

Bennachie Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 October 2019

Present: Sarah Robinson (Chair/Leslie), John Agnew (Insch), Stan Averell (Culsalmond), Sharon Duncan (Rayne), Scott Ewan (Insch), Wendy Glasspool (Sec/Chapel of Garioch), Karen Gray (Premnay), Janet Hoper (Insch), Frank Musgrave (Oyne), Wilma McIntosh (Rayne), Stuart Rennie (Planning/Insch), Wally Rhodes (Treasurer/Leslie).

Apologies: Katy Thompson (Premnay), Alan Simpson (Leslie), Cllr Smith.

In attendance: Cllr Leslie; Jo Duck and Richie Fraser (Consultants, AECOM) [Presentation only]

Item 1 – Declarations of Interest

1. There were no declarations of interest.

Item 2 – Minutes of the Last Meeting

2. The minutes of 23 Sep 19 were agreed. Proposed: Wilma McIntosh; seconded: Karen Gray.

Item 3 – Police Report

3. The Chair read out items from the Police Report (Annex A). In response to requests from Oyne and Auchleven communities for further speed-monitoring, Frank would contact Police Scotland.

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AECOM Presentation on Access to Insch Railway Station

4. Jo Duck and Richie Fraser from AECOM updated the meeting on the progress in assessing the options for disabled access to Insch Railway Station since their last visit in March. They had done video surveys to assess numbers and had established that very low numbers of people with mobility needs (including pram users) were using the station, especially the south platform. The count on the level crossing had been between 6.00 am and 8.00 pm on one day only. They had also confirmed that there had been very few help-requests compared to places such as Inverness and Elgin. In devising the proposed options, AECOM had consulted with the British Transport Police, the Local Development Planning Team and the Environmental Planning Team at Aberdeenshire Council (AC), and had compiled a list of problems and opportunities. Of the options they had identified, some were cost prohibitive and others did not merit the expenditure because the station was not busy enough; passenger figures put it in the bottom third in comparison with the rest of Scotland. It was acknowledged that the station was not busy because it was not fit for purpose. AECOM had also identified that people with mobility problems were not taking advantage of the taxi system whereby they could get off the train at a nearby station and get a free taxi for the last stretch of their journey. It was thought that this was because the nearest stations were at least twelve miles away, and that it was not unknown for passengers to become stranded when a taxi had failed to turn up.

5. The three options for access to the south platform currently being developed by AECOM were:

- A footpath with lighting and security cameras running from the drop-off point, across the level-crossing and round the back of the former crossing-keeper's cottage.
- A new footbridge with ramps.
- A lift system as installed at Dyce.

It was unlikely that the last option would be approved as it was five times more expensive than the first.

6. The meeting thanked AECOM for their presentation and agreed to assist in any way possible to reach people within the catchment area of Insch Station. However, they expressed their deep

disappointment and frustration that any practical solution to providing proper access to the south platform might be rejected because of cost.

Item 4 – BCC Business

7. Decisions Since Last Meeting. As Stuart had established that the plan for the three houses proposed at APP/2019/2054 was to link them to the mains sewerage, an objection from BCC had been lodged on the grounds that the major problems with sewage flooding in Auchleven had not been resolved. He had recommended that no further development should be permitted there until the sewage system was fully functional.

8. Financial Statement. There had been no change in the accounts and the balance was currently at £3300.

9. BCC Promotion. New business cards had been printed with the updated website address; corporate clothing would be easy to arrange if required; the website and Facebook page had links with other organizations.

10. Community Councillor Induction. Scott and Frank had attended the AC seminar on planning. They were surprised how poorly attended it had been. The seminar had covered three aspects of planning: planning management, application management and planning enforcement. The role of CCs in the planning process was covered but there was concern that, in future, the role of CCs would be greatly diminished. Scott would circulate the handouts from the seminar.

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11. BCC Email. The Secretary provided the meeting with the new password for the email account and would advise BCC members by email once the change had been made.

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12. Areas of Responsibility. It had been proposed that each member should take responsibility for certain aspects of BCC business. Karen and Sharon agreed to take on health and care matters. More members would be required to fill vacancies especially from the Garioch, Oyne and Premnay parishes. Frank and Karen agreed to trawl their areas for volunteers, and the Chair would prepare a post for the Fb page. She reminded the meeting that she would be resigning at the next AGM.

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13. Important Dates. The Chair ran through the list of forthcoming important dates which had been circulated:

a. Bus Forum. The next Bus Forum would be held in Kemnay but Inch had been selected for the meeting in spring 2020. BCC was to recommend venues.

