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Bennachie Community Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on 22th November 2021
Rannes Hall, Inch

Present: Andy Miller (Chair/Oyne), Wendy Glasspool (Sec/Chapel of Garioch), Frank Musgrave (Oyne), Wally Rhodes (Treasurer/Leslie), Wilma McIntosh (Rayne), Robert Grant (Insch)

Apologies: Sharon Duncan (Vice Chair / Rayne), Stuart Rennie (Planning/Insch), Alan Simpson (Leslie), Stan Averell (Culsalmond), Hugh Fraser (Insch), David Millar (Premnay)

Visitors: Alison Cumming (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 27th September 21 were circulated. Stuart Rennie had provided 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. Police Report presented by Chair. Confirmed no reported crimes but several vehicle accidents had been highlighted. Inch Cycling Club had voiced concerns with close passes on a number of occasions.

Item 4 – BCC Business

4. Decisions Since Last Meeting BCC representatives (Frank, Andy and Sharon) attended meeting with Aberdeenshire Health & Social Care Partnership on 11th October as part of the ongoing Inch Hospital Strategic Needs Assessment consultation. Frank advised he had discussions with GP Practice to gain helpful information on demographics and statistics profiles which confirm dealing with ageing population and all latent issues associated with this. In the meeting they reiterated the raised points, voiced 'lack of confidence' concerns about the pre-determination of the survey questionnaire and that closure outcomes were a fait accompli. The closure of the building due to staff shortages and redeployments ensures that reopening options are limited due to fire and safety regulations non-compliance. It was stressed that the community wish to see services retained and reintroduced proportionately it's not chiefly about bricks and mortar. NHS Grampian confirmed that this is not about economics. Next Stage is a discussion panel with Volunteers in and around January 2022. Frank nominated to represent community whilst keeping an independent voice, separate to Friends and CC.

Action: BCC representatives to attend Friends AGM on Wed 1st December – Wally, Andy and Frank.

Chair,
FM,
WR

Future meetings format Hybrid going forward (with exception of cold winter months ahead) preferably where individuals can either opt to physically attend or utilise 'Zoom' including Councillors. Alison highlighted connectivity issues survey and could aim to assist as required. BCC to check technology requirements.

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5. Financial Statement Wally advised the finances were in a good position standing at ~£4356.

6. Insch Resignations Wendy outlined that BCC had recently lost two members due to personal circumstances – Scott Ewan and Lesley Ovington both from Insch. Insch is now under-represented as a result. Both thanked for service. New councillors required to bring numbers back up including co-options as required. The struggle to garner interest was discussed. Sec

7. Glens of Foudland Trust Wilma (BCC Glens of Foudland Representative) highlighted that previous Chair (Sarah Robinson) was a trustee alongside several other former BCC councillors. Andy (current Chair) had expressed an interest in joining but this had been declined due to sufficient representation. Sarah had stepped back from BCC but still Trustee. The Membership Governance and intentions of former BCC councillors to be checked. WM

Item 5 – Planning

10. Stuart Rennie not in attendance but to provide updates on Rothney West and other applications by email at later stage. SR

11. APP/2021/1622 field at Oyne Fork – containers and building materials onsite – this to be monitored.

12. An update on NPF4 was also given by Frank. Updates when available but query resource and knowledge implications.

Item 6 – Roads and Transport

13. Insch station disability access Options including footbridge and lifts as per BCC support and that was to be discussed at 15th September meeting. No update.

15. 20 mph speed limit roll out No timeframes are known for this. Issues of speeding still major concern in all communities – Cardboard Police Officers use has been raised. Pothole reporting to continue but note some recent improvements.

16. Dualling A96 East of Huntly to Inverurie Consultation No update

Item 7 - Aberdeenshire Council

17. Councillors Report – No update due to no Zoom/Teams provision.

Item 8 - Chapel of Garioch

18. No issues.

Item 9 - Culsalmond

19. A96 Bus Stop Relocation No update

Item 10 - Insch

20. Insch Library reopening Member of public has 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. RG

Item 11 - Leslie

21. Leslie Roads Blocked gulley drain now cleared.

Item 12 – Oyne

22. Andy to check with AC Estates as to status of Archaeolink – state of disrepair. Access to Berry Hill beyond.

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. Wilma to speak to Ann Overton again.

