

Fordyce, Sandend & District Community Council Meeting

Thursday 22nd February 2024 – 19:30

Present:

Cameron Ewen (CE)	Community Councillor - Chair
Claire Meadows (CM)	Community Councillor – Treasurer
John Anderson (JA)	Community Councillor – Secretary
Joanna Syversen (JS)	Community Councillor
Bertie Robertson (BR)	Community Councillor
Ivan Owen (IO)	Community Councillor
Jenny Taylor (JT)	Community Councillor
Charlie Grey (CG)	Community Councillor
Cllr John Cox (JC)	Aberdeenshire Council Councillor
Colin Burch (CB)	Cullen and Deskford CC - Chair
Jack Rigby (JR)	Digital Lead 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
Aberdeenshire Interim Fund – AIF

No.	Detail	Whom
1.	<p>Apologies and declarations of interest</p> <p>Apology</p> <p>Jane Winfield (JW)</p> <p>Phil Meadows (PM)</p> <p>Cllr Stewart Adams</p> <p>The Chair opened the meeting at 19.30</p> <p>Apologies were received as above</p> <p>The Secretary queried the apology received from Phil Meadows stating it was his understanding Phil Meadows had resigned at the last meeting. The Chair informed him that was not the case.</p>	<p>JW</p> <p>PM</p> <p>SA</p> <p>CE</p> <p>J/CE</p>
2.	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting</p> <p>The Minutes were accepted as a record. Proposed by JT and seconded by BR.</p>	<p>JT, BR</p>
3.	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>Balance as of 22/02/24 - £4661.41</p> <p>£3469.00 spent on resilience items. Some discussion was held concerning the CRP at this point, but this will be fully covered in CRP update section.</p> <p>It was noted that currently in the banking system there is no requirement for a second signature, (electronic, or physical), to dispense/spend FSDCC funds. It was agreed that this is to be rectified as soon as practicable. Second signatory to be the Chair.</p> <p>£500 received from Villages fund to be returned to AC as person who previously spread grit etc. in icy conditions is no longer prepared to do the work.</p>	<p>CM</p> <p>CM/CE</p> <p>CM</p>
4.	<p>Police Report</p> <p>Police report circulated. It was noted that there were no incidents in FSDCC area.</p>	
5.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Reemergence of whale on Sandend beach. This was reported to Iain Welsh on the 31st January a response was received on the 9th February stating that the AC team were looking into this and a</p>	<p>Iain</p>

	<p>further comments should be received later the following week. No further comments received as yet.</p> <p>Potential hustings event, covered in Matters Arising</p> <p>Aberdeenshire Primary Provision within the Banff cluster survey was previously circulated. It was highlighted that there was some risk to Bracoden, Aberchirder and Portsoy primary schools.</p> <p>It was highlighted that there was an opportunity for a Lay Chair position with NHS Grampian Organ Donation Committee. No interest was expressed at the meeting. No further action</p> <p>Scottish Forum of Community Councils conference to be held remotely on 24th February. FSDCC representation to observe.</p> <p>Information regarding the availability of a free portrait of King Charles III was shared. No further action</p> <p>Community Council insurance information session with Zurich to be held Tuesday 27th Feb. FSDCC representation required.</p> <p>Single election date. This was discussed and it was highlighted that Duncan Leece had raised some concerns about how it would work in practice. Contact to be made with Duncan Leece</p> <p>New fence in the village Sandend has been erected and we have been informed by Alistair Millar. Looks a good job and our thanks have been expressed to Mr Millar. It was also highlighted that the fence from Creel Cottage to 49 The Village is now in a parlous state. Communication to be maintained with AC.</p>	<p>Welsh/JA</p> <p>JA</p> <p>JA</p> <p>JA</p> <p>JA</p>
6.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>a. Sandend Dunes Protection</p> <p>Chronologically this was covered following presentation by Jack Rigby. Decision by FSDCC is for secretary to contact relevant parties to investigate what could be done to provide further protection for dunes in Sandend bay. To subsequently ascertain approximate costings and to report back to FSDCC.</p>	<p>JA</p>
	<p>b. Jack Rigby – Digital Stakeholder Lead Officer</p> <p>Very interesting and informative presentation given by Jack Rigby concerning connectivity and speed of internet connection within FSDCC area. Mr Rigby highlighted potential to develop clusters of householders in FSDCC area to take full advantage of ‘Voucher’ scheme. Wording for leaflet drop to identified clusters be organised by Mr Rigby in conjunction with Secretary.</p>	<p>JR/JA</p>

	<p>c. Hustings event</p> <p>Colin Burch of Cullen and Deskford CC spoke about the potential to host a hustings event when the General Election date was announced. He sought assistance from FSDCC to publicise such an event.</p> <p>FSDCC instructed the Secretary to maintain contact with Colin and afford assistance as required.</p>	<p>JA</p>
	<p>d. Website</p> <p>Hedley Enterprises offer was spoken about and it was mistakenly considered that they had developed Cullen and Deskford CC website. Coilin Burch, (Chair Cullen and Deskford) was in attendance and he was questioned regarding their experience of working with Hedley Enterprises. It was stated that Cullen and Deskford do not have a website. It was pointed out that the relevant website was for Discover Cullen and owned by David McCubbin, JA to contact Mr McCubbin for a reference.</p> <p>CM stated that she updated the Facebook page, but did not update the website. Guidance was sought on what items should be posted on website. Chair suggested Storm warnings, roadworks/closures etc. and any important information received from AC. It was suggested that the website would benefit from a local news section.</p> <p>It was suggested that there should be independently hosted email addresses for the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary that could be handed over with the Office. Information on how this could be done to be sought.</p>	<p>JA</p> <p>JA</p>
	<p>e. CRP Update</p> <p>It was stated that all the items so far purchased had been defined. The items still outstanding associated with water rescue were not now to be purchased as the general principle for water rescue should be to leave it to the experts. It was identified that there were often water sports instructors who were trained Lifeguards and that gave some element of cover. Plus there were often experienced surfers and other people who could help.</p> <p>It was stated that Fordyce village hall was not prepared to continue to house all the items purchased and that they had to be removed as soon as possible. SAC to be contacted to house the items for Sandend.</p> <p>Plan being further developed.</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>JS</p>

	<p>f. CAP Update</p> <p>Project plan for the installation of the Bus shelter in Sandend was submitted to FSDCC. It was stated that further contact had been made with Public Transport at AC and information concerning redundant bus shelters was awaited. Further Project Plans are to be developed for the various items in the CAP.</p> <p>It was stated that the Project Plans could be more simple an alternate Project Plan was suggested. Secretary to consider alternate.</p> <p>The picnic benches and tables were not now going to be purchased at this time as siting them is not clear. This will be further investigated.</p>	<p>JA</p> <p>JS</p>
	<p>g. Planning List</p> <p>No comments</p>	
7.	<p>Local updates and Reports</p> <p>It was reported that a road was closed in Fordyce for culvert repairs.</p>	
8.	<p>Updates from Aberdeenshire Councillors</p> <p>Cllr Cox advised on various matters during the meeting.</p>	
10.	<p>Any other business</p> <p>£500 to be donated to Fordyce woodworking shop.</p>	CM
	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>28th March 2024 19:30</p>	