

## Fordyce, Sandend & District Community Council Meeting

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 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
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.	The Chair opened the meeting at 19.28 Apologies Jenny Taylor (JT) Charlie Gray (CG)	CE

	Cllr Stewart Adams (SA)	
2.	<p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b></p> <p>The Minutes were accepted as a record following a discussion concerning access to website with Administration Rights.</p> <p>Proposed Ivan Owen</p> <p>Seconded Bertie Robertson</p>	
3.	<p><b>Treasurers Report</b></p> <p><b>Balance as of 25/04/24 - £6451.91</b></p>	
4.	<p><b>Police Report</b></p> <p>Police report circulated. Letter from Chief Inspector Steven McDonald discussed. Letter states police attendance at Community Council meetings will be by exception only, as a result of budgetary constraints.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>Age Scotland Friendship volunteer scheme was discussed. No volunteers from FSDCC. Action: Posters to be displayed on Facebook and Website.</p> <p>It was noted that AC are trialing new sonar devices to discourage Seagulls nesting on buildings.</p> <p>It was noted that The Scottish Community Development Centre are supporting Community Councils in the use of Participation Requests. This is the avenue to use to try to improve public services.</p> <p>It was noted that The Improvement Service Scottish Community Councils held a seminar to highlight how people/Community Councils should approach the difficulties people experience living next door, or adjacent to empty homes.</p> <p>Sepa Potentially Vulnerable areas – Public Consultation Survey was discussed Action to complete survey on behalf of FSDCC</p> <p>It was stated that there are at least two defibrillators in Sandend and it was questioned whether or not Fordyce required one, . Fordyce stated that they were covered and there was one at the museum.</p>	JA

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>It was stated that contact had been made with Landscape Services to determine if they would give permission to erect a shelter on the land adjacent to the corner formed by The Bents and Seaview Road. They have stated that they have no objections in principle, but that it would need to be reviewed by the Roads Team. Next step is to raise a planning application</p> <p>Action – to raise planning application</p>	JA
	<p>c. Website</p> <p>Administration rights on the website to be given to Chair FSDCC.</p>	PM
	<p>d. CRP Update</p> <p>Resilience Plan to be updated using UK Government template.</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>No other updates</p>	
	<p>f. Coastal Paths Update</p> <p>It was stated that FSDCC had requested an update from the Coastal Paths project. No update has been forthcoming.</p> <p>It was stated that the steps to the east side of Sandend bay had been installed and were now open to all. The only constructive criticism is that the handrail could benefit from being sanded to obviate the potential for splinters. Action: Coastal paths project to be contacted and sanding suggested.</p>	JA
	<p>g. Planning List</p> <p>No items were discussed</p>	

7.	<p><b>Local updates and Reports</b></p> <p>It was stated that this year was the 100 year anniversary of Fordyce Primary. Action: Poster concerning events to be placed on Sandend noticeboard.</p> <p>It was stated that the bridge over the Burn of Fordyce on the East side of Sandend bay was in need of maintenance. Action: Distillery to be contacted regarding repairs.</p> <p>Road gullies blocked at many locations in Fordyce village. Action: Faults to be reported</p>	<p>JA</p> <p>JA</p> <p>JA</p>
8.	<p><b>Updates from Aberdeenshire Councillors</b></p> <p>Cllr Cox advised various contacts to progress items.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>It was suggested that the FSDCC Constitution requires further change. Action: Draft wording to be circulated.</p> <p>The proposed single election date in AC area was considered. There was some push back to the proposal. Action: Secretary to write to other Community Councils to determine what action they are taking.</p> <p>Independent emails to be created for each Officer position that are transferrable to new incumbents in position.</p> <p>Potential to have Sandend beach designated a 'Bathing Beach' to be explored. Action: consult with whomsoever designates beaches.</p>	<p>JA</p> <p>JA</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p>
	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <p>23<sup>th</sup> May 2024 19:30</p>	