

Bennachie Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th March 2023

St Drostan's, Inch and Hybrid

Present: Andy Miller (Chair/Oyne), Wally Rhodes (Treasurer/Leslie), Janette Taylor (Insch), Frank Musgrave (Oyne) and Wilma McIntosh (Rayne), Stan Averell (Culsalmond), Alan Simpson (Leslie), Sheena Lonchay (Insch), Mark Worsley and Lynda Bain (Chapel of Garioch)

Apologies: Robert Grant and Nicky Bennison (Insch)

Visitors: Cllrs – Sam Payne and Murray Grant. Alex Pirie, Interim partnership Manager - Central Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership, Karen Donald, Interim Location Manager for Inch, Kemnay and Westhills AHSCP. Dr Paul Davies, Alison Grant and Graham Matthews from Friends of Inch Hospital and Community.

<p>Item 1 – Declarations of Interest</p> <p>1. None</p> <p>Item 2 – Minutes of the Last Meeting</p> <p>It was confirmed that the minutes of the last formal BCC meeting held on 27th February 23 were circulated. Mark proposed to accept the minutes, seconded by Wally Approved minutes to be forwarded to AC.</p> <p>Item 3 – Police Report</p> <p>Police report - getting monthly reports at the start of the month. New Officer will be producing reports.</p> <p>Item 4 – Discussion with HSCP Representatives and FOIH guests</p> <p>All parties present welcomed the opportunity to have discussions regarding the status of Inch Hospital and Healthcare in Inch & District and have agreed to continue this dialog in approximately a month's time after Alex has had time to investigate points brought up during the meeting. Points raised included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why the hospital was closed during Covid due to new fire regulations and Safe Staffing Legislation during the Covid Pandemic. No mitigation or risk assessment was carried out and the Covid regulations have been lifted. • The Strategic Needs Assessment outcomes were not reflected in the Report to the Joint Integration Board or forwarded to NHS Grampian and Scottish Government. Residents have no confidence in the IJB process. • The Community remain after 3 years with the worse of the 10 possible outcomes, so all the SNA achieved was the removal of the resource from the Community and an inferior position than 3 years ago. • All attempts by the FOIH to offer support and to mitigate concerns about reopening the hospital have been frustrated and obvious solutions to the increasing bed-crisis in wider Aberdeenshire seemingly stalled. 	A.M
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The HSCP representatives were made very clear about the strength and depth of feeling in the Community and for the desire to move the project forward to provide in-patient community beds at Inch. <p>Alex agreed to take the issues away and get clarity. There is willingness and money available from the community to see this hospital back in operation. BCC wish to work together to achieve a positive outcome for everybody. Alex to contact Frank to arrange a follow-up date for the next meeting.</p>	
<p>Item 5 – BCC Business</p> <p>a) <u>Financial Statement</u> Wally advised the finances were in a good position £4130.00. Andy proposed that some money be spent on a permanent camera and microphone system to be installed to enhance the hybrid-working capability at St Drostan’s so BCC could continue to use this for future meetings.</p> <p>b) <u>Resilience Planning</u> – SSEN have now released money to be administered by Aberdeenshire Council for resilience. Information came out today about the use of batteries rather than generators. This needs to be evaluated. Draft plan to be distributed next month to everyone for discussion. A subgroup of Janette, Mark and Andy to progress this work.</p> <p>c) <u>Newsletter</u> – Janette circulated draft copies of the newsletter which was well received. BCC agreed to finance the next 3 newsletters depending on feedback from residents. Thereafter BCC would seek to apply for grants or ask for donations, sponsorship.</p> <p>d) <u>Social Media</u>- Facebook/website. Janette said that our Facebook page was growing but there were large differences in viewing numbers for different posts. Road closures continued to be the most viewed. We still have no one to update the website with minutes or secretary.</p>	
<p>Item 6 – Roads and Transport</p> <p>a) Inch Bus Replacement Service 41 starts on Monday 3rd April. Car clubs were discussed but it was thought that this would be best done at a local level village by village.</p> <p>b) <u>20mph Roll out</u> – Draft options should be available by end of April, with a latest implementation date of 2025 across Aberdeenshire BCC agreed to investigate reviewing the information at local level and provide feedback to the Roads Department to accelerate this process.</p> <p>c) <u>Inch Station Access</u> disabled access improvements including Access to All – Moray to Speak to Glen Reid of Nestrans to get update.</p>	
<p>Item 7 - Aberdeenshire Council</p> <p>Preparation for BCC Elections in May. More information to be received from Area Office. Information about elections in Newsletter.</p>	

Item 8 - Chapel of Garioch

Issues with mobile reception and overall reliability of Gartly Transmitter during power cuts.

Linda & Mark to speak to Jack Rigby and organise meeting at Chapel of Garioch to promote the RD100 roll out to improve connectivity and highlight issues with their local exchange.

Item 9 - Culsalmond

Stan advises that the bus stop sign is still being designed.

Item 10 - Inch

Pedestrian Crossing - After witnessing a near accident with a child crossing the road on the high street a resident asked us to look at the possibility of getting a lollipop person or crossing. Will contact Roads to see what can be done.

Lack of After school Care since After School Club closed. An owner of a nursery asked for the community to raise the lack of afterschool care facilities in the area. Cllr Sam Payne spoke to the owner, Parent Councils as well as Lawrence Findley ESC Director, who was sympathetic yet explained that there is no legislation or budget to provide after school care. Need to continue to lobby the council on this matter.

Janette asked if Inch Meadows could become a sub-group of the Bennachie Community Council as it originally was. BCC to look at the implications of this regarding insurance needs and discuss at the next meeting.

Item 11 - Leslie

Graveyard wall repairs needed and highlighted again.

Item 12 - Oyne

Crowd funding for the path repairs have reached their target. The Archaeolink Feasibility Report has been received and is now being analysed by the OCA Subgroup.

Item 13 Premnay

None

Item 14 - Rayne

Drain still hasn't been fixed. Money from obligations Developer of 30 houses at Old Rayne has been earmarked for improvements to Inch Primary School. Why when there is need of new pavements, work to Old Rayne School is this going to Inch?

Item 15- Planning

The planning application weekly lists were discussed, with no comments returned for this month.

Item 16 - Next Meeting for Monday 24th April 2023 (face-to-face and hybrid)

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