Bennachie Community Council Minutes of the Meeting held on 02 March 2020

Present: Sarah Robinson (Chair/Leslie), Stan Averell (Culsalmond), Stuart Rennie (Planning/Insch), Wendy Glasspool (Sec/Chapel of Garioch), Frank Musgrave (Oyne/Vice Chair), Wally Rhodes (Treasurer/Leslie), Katy Thompson (Premnay), Wilma MacIntosh (Rayne), Sharon Duncan (Rayne)

Apologies: Janet Hoper (Insch), John Agnew (Insch), Scott Ewan (Insch), Nom Wright (Aberdeenshire Council), Cllr Smith & Cllr Leslie.

Visitors: Katie Fairweather (Network Librarian Huntly & Insch), Janette Taylor (Insch), Andy Miller (Oyne)

Waste Management Overview: Nom Wright (AC) sent apologies as he was unable to attend the rescheduled meeting and hopes to attend the next meeting.

Consultation on Library Services: Katie Fairweather gave an overview of the consultation which is specific to each local library – in this case Insch. The online survey closed on 29th February 2020, with paper responses open until 6th March 2020. In addition, any comments / suggestions can be made at any time at the library. The survey is looking at opening hours and ways to fully utilise Libraries and facilities. Digital library services, including 'Playlist for Life' (an Alzheimer's music resource) using FreeGal service were discussed. Although Council budget cuts are likely Insch Library is not looking to be closed.

The BCC had promoted the consultation on its website and Facebook page. Katie to provide feedback and further information to BCC so library services could be further promoted.

Item 1 - Declarations of Interest

1. Further to discussions at the last meeting the Sec to forward the 'Declarations of Interest' information from Aberdeenshire Council (AC) (Code of Conduct for Community Councillors & Councillors weblinks) to CCs.

Item 2 - Minutes of the Last Meeting

- 2. The minutes of 27 January 20 were agreed. Proposed: Frank Musgrave; Seconded: Wally Rhodes.
- 3. The Chair had contacted several people regarding the position of Minutes Secretary, however, the role is still to be filled.

Item 3 – Police Report

4. The Chair read out items from the Police Report (Annex A), which had been distributed to CCs prior to the meeting. Further to a feedback request from the Police (via AC) as to how to improve the Police Report for CCs it was suggested the general safety / contact information at the back of the report could be made into a poster which could be displayed within community notice boards, Facebook pages etc. A monthly or seasonal message / update was also suggested. The Chair to respond.

Item 4 - BCC Business

- 6. <u>Decisions Since Last Meeting None.</u>
- 7. <u>Financial Statement</u> Wally advised there had been no significant change in the accounts and the balance is predicted to be ~£3500 for financial year end. Wally also reminded everyone to claim

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operational BCC expenses (e.g. printing, travel to site visits, etc).

8. <u>BCC Elections</u> The Sec confirmed that due to the number of CCs three year terms coming to an end AC had advised elections would need to be held this year (to co-inside with June AGM). Alison Cumming (AC) is organizing elections for all CC and will send further information (e.g. timeframe and election forms). The Sec to keep everyone updated and to send out election forms when available.

Sec

9. <u>BCC Insurance</u> Zurich Insurance renewal is due on 1^{st} April. The Sec had contacted Zurich regarding the potential additional costs of adding the projector to the policy. It was noted that although the projector had been acquired for £100 its replacement value was much higher. Zurich confirmed that based on this value there would be no additional costs to the premium, due to the £100 excess. Stuart to investigate costs of a replacement projector. Once received a decision to be made whether or not to add the projector to the policy.

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10. <u>Important Dates</u> The Chair ran through the list of forthcoming important dates which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Item 5 - Planning

11. <u>Planning Applications</u> Stuart provided a summary of the 13 applications since the last meeting in January, which had been circulated by email prior to the meeting. No actions required.

