

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

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 – 7.30pm**

### **Present:**

Cameron Ewen (CE)	Community Councillor - Chair
Bertie Robertson (BR)	Community Councillor – Vice Chair
John Anderson (JA)	Community Councillor - Secretary
Claire Meadows (CM)	Community Councillor - Treasurer
Audrey Stewart (AS)	Community Councillor
Jenny Taylor (JT)	Community Councillor
Jane Winfield (JW)	Community Councillor
Joanna Anderson (JoA)	Community Councillor
Phil Meadows (PM)	Applicant for Community Councillor
Glen Reynolds (GE)	Aberdeenshire Councillor
John Cox (JC)	Aberdeenshire Councillor

### **Apologies:**

Ivan Owen (IO)	Community Councillor
Ruth Pirie (RP)	Community Councillor
Stewart Adams (SA)	Aberdeenshire Councillor

Abbreviations;

Aberdeenshire Council – AC

Southern and Scottish Electricity Networks - SSEN

Fordyce and Sandend Community Council – CC

Sandend Amenities Council – SAC

Cullen and Deskford Community Council – CDCC

Community Action Plan – CAP

Community Resilience Plan - CAR

1. Chairman Cameron Ewen opened the Community Council working meeting at 7.30pm. Apologies given for IO, SA and RP

2. Minutes of the previous meeting 12<sup>th</sup> January accepted, Proposed by BR seconded by AM. Note of meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb accepted as an accurate record, not official Minutes.

3. Online banking to be arranged for the CC account. Balance £7801.76. A further £5250 received for the Hardship fund. Action CM

4. Correspondence:

Coronation Champions information shared. Proposal was to put forward two local people. Details to be supplied. Action CE, AS and JA

Email from Oceanwinds shared. Determined no action yet as not ready to source funding.

Email concerning Reidhaven Trust shared. Determined no action to be taken.

Email concerning Aberdeenshire community Transport initiative funding shared. Determined no action to be taken.

Email concerning Fordyce graveyard signage from D. Mundie Landscape Services Officer shared. Determined no action to be taken.

Email concerning Boundary Commission shared. Determined it lies within the remit of elected Councillors. No action to be taken.

Email concerning Community Wealth Building Programme shared. Determined no action to be taken.

Email concerning Community ownership fund shared. JT suggested it might be utilised to purchase old fish shed in Sandend. Potential link to CAP. Determined no action to be taken at present.

Email concerning Community Council Course Opportunities shared. Email to be recirculated. Action JA

Email concerning Comments on draft engagement and participation guide shared. Online meeting and in person meeting planned for 29<sup>th</sup> March. FSDCC to observe. Action CM and JT.

Email concerning permanent depth reduction due to rock dumping of export cable consultation shared. Email to be shared with SUDS. Action JA

A member of the CC reported that they had been in contact with AC regarding an update on the Coastal Path project. This was requested by a local resident. It was explained that the CC is in regular contact with AC on this subject and had recently written to Ms Simpson's manager to ascertain what progress was being made. It was requested that actions be spoken about at the CC meeting prior to enactment.

5. Police Report; No police report had been received.

## 6. Matters Arising

a. Growing Living Greenspace Initiative – Further planting planned for a Community Council planting day on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April. All welcome. Action CM, JT and AS

b. Dunes Protection Update – It was reported that AC were to undertake a study to look at the erosion of the dunes over a period of years. The potential for this study was already known to the CC and was part of ongoing communication concerning the dunes. Contact with SEPA still to be established to investigate potential remedial actions. Action JA

c. Seaview Road Slippage – It was reported that a temporary fence had been erected to protect the public opposite No.56 Seaview Road. However AC will still not carry out any preventative works to protect the road from collapse. Email flow to be resent to Councillors for chase up. Action JA

d. Resilience Plan – It was reported that engagement had been made with SAC. It was requested that all correspondence sent on behalf of the CC be copied to the Secretary for record keeping. It was reported that a meeting had been held with the Fire Service in Cullen. A separate meeting was held with the local Partnership Approach to Water Safety, (PAWS), team, Scottish Fire and Rescue, (SFRS), Coast guard and representative from SUDS. A remote meeting was also held with Neil Cameron, AC Emergency Planning Officer. Further work required, date to be set for engagement with the wider community. Action CE, AS, RP, CM, JT, and JA

e. CAP no further progress was reported. This project to be further progressed. Action CE, AS, RP, CM, JT, and JA

f. It was reported that AC did not want to give sight of the Engineering report concerning Fordyce bridge. No further action to be taken.

g. It was reported that money had been received for allocation under the Hardship Fund rules. Five application had been received. Money to be allocated. Action CM

## 7. Local Updates and Reports

a. It was reported that the Fordyce bus shelter was removed after being blown over. Replacement may form part of the CAP.

b. It was reported that the footbridge by the Glenglassaugh distillery was in need of repair.

8. Updates from AC Councillors

a. Councillors reported that there was a grant available toward better broadband. Contact Jack Rigby – Rural wifi access

9. Any other business – Covered under matters arising

10. Matters outstanding

a. Meeting with Duncan Leece still to be set up. Action JA

b. Rural internet poor. Digital Engagement Team to be contacted. Action unallocated

11. Next meeting to be held Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023 in Fordyce village hall.