

Bennachie Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 APRIL 2023

St Drostan, Inch

Present: Andy Miller (Chair/Oyne), Sharon Duncan (Vice Chair / Rayne), Wally Rhodes (Treasurer/Leslie), Janette Taylor (Inch), Frank Musgrave (Oyne), Robert Grant (Inch), Stan Averell (Culsalmond), Nicky Bennison (Inch), Lynda Bain (Chapel of Garioch), Mark Worsley (Chapel of Garioch),

Apologies: Alan Simpson (Leslie), Sheena Lonchay (Inch), Wilma McIntosh (Rayne), Cllrs Sam Payne, Hazel Smith and Moray Grant.

Visitors: – Cllr Andrew Hassan. Lesley Tierney, Ross McWilliam, Mark Hadfield – McWilliam Lippe for Daviot Crematorium presentation along with landowner – Fraser Milne.

Item 1 – Daviot Crematorium POAN presentation

McWilliam Lippe presented proposals for a 110-seat new facility for the west and central Aberdeenshire area. They highlighted various parts of the proposal, discussed local need and policy requirements. Limited feedback was provided but views from Bennachie were felt to be important, road access/egress and cycling facilities also highlighted. Consultation Event dates in May at Daviot.

Item 2 - Declarations of Interest

RG – Planning.

Item 3 – Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of last meeting held were to be circulated. **Mark** proposed to accept the minutes, seconded by Sharon. Approved minutes to be forwarded to AC.

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Item 4 – Police Report

Police report - getting monthly reports at the start of the month. March report appended. Locally some concerns on youth anti-social behaviour including gangs of teens causing issues.

Item 5 – BCC Business

Decisions Since Last Meeting None.

Financial Statement Wally advised the finances were in a good position - £4130. Accounts to be audited for the AGM

Inch Hospital Frank highlighted that the Friends Annual Meeting was well-attended but disappointed on lack of NHS/IJB representation on the day. A Meeting with new Cabinet Secretary Michael Matheson is due on 5th May following cross-party support which had managed to gain such a meeting. Frank queried whether this should be solely attended by the Friends however was willing to attend if it thought beneficial, Andy may also if thought extra community representation would help create more of a unified impression. Frank also sought clarity on whether BCC should continue to champion the outcomes of: maintaining a viable GP Practice, In-patient beds in Inch and homecare was adequately resourced to ensure integrated healthcare community-wide. All agreed. Next steps include asking Alex Pirie of IJB to attend next meeting.

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Community newsletter Janette and Nikki were congratulated on their efforts which have been well-received locally. Sections will change in the next edition with new features.

Resilience planning – Janette has drafted an initial working version. Sub-group to be formed to work together what our key issues should be including mobile telecoms back-up.

Item 6 – Roads and Transport

A96 Dualling No further decisions announced on the status of this.

Insch Station level crossing this will be closed for 5 days in April. Advanced notice required on website. No warning signs and diversions poorly signed.

20mph Roll out village maps are due to be prepared by end of April.

Item 7 - Aberdeenshire Council

Insch Replacement Bus Service. Regular timetabled service now in place. Feedback due June.

Local Place Planning – Nikki and Janette involved in this.

Aberdeenshire local community council elections in May. Hall booked. No new nominations thus far. Co-opted members will be elected. Efforts to increase BCC visibility and vacancies would be pushed.

Item 8 - Chapel of Garioch

Good attendance at the meeting on Wednesday 19 April. Take-away was that broadband funding allocation is for properties and a request was made for village maps so that locals can get together and sign up for the superfast funded programme if viable in their village. More promotion required.

Item 9 - Culsalmond

A96 junction road markings no longer visible.

Item 10 - Insch

- Insch After School Club reopening needed- Cllr Sam Payne was to look at this.
- Street naming for Rothney West Development – to retain the “Rothney” title and go with suggestions of “crescent, circle or lane” as proposed by the Council.
- Waste Recycling – BCC seeks to find out why Insch can no longer accept bulky goods – can smaller skips or an additional skip be provided?
- Insch Crossing – Feedback from Roads is desired on options on the possibility of a school crossing point to be explored

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Item 11 - Leslie

Graveyard wall repairs highlighted.

Item 12 – Oyne

Core paths a crowd funder for path maintenance achieved over £4k and grants now being applied for the balance of works. Film night on 22 April also organised as fundraiser.

Item 13 Premnay

None – Still need member for Auchleven

Item 14 – Rayne

Potholes are major problem. Surface water flooding issues ongoing – 3 years. Wilma advised that a work order had been issued to try to fix the drains. Thanks to Cllr Grant for his interventions.

Item 15 – Planning

The planning applications / weekly lists were discussed in the usual way and a summary is provided:

2023/0702	The Annex to the farmhouse is an improved proposed use rather than previous applications for this site.
2023/0738	No comment
2023/0609	No Comment
2023/0627	No Comment as this will be determined by Roads – it links to the Industrial Estate use.
2023/0651	No comment
2023/0697	No comment regarding this extension for a lounge/kitchen
2023/0505	No comment
2023/0509	Plot 2 – No comment on redesign of previously approved application for the site
2023/0510	Plot 4 - No comment on redesign of previously approved application for the site
2023/0448	No comment
2023/0502	No comment
2023/0330	No comment
2023/0333	No comment to renewal of 2018/1390
2023/0412	No comment to amended 2009/1948

Item 16 – Next Meetings:

The next meeting is planned for **Monday 22 May 2023 face to face and hybrid.**

The Annual General Meeting is Monday 26 June 2023 – face to face only.

The Ballot for nominations will be posted shortly and BCC are seeking to promote new members to join particularly where vacancies exist. BCC needs to be more well known locally in order to recruit members and improve our engagement.

