

Minutes for FSDCC 23/11/23

Attended by

Cameron Ewan	Chairperson
Phil Meadows	Vice Chair
Bertie Robertson	CC
Ivan Owen	CC
Jane Winfield	CC
Audrey Stewart	CC
Jenny Taylor	CC
John Cox	Councillor
Stewart Adams	Councillor

Apologies

Charlie Grey	CC
Joanne Syverson	CC
Claire Meadows	Treasurer
John Anderson	Secretary

Minutes

Minutes not approved due to changes in section 5 not being made on request, so as to accurately represent what was previously agreed by CC. Unanimous decision that the changes should be as follows:

All correspondence received by secretary to be screened. Correspondence relevant to the CC should be sent out via email in advance of any meetings. If the CC wish to discuss any correspondence received it will be raised at next meeting as an item on the agenda. The secretary will no longer read out correspondence in full due to the lengthy time this takes at meetings.

Both local councillors in attendance were in agreement that this is how the correspondence should be dealt with. It was also agreed that this was as advice given in CC handbook, see below:

- Correspondence

Correspondence to the Community Council should be initially be read by the Secretary and then circulated to the full membership. The Secretary should highlight any item of correspondence that requires action or discussion at the next meeting in order to allow members to prepare in advance. If the item of correspondence will impact on the Community Council area, it should be listed as a separate item of business on the agenda.

Minutes for October to be adjusted accordingly. All other items in minutes approved.

Treasurers Report

Bank balance currently sitting at £7,064.12

Towns and Villages Improvement Fund- award of £500 secured. Volunteers for snow warden training for Sandend to be sought (2 minimum). See RF if still wishes to help with gritting. BR confirms Fordyce will not be requiring snow wardens. Manual grit spreaders will be allocated to each village through the resilience fund. All other PPE will be issued to snow wardens from AC on completion of training.

Online banking now set up for the CC account and debit card issued for purchases. This will allow the purchase of items detailed in the AIF for the resilience store etc to now be ordered

Correspondence

AM replied to email regarding Nexans staff and no reported issues since then.

Seafield Estates response to request for Portsafe boards to be installed at Sunnyside beach and beside the Salmon Bothy. Ongoing discussions with AS. Leaseholders approved installation. Seafield raised concerns regarding liability if boards were damaged or safety items missing. AS offered to add her own contact information to the boards for reporting damage along with disclaimer notices.

Police Report

Police report circulated to all members.

New layout was discussed and CC members were not keen on the changes made.

2 x containers in field had diesel stolen, yard cameras installed and no issues there.

Matters Arising

Damage to bridge – now repaired

Bridge further down now damaged but sand left so assume it is to be fixed

Project Plans to be used only for complex projects, not required for basic projects undertaken – unanimous vote.

Project plans to be kept to simple format – unanimous voted

No project plans required for Resilience Plan – unanimous vote

Bus shelters – Fordyce quote for purchase and installation of shelter will be £1500. Contact AM to see if bus shelters and picnic benches are available in store at MacDuff. CC advised of previous bus shelter for children in Sandend, located at the bench next to PO box on The Bents. Query suitability with AM for this location. Amenities Council not willing to set land aside due to planned works to be carried out at the village hall.

Query coastal pathways update.

Fencing – not reported

Burn across from fish sheds in Sandend. Burn now looking disgusting with fish boxes floating in it. Manhole next to burn looks to be seeping into it.

Glenglassaugh Distillery had unintentionally turned off water supply to Fordyce area for 18hours. Found to be workmen using hydrants to fill their lorries with water,

Planning List

Application for Creel Cottage extension. Most CC members happy with the plans, however noted that some residents had raised issues on local FB page regarding the suitability of the design ie not in keeping with surrounding area.

Local Updates

Greenspaces Initiative continues with 2600 bulbs being planted in Sandend

Joint CC Meeting - Crudie

JA attended and advised Whitehills CC owns property and this could be a possibility for our own CC.

Resilience Plan

AS advised that AC had agreed that the £2,000 resilience fund can be used as match funding for the 20% contribution to the AIF items. Unanimous decision to make application.

AS advised that SSEN Funding had not been successful therefore Resilience Plan had been updated accordingly and all small generators and the two storage containers were now removed.

Chair suggested that contact should be made with Moray West to ask if they had any generators or storage containers that could possibly be donated for use. AS advised that contact had been made by treasurer to request a donation towards resilience items. Response was received that the monies available for this year had already been allocated but RM advised to contact again in the new year.

Sandbags- 10f x 6f containers filled with sandbags available through AC. Bertie advised that space could be made at Fordyce Village Hall to allow for one to be positioned to provide sandbags for residents to use in emergency situations. This would prevent residents from having to travel to Macduff to collect. AS to contact AC to order.

Sign in sheets have been designed for residents attending the two halls named as emergency meeting locations. Each resident will be asked to complete details of those attending the hall alongside anyone left at address in case of evacuation or welfare checks being required.

Buddy list forms designed. If CC wish to offer a prescription collection service then Disclosure Scotland checks must be made and only those holding DS can make collections. Chair noted that if collection of prescription was made at a request by a friend or neighbour and not through CC then this would be acceptable.

Forms for borrowing equipment from CC stores designed.

Incident Forms for use at EML designed

AS suggested that it would be a good idea to circulate a leaflet requesting volunteers and assets that can be contacted or used during any emergency situations. The leaflet from Burghead and Cummington working group was shown as an example. It was also suggested that if a leaflet drop was to be arranged then a copy of the Household Resilience Plan should also be included. AS and PM meeting with NC and AB on Friday 25/11/23 to run through set up of a database to be used for storing volunteers info etc. Update will be provided at next CC meeting.

Councillors Update

JC reported that millions short on budget for AC resulting in staff and services being cut

SA funding not in place to keep services running at current levels

Next meeting to be held on the 26th January 2024