

Fordyce, Sandend & District Community Council Meeting

Thursday 23rd May 2024 – 19:30

Present:

Cameron Ewen (CE)	Community Councillor - Chair
Joanna Syversen (JS)	Community Councillor
Bertie Robertson (BR)	Community Councillor
Ivan Owen (IO)	Community Councillor
Jane Winfield (JW)	Community Councillor
John Anderson (JA)	Community Councillor – Secretary
Jenny Taylor (JT)	Community Councillor
Cllr John Cox (JC)	Aberdeenshire Council Councillor

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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 19.31 Apologies Claire Meadows (CM) Charlie Gray (CG) Phil Meadows (PM) Cllr Stewart Adams (SA)	CE

2.	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting</p> <p>The Minutes were accepted as a record following clarification of the action in Section 5 re public consultation survey and the location of the defibrillator in Fordyce.</p> <p>Post meeting note: MoM duly changed and issued as accepted</p> <p>Proposed Jane Winfield</p> <p>Seconded Bertie Robertson</p>	JA
3.	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>Balance as of 22/05/24 - £6451.91</p> <p>Treasurer not in attendance, but report given to Chair.</p> <p>No transactions.</p>	
4.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The Digital Engagement Newsletter was spoken about and it was agreed to place it on the website and Facebook. It was stated that Jack Rigby had been contacted for an update on the 'Cluster' proposal. No response had been received. Action to try to get an update.</p> <p>It was stated that the roads department had completed gully clearing in Fordyce as requested.</p> <p>The Amy Newsletter was spoken about and although most information did not concern FSDCC it was determined that the newsletter should be placed on Facebook and website.</p> <p>It was stated that the 'thank you' note concerning the work to the bridge in Victoria Garden sent to Landscaping at AC was well received.</p> <p>Two funding opportunities were highlighted. The Area Initiative Fund and the Unlock Our Future Fund. Action to keep a note of for potential future contact.</p> <p>It was highlighted that the smaller 'Service Points' at Banff, Ellon, Huntly, Stonehaven and Turriff have closed. Fraserburgh, Inverurie and Peterhead to remain open. This is reportedly due to budget cuts at AC.</p> <p>The local library service survey was highlighted. During the conversation it was noted that the libraries at Whitehills and Portsoy are to close. Action; AC to be contacted to determine</p>	<p>CM, PM</p> <p>JA</p> <p>CM, PM</p> <p>JA</p> <p>JA</p>

	<p>what services previously carried out by the libraries are to be continued and how they are to be administered.</p> <p>Offshore Wind Farms Community Benefit model developed by 9CC community group in Ayrshire was discussed. It was suggested that Duncan Leece at Whitehills had previously suggested something similar. Instruction to contact Duncan and other potentially affected Community Councils to gauge appetite for similar approach in Bannf and Buchan area.</p> <p>The Aberdeenshire Council Plan 2024 – 2029 had been circulated for comment. It was observed that this five year plan is one and a half sides of foolscap and is essentially a list of aspirations and objectives with no description of ‘How’ it is intended to be achieved and no mention of how it is to be funded.</p> <p>Response to be given to AC in this vein.</p>	<p>JA</p> <p>JA</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Police Report</p> <p>Police report circulated. It was noted that there had been one theft in Sandend</p>	<p>CE</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>a. Single Election Date</p> <p>The requirements for the Single Election Date were noted and it is understood that this year all potential CCs will be required to nominate from 19th August until the 8th September to stand as CCs. All CCs stand down at midnight on Wednesday the 18th September. Ballot, (if required), 19th September and Inaugural meeting, (arranged and chaired by Returning Officer or nominee), to be held prior to 11th October.</p> <p>Outstanding recommended constitution changes by AC to be supplied as soon as possible fo incorporation.</p> <p>b. Constitution Changes</p> <p>The constitution changes proposed by FSDCC CCs were discussed and changes agreed to be proposed and changed at forthcoming AGM. Constitution changes proposed by AC as above to be incorporated fo consideration and enacted at forthcoming AGM. Refigured constitution with all changes to be circulated as soon as practicable for review and subsequent proposal and changed at AGM.</p>	<p>All CCs</p> <p>Area Office</p> <p>Area Office</p> <p>JA</p>

	<p>c. Sandend Dunes Protection</p> <p>Project Plan circulated. Project Plan incorporates three items identified in the CAP. It is renamed 'Accessible Access and Dune Protection Project' to address the three items. It was stated that the Project Plan is an iterative document and will be developed as information becomes available as the project progresses. It was stated that a meeting had been arranged with a representative of Phoenix Decom concerning the recycling of concrete mattresses previously used to protect pipelines associated with the oil industry. To be further developed.</p>	JA
	<p>d. Bus Shelter for Sandend young people waiting for school bus</p> <p>Difficulties experienced in manipulating OS data to generate required plan for planning application. Work ongoing.</p> <p>Action – to raise planning application</p>	JA
	<p>e. CRP Update</p> <p>Resilience Plan being updated.</p>	JS
	<p>f. CAP Update</p> <p>5.Sandend – Bus Shelter - Bents covered in 6.d above</p> <p>9. Sandend – Repairs Replacement Steps Sandend Beach previously covered in Coastal Path Update. Successfully completed – closed</p> <p>4. Sandend – Disabled Access to Beach</p> <p>!0. Sandend – Boardwalk to Dunes etc.</p> <p>20. Sandend – Stop Erosion to Dunes - All covered in 6.c above</p> <p>2. Rural- Internet Covered in 4. Correspondence.</p> <p>No further updates</p>	
	<p>g. Coastal Paths Update</p> <p>It was stated that AC are in the process of finalizing discussions with the appointed contractor for the Findlater Castle to Sandend section of the path. AC will be carrying out a site visit and the Contractor may begin work soon after then.</p>	JA

	Action: Coastal paths project to continue be contacted and engaged.	
	<p>h. Planning List</p> <p>JA and JT both declared an interest in the one planning application in the current lists of planning applications and took no part in the discussion. FSDCC largely supportive of new business ventures in the area and support this application.</p>	
7.	<p>Local updates and Reports</p> <p>It was stated that 100 year anniversary of Fordyce Primary was well presented and attended. Large number of ex pupils attended.</p> <p>It was stated that the Gorse required further cut back at Brodiesord to Bogmuchalls and beyond. It was further noted that there was mud and debris on road at same location. Roads department to be advised.</p> <p>The restricted Turning and Parking signage erected during Covid to be removed. Contact with Roads department required.</p> <p>Road gullies cleared at locations in Fordyce village. Action: Thanks to be expressed.</p> <p>It was observed that grass cutting had not taken place in Sandend during May. It is believed that AC abandoned the No Mow May policy, hence contact to be made with Landscaping to query situation.</p>	<p>JA</p> <p>JA</p> <p>JA</p> <p>JA</p>
8.	<p>Updates from Aberdeenshire Councillors</p> <p>Cllr Cox advised various routes to progress items.</p>	
10.	<p>Any other business</p> <p>It was questioned whether Administration rights to the website had been given to Chair - FSDCC. It was stated that they had not. Instruction to include this as an Agenda item for the next FSDCC meeting.</p> <p>Car park in Sandend height barrier damaged and one arm dislocated. Roads to be advised.</p>	<p>JA</p> <p>JA</p>
	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>AGM 27th June 2024 19:30</p>	

	Regular meeting 27 th June 2024 post AGM	
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