Chair

b. NESTRANS Consultation. The Chair had advised the Garioch Area Officer that BCC would not be making a return on the consultation, and would complain directly to NESTRANS about the lack of clear information and a deadline in their consultation.

Chair

c. Flooding – Inch Public Engagement. The event had been poorly attended but the team had gathered some useful information.

CCllrs should refer to the list to ensure they had completed the necessary actions.

All

Item 5 – Planning

14. Crown Estate Scotland. Stuart agreed that he would look at this and make any comment prior to the deadline.

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15. Planning Applications. There had been very few planning application lately.

a. APP2019/2439 Ferniebrae. This application was for the development of land which lay on one of the routes being considered for the new A96. It was thought that the reason for the application was to prove the financial development potential before compulsory purchase took place. No action from BCC would be required unless a planning application were submitted.

b. APP/2019/2422 Chapel of Garioch. This application was for Approval of Matters Specified in Conditions under Planning Permission in Principle Approval, reference APP/2014/1362, dated 3 November 2016, for three detached houses. The reason for the delay between validation in April 2014 and approval in November 2016 was not known. In that the application was for three houses adjacent to an 'identified settlement', it satisfied the requirements of LDP2012 Policy 3 - Development in the countryside, SG Rural Development 1: Housing and business development in the countryside; and LDP2017 Policy R2 - Housing and employment development elsewhere in the countryside. The proposed site lay entirely on prime agricultural land. Online documents showed that planners were well aware of this, and had advised the applicant's agent that it would be necessary to justify building on grade 3.1 soil. However, there had been no objections from members of the public and BCC had made no comment. The Planning Permission in Principle would expire next month. Given that permission in principle was granted in 2016 in the full knowledge that the proposed site lay on PAL, and that BCC had made no comment in 2014, Stuart reluctantly recommended that BCC should make no representation.

Wendy reported that Chapel of Garioch residents were concerned that ribbon development was beginning to take place.

Item 6 – Roads and Transport

16. AC Supported Bus Survey. Stan would check to see if a BCC response were required.

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Item 7 – Infrastructure and Services

17. North East Transport Consultation. [See 13b]

18. Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Consultation. The Chair had replied to this but Sharon reported that the figures involved had already changed. She and Karen would consult on this.

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Item 8 - Aberdeenshire Council

19. Budget. Cllr Leslie reported that AC had been underfunded by £50M (calculated per head of population) and, although bids were being made to the Scottish Government to review the allocation, cuts to essential services had already been planned.

20. A96. The route proposed for the northern section of the Inverurie to Huntly dualling had been discounted on the grounds that it would cross an SSA. Cllr Leslie felt that the whole project was being rethought.

21. Elections. Cllr Leslie advised that he would be standing for the Brexit party at the forthcoming elections.

22. Ward 10 Councillor Representation. The Chair voiced her very strong concerns about the dilution of BCC's ability to represent effectively its communities and provide feedback to AC because of the sporadic attendance of Ward 10 Cllrs at BCC meetings and the cancellation of Ward 10 meetings with the Garioch Area Manager (GAM). She thought it unacceptable that volunteer members committed so much time to local matters, and that lack of attendance of Ward 10 Cllrs at BCC meetings was a breakdown in the political process. The Chair had already written to the GAM on this point.

Item 9 - Chapel of Garioch

23. Whiteford Bus Shelter. Cllr Leslie reported that the derelict bus shelter was on private land and AC were powerless to intervene. He had also spoken to the landowner who did not wish to do anything about the shelter. The Chair would approach AC about erecting a new bus shelter.

Chair

24. Vacancy. Following the resignation of Anne Mansfield, the Chair hoped that another volunteer could be found to represent the Durno area.

Item 10 - Culsalmond

25. Nothing to report.

Item 11 - Inch

26. Day Centre. The Chair had facilitated a meeting between FOIH and BLC in the hope that an alternative to the day centre facility could be established.

27. Village Lights. ICAN had asked to use the BCC insurance as part of the requirement for putting up Christmas lights. Historically, BCC had put up the lights which is why their insurance had covered it in the past. Whilst the meeting felt that they would like to support ICAN in this, it was suspected that the insurance policy would preclude coverage of third party users. John would investigate the scope of the policy but the preferred option was for BCC to make a one-off donation of around £100 to ICAN to assist with the insurance premium. Frank confirmed that the annual insurance premium for Oyne Community Association was £108.

