

Fordyce, Sandend & District Community Council meeting

Thursday 29th June 2023 – 20.04pm

Present:

Cameron Ewen (CE)	Community Councillor - Chair
Phil Meadows (PM)	Community Councillor – Vice Chair
John Anderson (JA)	Community Councillor - Secretary
Claire Meadows (CM)	Community Councillor - Treasurer
Ivan Owen (IO)	Community Councillor
Audrey Stewart (AS)	Community Councillor
Jenny Taylor (JT)	Community Councillor
Jane Winfield (JW)	Community Councillor
Peter Tumelty (PT)	Community Councillor
Bertie Robertson (BR)	Community Councillor
Angela Keith (AK)	Aberdeenshire Council
Jan McRobbie (JMcR)	Aberdeenshire Council
Glen Reynolds (GR)	Councillor Aberdeenshire Council

Apologies:

Joanna Anderson (JoA)	Community Councillor
Charlie Gray (CG)	Community Councillor - Applicant
John Cox (JC)	Councillor Aberdeenshire Council
Stewart Adams (SA)	Councillor Aberdeenshire Council

Abbreviations;

Aberdeenshire Council – AC

Southern and Scottish Electricity Networks - SSEN

Community Councillor – CC

Sandend Amenities Council – SAC

Fordyce, Sandend and District Community Council - FSDCC

Cullen and Deskford Community Council – CDCC

Community Action Plan – CAP

Community Resilience Plan - CRP

1. Chairman Cameron Ewen opened the Community Council working meeting at 20.04. Apologies received as above. AS attended meeting at 20.08
2. Minutes of the previous meeting 25th May accepted, Proposed by CM seconded by JW.
3. Bank Balance as of 29th June £6163.81.

4. Correspondence:

Chairman stated that a letter of complaint had been received about three members of the public attending the last meeting when confidential matters were discussed. The meeting should have been halted and the visitors asked to leave. The Chair has already apologised for this mistake. The complainant's first name was also mentioned and apologies from the Secretary and Treasurer are to be sent to the complainant Action JA

Sandend village fencing

It was stated that photographs and additional information had been submitted to the planning department seeking clarity of whether the new fence was in breach of planning legislation in a conservation area. To be progressed. Action JA

Household Hardship Fund

It was confirmed that the Treasurer had completed the progress report questionnaire from the Corra Foundation. No further action

Scottish Conference of Community Councils

Email had been circulated and all were encouraged to read the contents as it was important for CCs to know where an element of Scottish Community Councils was proposing to take the legislative review. Secretary stated that his personal viewpoint was that local government would not benefit from an additional layer of bureaucracy. Action to maintain contact to determine direction of review. Action JA

Local Community Transport Survey

Secretary confirmed he had completed the survey and encouraged all to complete. Action all CC members

Gazateer System

Secretary confirmed he had written to Risk and Resilience team to ascertain if system could be used to determine addresses for all constituents in FSDCC area to facilitate leaflet drops and communication. AC unable to help in determining addresses of constituents in FSDCC area. To be progressed. Action JA

Banff and Buchan Area Initiative Fund

Email circulated concerning above. Could potentially be used for replacement bus stop, (Fordyce) and new bus stop, (Sandend). JMcR to share application form with CM.

Action JMcR and CM

5. Police Report

Police report had been circulated and no comments received. Cllr Reynolds confirmed that following a meeting with Inspector Gavin Grant that the police report was to become more area focused. This is a policy change.

6. Matters Arising

Mr Charles Gray had applied to become a Community Councillor. He was coopted on to the CC. Proposed JA. Seconded PM. Unanimous vote for cooption.

It was stated that FSDCC now had a full complement of twelve Community Councillors. Congratulations were made to FSDCC.

Website

Website to be updated with all CC members. Action PM

Community Engagement Events

Events held on 15th and 22nd June in Sandend Village Hall to discuss Resilience Plan and Community Action Plan. Events hosted by AS, CM, JT and JA. Meetings had a low number of attendees.

Output of the meetings was to produce a draft Community Resilience Plan and draft Community Action Plan. CC to engage with the community via social media. Action CM

Resilience Plan

The draft plan was awaiting contribution from SAC and CC requested that a meeting be set up to discuss with SAC. Funding application with SSEN was discussed and it was noted that all items required for the CRP had been identified and costed. Action JA for meeting.

Information on volunteering process to be circulated. Action AK

Due to time constraints CAP to be discussed at next meeting. To be included on Agenda. Action JA

Messrs Smiths – Sandend

CC questioned if container on a public road had been moved. To be addressed with Alistair Millar of AC and copied to Cllr Glen Reynolds. Action JA

Fordyce Village Open Day

This was stated to be 16th July 2023 12:00 – 17:00

7. Local Updates

Fordyce

Sign for graveyard had been received and will be installed. Action BR

CC required update on speeding signs for village. CC advised this would be part of CAP

CC stated that AC will not replace the bus shelter – To be progressed via the Area Initiative Fund – Action BR, CM

Sandend Update

CC raised an issue with the new path beside the Scatterry Burn. Chukkie were slipping off path into burn and concrete disabled access slope was slippery. To be considered Action JA

CC raised a concern about the weeds around Sandend roadways. Following No Mow May this made Sandend look like an abandoned village. CC to take photographs and share with AK. Action CM, AK

8. Update from Aberdeenshire Councillors

Cllr Glen Reynolds asked for feedback if levels of service from AC appear to be reducing following budget cuts. Action All

9. Any Other Business

Dealt with in Section 7.

Chairman closed meeting at 21:33 hrs

!0. Next Meeting to be held Thursday 24th August 2023 in Fordyce village hall.