

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

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – 7.30pm**

### **Present:**

Cameron Ewen (CE)	Community Councillor - Chair
Bertie Robertson (BR)	Community Councillor – Vice Chair
John Anderson (JA)	Community Councillor - Secretary
Ivan Owen (IO)	Community Councillor
Audrey Stewart (AS)	Community Councillor
Jane Winfield (JW)	Community Councillor

### **Apologies:**

Stewart Adams (SA)	Aberdeenshire Councillor
Claire Meadows (CM)	Community Councillor - Treasurer
Jenny Taylor (JT)	Community Councillor
Joanna Anderson (JoA)	Community Councillor
Phil Meadows (PM)	Applicant for Community Councillor
Glen Reynolds (GE)	Aberdeenshire Councillor
John Cox (JC)	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 7.32pm. Apologies given for RP, CM, JT, JoA, PM, GE and JC
2. Minutes of the previous meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> March accepted, Proposed by BR seconded by AS.
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:

Email from local resident shared concerning potential to put in place advisory white line markings to discourage parking in inappropriate places. Action to write to AC exploring possibility. Action JA

Email concerning Local Plan Information sessions shared. Action JA to log in to online session if available. Action JA

Email concerning booking of Sandend Village Hall for potential CC election ballot shared. It was stated that the booking was confirmed. No further action

Email concerning delivery of key to enable emergency barrier to Sandend beach to be unlocked shared. It was stated that the key was to be delivered to Mrs J. Taylor 3 Seaview Road, Sandend No further action

Email concerning Aberdeenshire surface dressing works shared. No action to be taken.

Email concerning collapsed six strand wire fencing shared. It was stated that AC intend to only replace the collapsed strainer post and no other posts. This is despite the other posts in the fencing along Seaview road all being in a fast deteriorating condition. It was stated that photographs of the deterioration of the fencing in general had been sent to AC. However, AC remain adamant that they are purely reactive not proactive. Communication has been held with AC to emphasise that this is not a cost effective approach. However, AC will not change their approach. It was also stated that AC have no intention of changing the fencing installed at the other location in Seaview Road where the road is in danger of collapsing into the sea. FSDCC have contacted the planning authority to determine if it is lawful to change the fencing like this in a conservation area. Action to continue to monitor the situation. Action all CC councillors.

Email concerning the requirement for volunteers for the Scottish Traditional Boat Festival from AS shared. Action for each CC councillor to determine if they wish to volunteer and to share the requirement with friends and family.

Email concerning Scottish Conference for Community Councils online 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023 shared. No official action to be taken. JA to log in if time available

Email concerning Banff and Buchan Area Committee meeting shared. For information only No further action

Email concerning potential assistance from Ocean winds shared. Stated that contact had been made and they were informed that we may approach them when FSDCC have developed their RAP and CAP. No further action at moment

Email from Sandend holiday home owner concerning dissatisfaction with the recent Greenspace initiative and fencing repair in Seaview road. It was shared that an email response had been sent to the resident explaining the situation with both subjects. No further action

Email concerning the fact that contact has been established with Peter Coldwell who is the new Environment Project Officer (Outdoor Access) with responsibility for the Coastal Path Project, (Ms A Simpson's old role). He was informed that JA had carried out path improvements on the footpath on the western side of the Scatterry Burn and that an accessible ramp had been installed to aid access to the West side of the beach. He was also asked about addressing the outstanding questions previously raised with Ms Simpson. Action to maintain contact concerning this project and all elements concerned with the Coastal Path. Action JA

Email concerning the erosion of the East end of the dunes in Sandend bay from AC was shared. Essentially AC are not intending to do any work with regard to stabilization of the dunes. Mr White directed the CC to Peter Coldwell with regard to the proposed study of Sandend bay. Communication to be maintained with Peter Coldwell. Action JA

5. Police Report; Police report was issued to CC.

## 6. Matters Arising

a. Growing Living Greenspace Initiative – It was reported that further planting had taken place and an area adjacent to the disabled parking bays used for wild flower sowing. Thanks to all CC members who worked on this.

b. Dunes Protection Update – Largely dealt with above. It was reported that JA had still not made contact with SEPA to investigate potential remedial actions. Action JA

c. Seaview Road Slippage – Largely dealt with above. Email flow sent to Councillors for chase up. Action JA

d. Resilience Plan – Words for the flier concerning engagement with the wider community were sent to the CC. AS was asked to provide change that was required to RAP section. Action AS

e. CAP Engagement leaflet produced. Meetings for engagement with wider community to be set up This project to be further progressed. Action CE, AS, RP, CM, JT, and JA

7. Local Updates and Reports

8. Updates from AC Councillors

- a. No Councillors in attendance

9. Any other business –

- a. A robust discussion was held concerning the need for all CC Councillors to engage with electronic communication. It was stated that it is not acceptable simply ignore communications internally within the CC as it made the progression of work unsupportable.

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 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023 in Fordyce village hall.