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28. Flood Meeting. Stuart had gone to this meeting which had been very poorly attended. Three areas were being investigated: the Shevock Bridge on High Street and the houses along the burn to the east; the course of the Valentine Burn; and the area around Mill of Rothney and Drumdarroch care home which also included parts of OP1, the development site to the east of the Station Hotel. Although it was thought that Scotia had circumvented the requirement for a flood assessment as part of their planning application, this study had shown that the site was at risk and therefore future development may not be approved. Permission had been given to locate emergency sandbags at Aquatech, and negotiations were taking place to find a location near the Valentine.

Item 12 - Leslie

29. No issues raised

Item 13 - Oyne

30. Issues of speeding continue to be raised at the OCA.

Item 14 - Premnay

31. Flashing Road Signs. The Area Manager had advised that the flashing speed signs at the school had been repaired but that there was an issue with the supply to the sign at the 30mph limit. Karen would monitor the progress of the repair work

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32. Flooding. The Chair would write again to the GAM about the flooding problems in Auchleven.

Chair

33. Dial-a-Bus. The withdrawal of the dial-a-bus service had left at least one pensioner in Premnay unable to access shops or medical supplies. Karen would approach the chemist shop and FOIH to see if a medical supplies delivery service could be arranged.

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Item 15 - Rayne

34. Hedge Cutting. Bushes growing in the verges on the road between Old Rayne and Rayne North were obstructing the view of traffic on a blind corner. The Chair would write to AC Roads Dept.

Chair

35. Passing Place Signs. AC had advised that a docquet had been raised for the work to replace two passing place signs at Rayne North. Sharon would confirm when the work was completed. SD

Item 16- AOCB

36. Christmas Event. The Chair asked for feedback on members views about holding a Christmas social event. All

Item 17 - Next Meeting

37. The next meeting was planned for 25 Nov 2019 in the Insch Institute at 7.00pm. All

Bennachie Community Council Police Report for October 2019

Community Council Report

This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Bennachie Community Council area during the period 22/09/2019 to 24/10/2019.

As you will note this has been another very quiet month.

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 26 September 2019 there was a Vandalism at the Commercial Hotel, Commerce Street, Inch where damage was caused to pipes within the toilets causing water to leak. The person responsible has been identified and is going to pay for the damage.

On 4 October 2019 Police reported a 53 year old male from Inch to the Procurator Fiscal regarding Police Assault, resisting arrest and a breach of the peace.

Acquisitive Crime:

On 13 October 2019 a 18 year old male was charged with Shoplifting from R S McColl, High Street, Inch.

Between 16 and 18 October 2019 a theft of a chainsaw and agricultural equipment from a farm premises was reported. Enquiries are ongoing.

Road Safety & road crime:

We are aware of general parking issues within Inch and the reports of parents stopping on zig zags outside Inch Primary School.

We continue to give these attention and where identified owners will be visited.

Community Engagement & Reassurance

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
- 🌐 Web – www.scotland.police.uk
- ☎ 999 – Emergency;
- ☎ 0800 555 111 - Crimestoppers;

Temp Inspector Hannan
Inverurie Community Policing Team
Date: 24/10/2019

Aberdeen Airport

From #ABZ airspace (airspace@aiairport.com)
(28.10.19) Update Regarding Aberdeen Airports Airspace Change Proposal
(26.09.19) Re: Aberdeen Airport – Airspace Modernisation

Aberdeenshire Council

From Margaret-Jane Cardno (margaretjane.cardno@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
(14.10.19) Response: Ward 10 Meeting 10/09/19

From Fiona Garden (Fiona.garden@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
(25.10.19) Re: Bennachie CC – Updated Members List October 2019
(04.10.19) Garioch LCPG E-Bulletin – 03/10/19
(04.10.19) Induction Training Evaluation Forms 01/10/19
(02.10.19) Garioch Area Committee 08/10/2019
(30.09.19) Community Council Training 01/10/19
(24.09.19) Service Contacts for Garioch

From Madelyne Simpson (madelyne.simpson2@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
(14.10.19) Aberdeenshire Council: Budget Simulator

From Design Awards 2020 (DesignAwards2020@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
(16.10.19) Fw: Aberdeenshire Architecture & Landscape Design Awards (AALDA 2020 – Get Involved – Public Nominations Now Open

From Cllr Sebastian Leslie (cldr.s.leslie@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
(28.09.19) Re: BCC -Draft Minutes September

From Susan Adams (susan.adams@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
(02.10.19) Re: Ward 10 Meeting 10th September 2019

