting)

Ward 10 Councillors

From Cllr Hazel Smith (cllr. h.smith@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
(24.11.21) BCC Update
(23.11.21) BCC Update

From Cllr Sebastian Leslie (cldr.sebastian.leslie@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
(27.11.21) Blocked Drain at Old Rayne

BCC Business

None Received

Other Correspondence

Giant Hogweed

From Richard Fyffe (Richard@corindae.com)
(12.01.22) Invasives / Giant Hogweed on Kessock Burn and Ury
(08.12.21) Invasives / Giant Hogweed on Kessock Burn and Ury

NHS Grampian

From Vicky Ballantyne (Vicky.ballantyne@nhs.scot)
(17.12.21) Its Good to Share! – Grampian
(25.10.21) Its Good to Share! – Grampian

Old Insch Tennis Courts

From Ruaidhri Dow (forandbehalf@hotmai.com)
(27.12.21) Old Insch Tennis Courts
(18.12.21) Old Insch Tennis Courts (2 emails)

Christkirk Forest

From UK Forest Certification Group (ukfcg@hotmail.com)
(26.12.21) Christkirk Forest - Stakeholder Consultation for FSC & PEFC Certification

The Queens Platinum Jubilee

From Jane Reid (janereidinsch@alo.com)

(20.01.22) Platinum Jubilee

From Audrey Nash (audreynash@lordlieutenant-aberdeenshire.co.uk)

(22.01.22) The Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2022

From Stephen (info@highstreetsafari.com)

(13.01.20) Official Platinum Jubilee Event - Beacons