

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

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – 19:30**

### **Present:**

Cameron Ewen (CE)	Community Councillor - Chair
Claire Meadows (CM)	Community Councillor – Treasurer
Phil Meadows (PM)	Community Councillor – Vice Chair
John Anderson (JA)	Community Councillor – Secretary
Joanna Syversen (JS)	Community Councillor
Bertie Robertson (BR)	Community Councillor
Ivan Owen (IO)	Community Councillor
Jane Winfield (JW)	Community Councillor
Charlie Gray (CG)	Community Councillor
Cllr John Cox (JC)	Aberdeenshire Council Councillor

### **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>The Chair opened the meeting at 19.35</p> <p>Apologies</p> <p>Cllr Stewart Adams (SA)</p>	CE
2.	<p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b></p> <p>The Minutes were accepted as a record after Secretary instructed to remove statement <i>There was further discussion of the current operation of and access to the CC website. Chair to obtain passwords and access to Website from PM.</i> Post meeting note: This was duly done and the updated MoM were circulated as approved. Proposed by IO and seconded by CM.</p>	IO, CM JA
3.	<p><b>Treasurers Report</b></p> <p><b>Balance as of 28/03/24 - £6465.91</b></p> <p>£3469.00 payment received for money spent on resilience items.</p> <p>£90.00 paid to SAC for hire of village hall</p> <p>£97.20 paid to Zurich for renewal of insurance</p> <p>£500.00 paid to Fordyce Community Association as contribution to Joiner's Workshop.</p> <p>£480.00 paid to Fordyce Community Association for hire of village hall.</p> <p>Dual signing now in place and required for all expenditure. FSDCC Chair second signature.</p>	CM CE
4.	<p><b>Police Report</b></p> <p>Police report circulated. It was noted that there were no incidents in FSDCC area.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>Reemergence of whale calf on Sandend beach. The final solution conceived by AC is to rebury the whale in a deeper hole.</p> <p>This has been done and no further action is to be taken.</p> <p>Potential hustings event – offer of assistance to publicise any event via FaceBook and website given to CDCC Chair. FSDCC to await any further correspondence and requests.</p>	CDCC/JA

	<p>It was acknowledged that Messrs Smiths had removed the container from the slip road from Kings Road to The Village.</p> <p>A further discussion was held concerning a CC's complaint regarding Messrs Smiths vehicles parked in slip road. Instruction that no further action is to be taken.</p> <p>'Enterprising Aberdeenshire' Project offering assistance to anyone starting a new business venture in Aberdeenshire highlighted to FSDCC CCs. CCs asked to share with anyone in their networks starting a new enterprise.</p> <p>Digital Stakeholder Leader – Jack Rigby sent a draft letter and Flyer. FSDCC to back campaign to promote Clusters in the District to obtain better WiFi</p> <p>Disrupting Digital Dumpers _ Tackling online waste criminals by SEPA was discussed. Action - Information to be placed on FaceBook and Website.</p> <p>Correspondence received from local resident asking for support to object to planning application to develop land on South side of Kings Road. Decision - to take no further action.</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. Action - Further contact to be made with AC to confirm this is definitely going ahead.</p>	<p>CCs</p> <p>JA</p> <p>CM/PM</p> <p>JA</p>
6.	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p>a. Sandend Dunes Protection</p> <p>No further progress. Action to progress</p>	JA
	<p>b. Bus Shelter for Sandend young people waiting for school bus</p> <p>Good progress in digital meeting with AC Public Transport representatives. Potential for AC to supply Sandend village with surplus, reconditioned shelter. However, requirement to be ready to receive shelter when one is available. It was noted that SAC do not consider there is sufficient room around the Village hall to site the Shelter on their land. The car park is particularly restricted. Next steps are to obtain permission from AC to site on their land on the North side of the Bents immediately adjacent to the corner with Seaview Road. Then it will be necessary to obtain Planning Permission. Action – to continue to progress.</p>	JA

	<p>c. Website</p> <p>It was proposed that the website should be hosted and managed by an independent entity. Hedley Enterprises was suggested as a possible supplier and review of company from David McCubbin of Discover Cullen were shared. A vote was taken and it was decided to leave the website with current host and management.</p> <p>Administration rights on the website to be given to Secretary FSDCC</p>	PM
	<p>d. CRP Update</p> <p>It was stated that the box containing resilience items has been placed adjacent to the Village Hall. A padlock for the storage box is to be procured and keys to be held by designated persons in accordance with CRP. CRP being further refined</p> <p>Batteries and gas are stored securely elsewhere.</p>	JS
	<p>e. CAP Update</p> <p>Shelter for young people waiting for the school bus at The Bents progressing, covered in 6b above.</p> <p>Steps up cliff to East side of Sandend Bay covered in 6f below.</p> <p>Container outside fish sheds covered in 5. Correspondence above.</p>	
	<p>f. Coastal Paths Update</p> <p>It was acknowledged that the refurbishment of steps up the cliff to the East side of Sandend Bay had been well done.</p> <p>Work still underway sorting out the path from Sandend to Findlater.</p> <p>It was highlighted that the road constructed to lay the conduit carrying the cables from Red Haven Point to Blackhillock is being deconstructed. This involves the removal of many tonnes of sub base. This could have potential use on the Coastal Path. Action - Coastal Path team at AC to be made aware.</p>	JA

	<p>g. Planning List</p> <p>A discussion was held concerning the latest plan for a development of nine houses to the west of Sandend up Kings Road. It was decided that no further action would be taken.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Local updates and Reports</b></p> <p>It was reported that a CC had been in touch with the planning department concerning the reinstatement of the bus shelter in Fordyce village and the CC had been informed that there was no requirement for planning permission.</p> <p>Concerns were raised regarding the footbridge at the rear of the museum in Fordyce as some of the slats were deteriorating. Action – contact to be made with AC to determine if they could undertake repairs.</p>	BR
8.	<p><b>Updates from Aberdeenshire Councillors</b></p> <p>Cllr Cox advised that AC require to find £30 million a year in savings for the next five years.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>The FSDCC Constitution is to be changed to expressly prohibit the recording, or filming of the meeting without the permission of the Chair. Draft wording to be circulated.</p>	JA
	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <p>25<sup>th</sup> April 2024 19:30</p>	