From Caroline Smith (caroline.smith@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
(24.10.19) Garioch Community Planning Bulletin – 24/10/2019

Health & Social Care

From Wendy Probert (wendy.probert@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
(08.10.19) Re: AHSCP Strategic Plan Consultation – Help Us to Shape the Future of Health & Social Care Services in Aberdeenshire

(07.10.19) Re: AHSCP Strategic Plan Consultation – Help Us to Shape the Future of Health & Social Care Services in Aberdeenshire

From Christopher Third – Scottish Health Council (Christopher.third@scottishhealthcouncil.org)
(26.09.19) Focus Group – Use of Question Prompts to Support Shared Decision Making CRM: 0021142

From John Macleod (john.macleod@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
(03.10.19) Re: Inverurie Community Campus – Open Doors Event – 12 October 2019 0900-1300
(02.10.19) Inverurie Community Campus – Open Doors Event – 12 October 2019 0900-1300

Business

CC Scheme of Establishment

From CC Scheme of Establishment (ccschemeofestablishment@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
(30.09.19) Update on Light Touch Review

Bennachie Community Council Papers Tabled October 2019

Police Reports

From Rachael MacLennan (Rachael.MacLennan@scotland.pnn.police.uk)
(24.10.19) Bennachie Community Council – October 2019 Police Report

Planning

From Fraser Napier / Katie Cranwell / Hannah Gray (Aberdeenshire Council) & Adminhub (Adminhub.woodhill@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
(28.10.19) 28 October 2019 Weekly List – Garioch
(21.10.19) 21 October 2019 Weekly List – Garioch
(14.10.19) 14 October 2019 Weekly List – Garioch
(07.10.19) 07 October 2019 Weekly List – Garioch
(01.10.19) 30 September 2019 Weekly List – Garioch

From Jane Weir (jane.weir@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
(08.10.19) Re: Planning Application APP/2019/2054 – Oyne

Licensing

From Licensing Policy Review licensingpolicyreview@aberdeenshire.gov.uk
(25.09.19) LME 2019 (Council Chambers, Woodhill House 27/11/19) – Book Your Tickets Now

Roads/Transport

From Neil Stewart (neil.a.stewart@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
(30.09.19) Re: Garioch Area Bus Forum

From Roddy Aiken (rodny.aiken@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
(22.10.19) Aberdeenshire Council Supported Bus Services Survey Questionnaire

From Jennifer Mitchell / Elizabeth Ross / Elma Murray ([jennifer.mitchell](mailto:jennifer.mitchell@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) or [elizabeth.ross](mailto:elizabeth.ross@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) or elma.murray@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
(14.10.19) Re: For Information: Temporary Road Closure – U77c near Mill of Pitcaple 20 December 2019
(10.10.19): For Information: Temporary Road Closure – U77c near Mill of Pitcaple 20 December 2019
(10.10.19): Temporary Road Closure – U77c Near Mill of Pitcaple – 20 December 2019
(09.10.19) Temporary Road Closure – C62s Auchleven to Leslie Airfield – 28th October 2019
(26.09.19) Temporary Road Closure – C59s Old Rayne – 9 October 2019

A96 Dualling

From: Billy Gordon (Billy.Gordon@amey.co.uk)
(14.10.19) Community Development Fund – A96 Dualling East of Huntly to Aberdeen Scheme

Insch Railway Station

From Jo Duck (Joanna.Duck@aecom.com)
(28.10.19) Re: Accessibility at Insch Station Study
(24.10.19) Re: Accessibility at Insch Station Study

BCC – Website / Facebook Enquires
(08.10.19) ICAN Request via Facebook

Data Protection
(18.10.19) Data Protection & Brexit

Other Correspondence

Garioch Partnership

From Louise Thorburn / Dawn Brown (info@gariochpartnership.org.uk)
(22.10.19) TGP Weekly Update
(17.10.19) Market Place Primary School, Asset Transfer Final Decision
(08.10.19) TGP Weekly Update
(24.09.19) TGP Weekly Update

Scottish Water

From Gavin Steel (gavin.steel@scottishwater.co.uk)
(11.10.19) Scottish Water Newsletter – October 2019 – Renewables & Low Carbon Energy

Scottish Health Council

From Christopher Third (Christopher.thrid@scottishhealthcouncil.org)
(18.010.19) It's Good to Share 18 October 2019 CRM: 0021833
(17.10.19) Focus Group – Use of Questions Prompts to Support Shared Decision Making – 28th October 2019 CRM: 0021487

