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## **Fordyce, Sandend & District Community Council Meeting**

**Thursday 28th September 2023 – 19:30**

### **Present:**

Cameron Ewen (CE)	Community Councillor - Chair
Phil Meadows (PM)	Community Councillor – Vice Chair
John Anderson (JA)	Community Councillor - Secretary
Audrey Stewart (AS)	Community Councillor
Jane Winfield (JW)	Community Councillor
Bertie Robertson (BR)	Community Councillor
Charlie Gray (CG)	Community Councillor
Stewart Adams (SA)	Councillor Aberdeenshire Council

### **Apologies:**

Jenny Taylor (JT)	Community Councillor
Claire Meadows (CM)	Community Councillor - Treasurer
Joanna Anderson (JoA)	Community Councillor
Ivan Owen (IO)	Community Councillor
Peter Tumelty (PT)	Community Councillor
John Cox (JC)	Councillor Aberdeenshire Council
Glenn Reynolds (GR)	Councillor Aberdeenshire Council

### **Abbreviations;**

Aberdeenshire Council – AC  
Southern and Scottish Electricity Networks - SSEN  
Fordyce and Sandend Community Council – FSDCC  
Community Councillor - CC  
Sandend Amenities Council – SAC  
Cullen and Deskford Community Council – CDCC  
Community Action Plan – CAP  
Community Resilience Plan - CRP

No.	Detail	Whom
1.	<p><b>Apologies and declarations of interest</b></p> <p>Chairman Cameron Ewen opened the meeting at 19.30. Apologies received as above.</p> <p>Apologies received as above</p>	CE
2.	<p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b></p> <p>Minutes of previous meeting 24/08/23 accepted. Proposed by PM and seconded by JW.</p>	PM,JW
3.	<p><b>Treasurers Report</b></p> <p><b>Balance as of 28/9/23 - £6639.12</b></p> <p>Admin grant of £583.26 received</p> <p>Aberdeenshire Council – Area Initiative Fund. Received £10957.89 in funding. All subject to strict auditing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. £3658.75 – Resilience Items</li> <li>b. £727.68 – Benches</li> <li>c. £6571.46 – Water</li> </ul> <p>It was stated that FSDCC had previously agreed to progress online banking. Online banking to be secured.</p>	CM
4.	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>My Place Awards 2024 open for entries. Used to celebrate projects and people that work to improve places and communities in Scotland.</p>	Note
	<p>The next Community Councils meeting is to be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November in Crudie school at 6.30pm. JA will attend. Anyone else wanting to attend please notify Secretary.</p>	JA
	<p>Community Resilience Conference Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. AS attending, potentially PM. Details to be circulated again</p>	AS, PM, JA
	<p>Area Initiative Fund – Third Tranche now open for applications. Discussion held on readiness of CAP and CRP to identify projects and items to apply for funding. CC stated that CAP projects in particular had not been thought through in any great detail.</p>	Note

	<p>Aberdeenshire Council Local Place Plans release 27.9.23.</p> <p>Money available to assist Community Councils and other local groups to develop their plans. Information circulated to all CCs</p>	Note
	<p>National – Democracy Matters webinar for Community Councils to be held to be held 5<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Oct. Any CCs wishing to attend please contact Secretary. JA to attend one session</p>	JA
	<p>Burial of Whale calf correspondence now sent to Iain Welsh – Landscapes Services Manager to be progressed. Emails sent to Cllr Glen Reynolds 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023</p>	JA
	<p>AC's Digital Engagement Newsletter shared with CCs. PM to engage with the AC Digital Team to consider what assistance available to assist with increased speed in FSDCC area</p>	PM
	<p>CCs attended an evening with information and tasting at Glenglasshaugh Distillery</p>	Note
5.	<p><b>Police Report</b></p> <p>Police report circulated. Instruction given to contact Police Scotland with concerns about reports that the police were not going to investigate 'minor' crimes</p>	JA
6.	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p>a. CRP and CAP updates</p> <p>Confirmation given that AS would be attending Resilience conference on 2<sup>nd</sup> October</p> <p>Water safety event is to be held for children in the area. PAWS, Scottish Fire and Rescue Services and Yogi and Cindy Bears attending. Date to be confirmed.</p> <p>Once all items have been purchased for the resilience store an open evening is to be held Sandend Amenities Council and emergency services can attend to view items and run through resilience plan structure.</p> <p>Information given that FSDCC had been advised that planning permission is required for bus shelters both in Fordyce and Sandend. CC challenged strongly as to why Planning department being contacted as CAP are not sufficiently progressed to enable meaningful conversations to take place.</p>	AS