A discussion on footpaths within Chapel of Garioch took place in light of recent planning applications at the edge of the village. Stuart advised the most recent application already had outlining planning permission. The absence of a footpath would be a material consideration, not a policy issue.

12. <u>LDP2021</u> 12. LDP2021 Stuart provided an update on the LDP2021. The Report of Examination of the Strategic Development Plan has been published. The Reporter has increased the housing allowance for Aberdeenshire (over and above the figures used for the LDP2021 MIR) by 940 dwellings for the period 2020 - 2032, of which 376 will be required in the Rural Housing Market Area. Sites may, therefore, need to be added to the Draft LDP, possibly including some in the BCC area. However, numbers in the Draft LDP may incorporate some spare capacity, in which case additional houses would not be required.

Item 6 - Roads and Transport

13. <u>Dualling A96 Update</u> Stuart gave an summary of potentially 'new' information relating to the Alignment of the Oyne / Colpy section of the A96 Dualling. This 'new' information appears to have been released / presented in August 2019, whilst public comments (including BCC comment) occurred in May 2019.

Item 7 - Infrastructure and Services

14. <u>Property Flood Resilience Survey</u> Scott to publicise on Facebook page.

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15. <u>NE 400Kv Reinforcement</u> Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN), operating as Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission (SHET) under licence, has plans to reinforce the existing 275 kV overhead line connecting the substations at Black hillock, Keith, Kintore and Peterhead to enable operation at an increased voltage of 400 kV. Stuart has carried out some preliminary analysis, which indicated 13 places / towers within the BCC area that could have varying impact related to noise / changes in noise associated with the upgrade. Frank & Chair to review. Deadline for responses 13th March 2020.

StR FM Chair

16. <u>Library Services Survey</u> – see section above Katie Fairweather.

- 17. <u>Polling Districts & Polling Places</u> Frank canvassed Oyne and the general opinion is that the system / locations appear to work. No comments from other BCC parishes. No response required.
- 18. <u>Local Fire & Rescue Plan Review 2020 Survey</u> Frank to complete on behalf of the BCC and to prepare summary response for the comments section. Comments to be circulated prior to 18 March 2020 deadline.
- 19. <u>Asbestos Fly Tipping</u> After following up with AC the asbestos fly tipping at Back of Bennachie has still to be removed. AC advised they are aware of the situation and have instructed removal by a third party asbestos contractor.

Item 8 - Aberdeenshire Council

20. No Councillors in attendance.

Item 9 - Chapel of Garioch

- 21. <u>A96 Pitcaple / Whiteford Junction Speeding</u> Steve Futter (Pitcaple Resident) had sent a draft petition form for BCC review prior to taking to the public. Sec circulated paper copy at the meeting and to send electronic copy to CCs. Any comments to be sent to the Sec by Sunday 8th March who will forward to Steve. Sec to follow up with Cllr Leslie, who was contacting AC & Bear Scotland.
- 22. <u>Roadside Parking Chapel of Garioch</u> Wendy advised that the owner of the Old Post Office Tearoom was once again concerned about people parking on the adjacent roads and that the owner was investigating additional no parking signage.

Item 10 - Culsalmond

23. No updates.

Item 11 - Insch

- 24. <u>Insch Train Station Survey</u> The Chair had been in contact with Cllr Argyle regarding an update. The next stage of appraisal by NESTRANS is in progress no schedule has been given. The Chair passed on thanks from Cllr Argyle for all the work the BCC has done to promote and lobby for station accessibility. Stuart to address a written comment made by AECOM which misrepresented BCC views.
- 25. <u>Insch Flood Study</u> The Chair had received a response from Lee Watson (AC) confirming that the preferred option for the Insch Flood Study was submitted to SEPA before the 31st December 2019 deadline. Scottish Government National Prioritisation is currently underway with prioritisation of submitted flood studies expected in June 2020. Insch is likely to have a low priority.
- 26. <u>Unstable Wall The Meadows</u> Stuart advised that he had been liaising with Mr Birkhead (Insch Resident) and AC, and advised the wall is currently being repaired.
- 27. <u>Traffic Commerce Street Insch</u> Mr Grant (Insch Resident) advised that he is awaiting a response from AC.