Item 15 - AOCB

25. None

Item 16 - Next Meeting

26. The next meeting is planned for Monday 24th January 2022 virtually.

Bennachie Community Council Police Report for November 2021



GARIOCH COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM **VISIBLE, ACCESSIBLE AND EFFECTIVE**

Community Council: Bennachie

Reporting Period: 23 October – 19 November 2021

Previous Report Period: 1 October – 22 October 2021

Current Policing Priorities:

Following review of our priorities, they have been amended for the next quarter to reflect community concerns and emerging crime patterns. The addition of Acquisitive Crime is due to small rise in thefts in rural properties, not linked to Inverurie.

1. ASB – Proactive patrols to provide community reassurance and to deter/detect instances of ASB and Vandalism. To reduce instances of ASB as a result of the re-opening of Licensed Premises.
2. Acquisitive Crime – Proactive patrols to deter and detect instances of theft.
3. ROAD SAFETY – Preventative measures and enforcement action to ensure our roads are safe to use.

Crime Overview and Explanation:

| CRIME TYPE | CURRENT PERIOD | PREVIOUS PERIOD |
|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Assault | 0 | 0 |
| Housebreaking/Theft | 1 | 2 |
| Public Nuisance | 1 | 2 |
| Road Traffic | 3 Accidents | 1 |

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| | and 3 other | |
| Drugs | 0 | 0 |

Assault – Includes all recorded instances of violence.

Housebreaking – includes all break in's to domestic and commercial premises, including attempted break in's.

Public Nuisance – All youth annoyance and calls in relation to anti-social behaviour.

Road Traffic – all calls in relation to Road Traffic Accidents and Offences (speeding, illegal parking, obstruction etc).

Drugs – all reports incidents in relation to drugs dealing and use.

Assault:

It is pleasing to note that during the reporting period, there have been 0 number of assaults reported for the second month.

Housebreaking/Theft:

There has been 1 reported incident of theft during the period. This relates to the theft of a pedal cycle and enquiry is ongoing in relation to this.

There have been 0 housebreakings reported during the period.

Public Nuisance:

All Covid related calls have been recorded as Public Nuisance by our Control Room to ensure all such calls are recorded under the one call type and easily researched.

This reporting period has again seen Public Nuisance calls remain very low with only 1 call being reported. This relates to hay bales being set on fire and there is a positive line of enquiry to identify the person responsible.

Road Traffic:

This period has seen 3 reported accidents. One related to no injury, one with minor injury and unfortunately one which resulted in the loss of a dog.

There has only been 3 'other' calls in relation to Road Traffic, which relate various road traffic offences.

Speed checks will continue to be carried out in the area. Please let me know if there are particular areas of concern that would benefit from checks.

Drugs:

During this reporting period there have been 0 'drug related' calls.

Significant crime/issues within your community:

There have been no significant issues reported this period.

Planned Community Policing Activity/Advice:

The Community Officers are planning on hosting a Live in Garioch – Have a Query event in the near future which will be likely be held in Inverurie town centre, however is aimed at the whole of the Garioch area. This will provide members of the public a chance to speak to the Police about any issues they have.

The Community Officers are in the process of visiting all major retailers across Garioch and delivering them a Retail Crime Guide and reviewing their crime prevention measures, providing additional education/advice as required. I am the direct liaison with main retailers to ensure they have a point of contact and for relevant information to be shared.

Joint visits to licensed premises will be carried out along with the council to ensure that all premises are prepared for an increase in footfall and adherence to the Covid passport etc.

Conclusion:

Again another quiet report with pleasingly low levels of crime and incidents to report. We are still dealing with a number of calls in support of other agencies, but there is work ongoing at a national level, which should see a reduction in such instances.

