

Fordyce, Sandend & District Community Council Meeting

Thursday 27th June 2024 – 19:55

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 – Vice Chair
John Anderson (JA)	Community Councillor – Secretary
Jenny Taylor (JT)	Community Councillor
Claire Meadows (CM)	Community Councillor - Treasurer
Charles Gray (CG)	Community Councillor
Phil Meadows (PM)	Community 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 19.55 following the AGM</p> <p>Apologies</p> <p>No Apologies received</p>	CE
2.	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting</p> <p>Proposed Jane Winfield</p> <p>Seconded Ivan Owen</p>	
3.	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>Balance as of 26/06/24 - £11353.31</p> <p>£4886.40 received from Moray West for purchase of 5 x benches and 3 x picnic tables. It was pointed out that at a previous meeting it was agreed that FSDCC would not purchase the benches and picnic tables as no permission for their placement had been given.</p> <p>Treasurer stated that it was an old application for funding that had not been cancelled. It was suggested that the benches and picnic tables could be placed on the coastal path if the necessary permissions were obtained. However, it was pointed out that this would involve laying foundations to enable bolting of the benches and tables to help prevent vandalism. Hence, it was a bigger project than just buying some benches. It was suggested that the money should be returned to Moray West. It was decided that this should be on the agenda for the next meeting. In the meantime the Treasurer was to consider the situation.</p> <p>No purchasing transactions in the period.</p>	CM
4.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>A new funding opportunity from NatureScot was briefly spoken about. This to highlight that there are a growing number of initiatives concerning coastal protection, connection to wild life and accessibility. It was stated that this was positive for the accessible beach routes and protection of dunes. No further action at moment.</p> <p>It was stated that contact had been made with Roads re carpark in Sandend broken height barrier. It was observed that it has been subsequently repaired. Thanks expressed to Roads. New lock required. Action - New lock to be installed.</p>	JA/JT

	<p>Towns and Villages amenities Fund was highlighted. Action – FSDCC not to apply for funding notify AC.</p> <p>AC Roads are intending to remove the Restricted Parking signs. Action – No further action</p> <p>It was noted that the Second Tranche of the Area Initiative Fund was now available. No further action at moment</p> <p>It was noted that money had been received from Moray West. See Above – Treasurers report.</p> <p>A concern had been raised concerning the state of the property at Bayview, Sandend. These concerns to be raised with the Empty Homes Officer AC. Action – Raise concerns</p> <p>Sustainable Development Goals Sustainable Development Action - survey to be completed.</p> <p>Cullen hustings event was deemed successful although quite small turnout. Advised some costs will accrue. Action – Pay costs when confirmed.</p> <p>Offshore wind collaborative funding approach was discussed and update given that whilst there was some interest from some CCs no one had stepped forward to lead. Action – Try to establish a meet with the 9CC and other local Community Councils. Try to identify someone to lead on Project,</p>	<p>JA</p> <p>JA</p> <p>CM</p> <p>JA</p>
5.	<p>Police Report</p> <p>Police report circulated.</p>	CE
6.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>a. Website Administration Rights</p> <p>It was stated that Administration Rights had been given to the Chair.</p> <p>b. Constitution Changes</p> <p>The constitution changes proposed by FSDCC were agreed and approved at AGM. Action - New Constitution to be issued.</p> <p>c. Sandend Beach Access and Dunes Protection</p> <p>It was stated that a productive meeting had been had with Phoenix Decom and that it may help with planning the project. Previous contact had been made with David Greer of Seafield Estates. This is to be furthered. Action – progress project</p>	<p>PM/CE</p> <p>JA</p> <p>JA</p>

	<p>d. Shelter for Sandend young people waiting for school bus</p> <p>Pro bono planning assistance sought and gained. Planning application submitted, fee of £150 to be paid. Once planning permission obtained location to be readied to receive shelter from AC Public Transport team. Action – progress project</p>	JA
	<p>e. CRP Update</p> <p>Resilience Plan continues to be updated. Plan sent to AC</p>	JS
	<p>f. CAP Update</p> <p>See above</p>	
	<p>g. Coastal Paths Update</p> <p>Works ongoing on Sandend to Findlater Coastal Path restoration. Path closed until finished. Note of thanks sent to AC. Alternative Route sign required. Action – seek installation of alternative route sign.</p>	JA
	<p>h. Planning List</p> <p>No comments to any Planning proposals</p>	
7.	<p>Local updates and Reports</p> <p>It was stated that further gully inspection was required in Fordyce. Action - Location and identification of specifics to be given to AC.</p> <p>Open Garden Sunday in Fordyce 21st July 2024.</p> <p>It was reported that potholes were increasing in the rural district.</p>	BR
8.	<p>Updates from Aberdeenshire Councillors</p> <p>No Councillors in attendance</p>	
10.	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Mr Charlie Gray indicated his intention to resign. Action – written resignation required.</p> <p>Ms Joanna Syversen indicated her intention not to stand for election again.</p> <p>The Chair closed the meeting at 21.00hrs</p>	CG JS

	Next Meeting 25 th July 2024 19:30 Regular meeting 27 th June 2024 post AGM	
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