Item 12 - Leslie

28. <u>Leslie Hall</u> The Chair advised that Gillian Bowie (AC) had been in contact and that AC were working towards re-opening the hall.

Item 13 - Oyne

29. <u>Co-Option</u> - Notice of Co-Option for Andy Miller (Oyne) was given and the vote for Co-option

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30. Frank gave a summary of items including on-going Bennachie access issues, speeding, the installation of a defibulator and a Arts and Crafts Studio proposal for the Archeolink site.

Item 14 - Premnay

31. <u>Flooding</u> The Chair met with Margaret-Jane Cardno, Lee Watson & Malcolm Thompson (AC). The Chair to circulate a summary of the meeting to CCs.

Chair

32. New Moon Pub Wally advised that the pub was re-opening on Thursday 5th March 2020.

Item 15 - Rayne

Chair

- 33. <u>Car Park Near Old Rayne School & Play Area</u> Wilma raised concerns that the car park was very muddy and required attention. Parking occurring on the road to avoid the car park due to its condition. The Chair to contact Roads Department.
- 34. <u>Rayne North 30mph Signs</u> Sharon advised that the 30mph signs had been partially knocked down and were no longer clearly visible. The Chair to contact the Roads Department.

Item 16 - AOCB

- 35. Flyers for the Eco Emergency Event on 7th March 2020 provided by Anne Mansfield were distributed.
- 36. The Chair was congratulated on being selected as one of three finalists for the 'Inspiring Aberdeenshire Inspiration Volunteer Award'. The final result will be revealed in June 2020.

Item 17 - Next Meeting

37. The next meeting was planned for Monday 23 March 2020 in the Insch Institute at 7.00pm.

Bennachie Community Council Police Report for FEBUARY 2020

Community Council Report

This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Bennachie Community Council area during the period 20/01/2020 to 17/02/2020.

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 9th of February 2020 a Vandalism and an assault occurred at a property on Rannes Street, Insch. A male has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal regarding this.

On 13th February 2020 a House breaking where a car was damaged by fire near Meikle Wartle, was reported to Police. A suspect has been identified and enquiries are ongoing.

On 13th February 2020, on Market Street, Insch a Breach of the Peace and an assault involving a male and female were reported to the Police. The female was issued with a FPN and the male has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

During this time Police attended calls where they assisted members of the public and provided advice.

Acquisitive Crime:

On 20th January 2020, a fraud was reported to Police where a piece of machinery had been purchased online. Once the money had been transferred the piece of machinery didn't arrive. Enquires are ongoing into this.

There were no further instances this month.

Road Safety & road crime:

On 12th February 2020 at Church Avenue, Insch a 23 year old male was stopped in relation to Drug driving. On analysis of results he will likely be reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

During this time Police attended numerous reports of poor driving and RTC's where no conduct amounted to a criminal matter.

Community Engagement & Reassurance Various fraud/scams

There are numerous fraud and telephone based scams doing the rounds at the moment and I would ask that you encourage/remind that the bank/reputable organisations will not phone you

and request personal details over the phone. If there is any dubiety attend at your local branch. Do not transfer any money over the phone no matter how plausible these individuals may seem.