Debbie Burnett

Sgt

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Bennachie Community Council Papers Tabled as of 22 November 2021

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)

(19.11.21) November Police Report

(08.11.21) Police Scotland North East Business Watch November 2021

Planning

From Fraser Napier / Katie Cranwell / Hannah Gray / Calum Wright / Emma Furneaux / Jemma McBain (Aberdeenshire Council) & Adminhub (Adminhub.woodhill@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

(15.11.21) 15 November 2021 – Weekly List – Garioch

(08.11.21) 08 November 2021 – Weekly List - Garioch

(01.11.21) 01 November 2021 – Weekly List – Garioch

Licensing

None Received

Roads/Transport

Road Closures

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

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

(09.11.21) For Information: Temporary Road Closure – C83s Smiddyhowe, North Rayne

(05.11.21) UPDATE – For Information – Road Closure – A96 Between Oyne Fork & Kellockbank

(01.11.21) For Information – Road Closure – A96 Between Oyne Fork & Kellockbank

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

(19.11.21) A947 Multi-Modal Corridor Study

Aberdeenshire Council

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

(22.11.21) BCC Meeting 22nd November 2021

(18.11.21) Queen's Platinum Jubilee -Area Events 2022

(18.11.21) URGENT: Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2022 Draft Planning Advice – Developer Obligations & Affordable Housing

(17.11.21) Agenda Papers for Garioch Community Council Forum -1 December 2021

(16.11.21): BCC Meeting 22 November 2021 (2 Emails)
(15.11.21) Agenda Papers for Garioch Community Council Forum -1 December 2021
(11.11.21) Fw: Statement for Community Councils
(10.11.21) For Information – Investing in Communities Fund

From Gemma Morrison (gemma.morrison@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
(29.09.21) Garioch Area Committee 09.11.2021 Agenda

From Robert McKinney (Robert.mckinney@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
(10.11.21) Trading Standards Scams Bulletin No. 34
(28.10.21) Trading Standards Scams Bulletin No. 33

From Linda Hendry (linda.hendry@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
(18.11.21) Test & Collect Locations – WC 22 November 2021
(04.11.21) Testing Locations – WC 15 November 2021 (Actually WC 8 November Info)
(28.10.21) Community Testing Schedule WC1 November 2021

From Ken Duncan (ken.duncan@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
(18.11.21) Aberdeenshire Council Mobile Testing Schedule WC 22.11.21
(10.11.21) Mobile Testing Schedule WC 15.11.21
(04.11.21) Mobile Testing Schedule WC 08.11.21
(29.10.21) Aberdeenshire Council Mobile Testing Schedule WC 1.11.21

Insch Health & Social Care & Friend of Insch Hospital

From Nadia Bolton (nbolton20@gmail.com)
(16.11.21) Public Meeting on the Future of Insch Hospital & AGM – 1 December 2021

Ward 10 Councillors

From Cllr Hazel Smith (cllr. h.smith@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
(17.11.21) BCC Meeting 22nd November 2021 (2 emails)

From Cllr Sebastian Leslie (cllr.sebastian.leslie@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
(21.11.21) BCC Meeting 22nd November 2021

BCC Business

None Received

Other Correspondence

Statkraft - Craig Watch Wind Farm

From Aneesa Miller (Aneesa.Miller@libertyone.co.uk)
(02.11.21) Statkraft – Craig Watch Wind Farm

Insch Library

From Paul Coates (both2014@outlook.com)
(15.11.21) Insch Library
(02.11.21) Insch Library

NHS Grampian

From Vicky Ballantyne (Vicky.ballantyne@nhs.scot))

(26.10.21) Its Good to Share! – Grampian

Boundary Commission Scotland

From Douglas Campbell (Douglas.Campbell@scottishboundaries.gov.uk)

(29.10.21) Boundary Commission for Scotland Consulting with Community Councils

The Queens Platinum Jubilee

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

(12.11.20) The Queens Platinum Jubilee – 2nd June 2022