	<p>Also challenge made as to why funding being sought now as CAP not sufficiently developed to enable meaningful cost estimates to be generated. Counter proposal was that target dates for applications to various funds would be missed if not enacted now. CC continued to strongly state that the CAP projects were not in any way ready for funding applications and stated that the working group had not yet met to start to develop the various plans</p> <p>It was advised that planning permission was required to erect a noticeboard on the fence surrounding Sandend Holidays Caravan and Camping site. This was challenged by CC. This should be further investigated as CAP projects are developed.</p> <p>FSDCC decision was to progress funding applications.</p>	AS, CM
	<p>b. Coastal path update</p> <p>Communication shared concerning the fact that AC had been notified of both concerns and an actual injury sustained due to poor condition of the steps up the hillside at the Eastern end of Sandend bay. AC have placed signs at the steps warning people as to their use. FSDCC have suggested that walkers from Portsoy could be redirected to the North around Red Haven headland and down onto the shingle beach to the North of the foot of the steps. Then with care over the rocks to Sandend bay. No action taken on this suggestion.</p> <p>Findlater Castle to Sandend path upgrade, talks ongoing with finalise route with landowner and AC. FSDCC previously advised that route had been agreed. To be clarified with AC.</p>	JA
	<p>c. Sandend fence update</p> <p>Information shared that AC Roads dept are planning on replacing the temporary timber slatted fence with a new six strand wire and post fence similar to the original fencing from the pump house to Creel Cottage on the village road. Contact to be maintained with AC.</p>	JA
	<p>d. Plants and planting</p> <p>Application for bedding plants completed and lodged with AC. To be progressed in conjunction with SAC.</p>	CM

	<p>e. FSDCC consideration of Sandend street trader</p> <p>FSDCC were asked by AC Roads dept. to comment on street trader operating in Seaview Road Sandend. Secretary instructed to write to Roads dept. stating FSDCC had no concerns regarding the street trader operating in Seaview Road.</p>	JA
	<p>f. Planning list</p> <p>Planning lists are circulated to all CCs when received. Only one application available for comment in recent planning lists. Decision made that no comment was required concerning application.</p>	Note
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Local updates and Reports</b></p> <p>It was reported that security fencing had been erected around the former Fordyce school and the delineation with adjoining properties is now clear. Work will be started soon on the development.</p> <p>Various large branches had fallen from trees in Fordyce. No damage has been sustained.</p>	Note  Note
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Updates from Aberdeenshire Councillors</b></p> <p>It was stated that AC is to be moving to a different waste collection methodology.</p> <p>Long service awards were awarded to Ivan Owen, (absent), Jane Winfield and Bertie Robertson. FSDCC congratulated them on their efforts on behalf of the community.</p>	Note  Note
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Secretary reported that he had not chased up repairs to Bridge on C4L damaged at Barnyard Road - chase up repairs.</p> <p>It was agreed to propose Mr G. and Mrs C. McRae for an award in the honours scheme, for the large amount of work that they had performed to raise significant amounts of money over many years for charity. Secretary to confirm that Mr and Mrs McRae would want to receive such an honour</p> <p>Subject to securing that assurance CG and EC to forward recommendation to Lord Lieutenant, or deputy for inclusion</p>	JA    CG, EC

	<b>Next Meeting</b> 26th October 2023 19:00	
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