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

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 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
- Twitter @NorthEPolice
- Facebook www.facebook.com/NorthEastPoliceDivision
- ➤ Meb www.scotland.police.uk
- ➤ 999 Emergency;
- 800 555 111 Crimestoppers;

Temp Inspector Hannan
Inverurie Community Policing Team

Date: 17/02/2020

Bennachie Community Council Papers Tabled as of 2 MARCH 2020

Police Reports

From Rachael MacLennan (<u>Rachael.MacLennan@scotland.pnn.police.uk</u>) / Gareth Hannan (Gareth Hannan@scotland.pnn.police.uk)

(18.02.20) Community Council Police Report

(31.01.20) Re: Speeding Concerns – Pitcaple

Planning

From Fraser Napier / Katie Cranwell / Hannah Gray (Aberdeenshire Council) & Adminhub (Adminhub.woodhill@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

(02.03.20) 02 March 2020 - Weekly List - Garioch

(24.02.20) 24 February 2020 - Weekly List - Garioch

(17.02.20) 17 February 2020 - Weekly List - Garioch

(10.01.20) 10 February 2020 - Weekly List - Garioch

(03.02.20) 03 February 2020 - Weekly List - Garioch

Fiona Rendall (fiona.rendall@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

(18.02.20) Re: APP/2019/2759 Loan of Durno – Formal Request

Licensing

No Papers

Roads/Transport

From Jennifer Mitchell / Elizabeth Ross / Elma Murray (jennifer.mitchell or <u>elizabeth.ross or</u> elma.murray@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

(26.02.20) Temporary Restrictions – Run Garioch 2020 (29th march)

(20.02.20) Temporary Road Closure – George Street, Insch – 6 July 2020

(06.02.20) Temporary Road Closure – C120c Craigmill Bridge (Chapel of Garioch) 14th May 2020

(04.02.20) Temporary Road Closure – B9002 Insch Level Crossing 2 May 2020

(28.01.20) Temporary Road Closure – Clatt – 9 March 2020

(28.01.20) Temporary Road Closure – U117c Chapel of Garioch – 2nd March 2020

From Brian Strachan

brian.strachan@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

(20.02.20) Re: Charles Street Insch

From George Greig (george.greig@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

(21.02.20) Charles Street

Insch Railway Station

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

(27.02.20) Re: Insch Train Station Survey (21.02.20) Re: Insch Train Station Survey (20.02.20) Re: Insch Train Station Survey

From Annie Humphrey (Annie.Humphrey@parliament.scot)

(20.02.20) Re: Insch Train Station Survey

StageCoach Timetable Consultation Spring 2020

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

(24.02.20) Outcome of Bus Services in Aberdeenshire Public Questionnaire (Clean Sheet Review as Mentioned in Autumn / Winter Bus Forums

(04.02.20) Aberdeenshire & Moray Timetable Consultation Spring 2020

Chapel of Garioch – Whiteford / Pitcaple Junction Speeding

From Steve Futter (stevefutter@btinternet.com)

(01.03.20): Re: Speeding Concerns Whiteford / Pitcaple (29.01.20) Re: Speeding Concerns Whiteford / Pitcaple

Aberdeenshire Council

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

(19.02.20) Fw: Request from Police Scotland for Opinion Re Your CC Report

(17.02.20) Fw: Webinar – How Can Place Best Support Scotland's Health & Wellbeing – Tuesday

25 Feb 2020 - 10.30 to 11.30am

(13.02.20): Community Council Forum Meeting – 4 March 2020

(11.02.20) Fw: Calling for Ideas Event (NPF4)

(10.02.20) Fw: Action Required: Review of Pooling Districts & Polling Places

(04.02.20) Fw: National Planning Framework 4 – Community Resources & Roadshows

(28.01.20) Fw: Democracy Matters – January 2020 Newsletter

From Fiona Garden (fiona.garden@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

(25.02.20) Re: BCC Meeting Minutes

(19.20.20) Re: Garioch Area Committee Agenda – 25/02/3030

(10.02.20) Community Council Elections 2020

(30.1.20) Libraries in Aberdeenshire – Survey

(29.01.20) Re: Garioch Area Committee Agenda – 04/02/3030

From Gemma Morrison (gemma.morrison@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

(7.02.20) Re: Meeting with Margaret-Jane re Premnay Flooding

(21.02.20) Re: Meeting with Margaret-Jane Re Premnay Flooding

From Caroline Smith (caroline.smith@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

