



**Minutes of the meeting in at St Drostan's Hall, Insch
on Monday 24 June 2024**

1. Welcome to, Apologies & Declarations of Interest:

Attendees: Andy Miller (Chair and Oyne), Wally Rhodes (Treasurer and Leslie), Janette Taylor (Insch), Frank Musgrave (Oyne), Sheena Lonchay (Insch), Karen Gray (Premnay), Kevin Shand (Culsalmond), Stan Averell (Culsalmond), Iila Lavatelli (Daies), Bill Mackenzie, Tracy Leags, Sam Sprecklean.

Apologies:- Cllr M Grant, Mark Worsley, Wilma MacIntosh

2. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting on 27 May 2024: Proposed approved by Karen Gray, seconded by Sheena Lonchay.

3. Police report – no May report. **Action** Andy to chase and circulate.

4. BCC Busines:

a) Finance – As per the AGM report – current balance of £3100 and finances in good health.

b) Resilience – Janette has contacted Roads about recent flooding on the other side of the bridge. There is a draft resilience plan. There was a large section on resilience in the newsletter. BCC has requested emergency grab kits. There are 2 containers of sandbags in Insch and 1 container in Premnay.

c) Newsletter – draft has been circulated. The theme is Your Community Needs You. BCC agreed to pay for another one or two editions but are seeking sponsors for the printing.

d) Social Media – there has been feedback on the CAP.

5. Roads and Transport:

- Roads Dept have yet to reply regarding Rothney Court flooding at the buildout.
- There are current proposals for a reduced bus service to make budget savings including changes to the No 41 route with early and late services ceasing. The Insch – Premnay – Alford bus will stop. **Action** Janette to email Transport Group to find out about cutbacks and to request increase in A2B bus service. There are grants for community minibuses but it is difficult to get volunteer drivers. Bus Forum to discuss. Local MSP send a monthly letter of complaints to Stagecoach. The information from the CAP can be used to request changes.

6. a) HSCP Group – meeting of interested parties 15.5.24. Frank did article for Facebook. **Action** Frank to ask NHS Grampian for feedback on the new build. FOIH raised £11,000 at the Strawberry Fair. FOIH held a public meeting where questionnaires were handed out.

b) CAP and Strawberry fayre feedback – Janette reported back on feedback from the Strawberry Fayre. The stand was very busy, and people voted with sticky dots on feedback sheets for the following themed priorities –

- Shaping the area:
1. More affordable housing
 2. Form a development trust
 3. Produce a local place plan
- Getting about
1. Disabled access at the train station
 2. Cycle/ walking paths
 3. Improved Train availability
 4. Improved Bus availability
- Resilience
1. Promote local business
 2. Buy local
 3. Have back up power at local halls
- Community inclusion
1. Activities for teenagers
 2. Christmas lights
 3. Improved health care facilities
- Young Voices
1. Community garden
 2. Better public transport links
 3. Multipurpose outdoor pitch / café recreation area
- How to keep in contact
1. Social media
 2. Newsletter
 3. Noticeboards/Posters

A Stakeholder meeting will be at the end of August. A report will be produced by Jackie Niven after August 2024.

c) Correen Windfarm – A meeting was held on 4 June with EDF and Cavendish. Turbines numbers reduced from 14 to 10, with a size reduction on 2 towers. Power will go to Craigwatch, Cabrach. Hardcore and water sources have been identified. A 1-2 km buffer zone is necessary between properties and turbines. The power export system will be a separate planning system. Considerable work is being done on the visual impact from viewpoints. Community benefit is £300k annually. CASHwig have moved from being an information group to being an opposition group. **Action** BCC to survey residents to gauge whether they are for or against the development in the Autumn.

8. Chapel of Garioch – Broadband meeting – a reply from Digital Engagement confirmed that only 2 properties in Chapel of Garioch do not have fast broadband – the hall and the old schoolhouse. Query has gone in about progress with Pitcaple.

Hall refurbishment – structural survey and building warrant completed. Awaiting final offer.

9. Culsalmond – waiting response regarding Community Asset Transfer request from the Garioch Area Office.

10. Leslie – Repair of wall around cemetery continues. A meeting in Premnay has been arranged to open a Men’s Shed in Leslie School Hall, linked to a potential asset transfer.

11. Oyne – Andy will meet Transport Dept on 10 July to discuss the Kirkton to village hall footpath and related speeding report to the school in 2023. The bottle bank at Archaeolink overflowing, but the Archaeolink site is now sold. OCA to look for costing and funding to move the bottle bank to the Hall. The school has a shared Headteacher with Logie Durno.

12. Premnay – the land beside school has been sold. It previously had planning permission for 2 houses. Council has fixed the drains, but it appears to be a poor-quality repair.

13. Rayne – no report.

14. Insch – smashed bottles are a problem at the skatepark. The council previously maintained this but when services get restructured this some items get missed. Applications for Christmas lights should be in to the Council for 1st October. The Council will provide the electricity for new LED lights only. **Action** Janette has a list of supporters to contact.

There are staffing changes at BLC. A new manager starts at the end of July. There is a new committee.

Insch Institute – Sheena is to become a trustee. **Action** Janette is to give Sheena the name of whom she should contact.

15. Planning – Action Andy to circulate planning applications for comments.

16. Date of next meeting - 26 August 2024.