(11.02.20) Garioch Community Planning e-Bulletin 10/02/2020

From Katie Fairweather (katie.fairweather@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

(24.02.20) Re: Cancelled: BCC Meeting Tonight

(29.01.20) Live Live Aberdeenshire - Libraries (28.01.20) Live Live Aberdeenshire - Libraries

From Aberdeenshire Sports Council (sports.council@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

(11.02.20) Fw: Aberdeenshire Ports Council – Sports Awards Evening - Reminder (28.01.20) Fw: Aberdeenshire Ports Council – Sports Awards Evening - Reminder

From Doors Open (doors Open Days Event 2020

From Elizabeth Stanyer (<u>Elizabeth.stanyer@aberdeenshire.gov.uk</u>) (20.02.20) Fw: Questionnaire on Property Flood Resilience

From Cllr Leslie (<u>cllr.sebastian.leslie@aberdeenshire.gov.uk</u>) (22.02.20) Re: BCC Meeting – Monday 24 February 2020 – Apologies

Leslie Hall

From Gillian Bowie (gillian.bowie@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) (28.02.20): Re: Leslie Community Hall

From Tracey Morris (tracey.morris@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) (24.02.20) Re: Leslie Community Hall

From Bill Cameron (billcameron@btopenworld.com)

(0.03.20) Re: Leslie Community Hall (02.03.20) Fwd: Leslie Community Hall

Flooding-Insch Flood Study

Lee Watson (<u>lee.watson@aberdeenshire.gov.uk</u>) (22.02.20) Re: Potential Premnay Meeting 2nd March (14.02.20) Re: Update on Insch Flood Study

Waste & Recycling

Nom (Norman) Wright (norman.wright@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) (24.02.20) Cancelled BCC Meeting

Health & Social Care

From Christopher Third (Christopher.third@scottishhealthcouncil.org) (12.02.20) 2 Its Good to Share 11 February 2020 – Grampian CRM: 0021532

Business

Insurance

Renewals@zurichtogether.co.uk

(14.02.20) Your Zurich Town and Parish Insurance is Due For Renewal

From Caroline Hopgood (caroline.hopgood@zurichtogether.co.uk) (26.02.20) Re: Your Zurich Town and Parish Insurance is Due for Renewal

BCC – Website / Facebook Enquires

Wall - Insch

From Tom Buchan (Tom.buchan@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

(24.02.20) Re: Dangerous Wall, 31 High Street, Insch

From Graeme Birkhead (gbirkhead1@btinternet.com)

(23.02.20) Re: Dangerous Wall (21.02.20) Re: Dangerous Wall

(07.02.20): Re: Website Enquiry – Wall – Insch High St / Meadows Insch (31.01.20) Website Enquiry – Wall – Insch High St / Meadows Insch

Other Correspondence

Garioch Partnership

From Louise Thorburn / Dawn Brown (info@gariochpartnership.org.uk) (31.01.20) Garioch Gazette – January 2020

Insch Christmas Lights

From Nom Wright (<u>non.wright63@gmail.com</u>) – via John Agnew (07.02.20) Fw: Xmas Lights

Traffic Congestion – Insch

Robert Grant (rogrant@hotmail.co.uk)

(02.03.20) Re: Traffic Calming and/or Weight Restrictions Commerce Street Insch (24.02.20) Re: Traffic Calming and/or Weight Restrictions Commerce Street Insch (05.02.20) Fw: Traffic Calming and/or Weight Restrictions Commerce Street Insch

SSE NE 400kV Overhead Line

Heather Gray (Heather.Gray@sse.com)

(10.02.20) Section 37 Application: NE 400kV Overhead Line – Submission of Additional Information

Premnay Primary School Lighting

From Annie Humphrey (annie.humphrey@parliament.scot) (26.02.20) Letter to Council re Premnay School