

Fordyce, Sandend & District Community Council Meeting

Thursday 26th September 2024 – 19:35 following Inaugural meeting

Present:

Cameron Ewen (CE)	Community Councillor - Chair
Jane Winfield (JW)	Community Councillor – Vice Chair
Claire Meadows (CM)	Community Councillor - Treasurer
Jenny Taylor (JT)	Community Councillor
John Anderson (JA)	Community Councillor – Secretary
Stewart Adams (SA)	Aberdeenshire Councillor
Ivan Owen (IO)	Candidate for Co-option

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
Community Council - CoCo

No.	Detail	Whom
1.	The Chair opened the meeting at 19.40 Following the Inaugural meeting Apologies Apologies received from Phil Meadows Two candidates for co-option received. Ivan Owen and Bertie Robertson – one present at meeting.	CE

	Action – Progress to Co-option at next meeting.	JA
2.	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting</p> <p>Proposed Claire Meadows</p> <p>Seconded Cameron Ewen</p>	
3.	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>Balance as of 26/09/24 - £11,147.90</p> <p>Payment made to: AC Planning Dept. £23</p>	CM
4.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>It was stated that contact had been made with AC Economics and Planning department. Discussed in Section 5</p>	
5.	<p>Police Report</p> <p>Police report circulated. Universally thought to be a poor document now with little real information. Secretary to contact Community Police Officer to arrange attendance at FSDCC meeting.</p>	JA
6.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>a. Moray West – Receipt of money for Resilience Items/Benches</p> <p>Project Plan for Installation of Benches along the Coastal path circulated.</p> <p>Comment raised that plan does not include any costings for placement and installation. It was stated that AC will place benches and install them. This was according to previous CC's advice. Contact to be made with AC to confirm this is still the case, prior to purchase of benches. It was suggested that two benches should be placed in Sandend bay dunes. To be investigated with landowner.</p> <p>Action – Progress above and update Project Plan</p>	CM
	<p>b. Joint approach to windfarm funding</p> <p>It was reported that there had been fairly positive response from AC's Economics and Planning department to pursuing a joint approach to windfarm funding. Area Office to be consulted on</p>	

	<p>arranging a joint presentation It was considered that this may be something the Area Office could assist with. Action – Continue to progress with other CCs and Area Office.</p>	JA
	<p>a. Beach Accessibility and Sandend dune protection</p> <p>Note concerning Just Transition Fund previously circulated. It was reported that contact had been made with administrators for gaining funding to start an engineering study. This was submitted on 27th August. On 25th September enquiry chased up as no response to date. Response received same date saying that engineering works were ineligible and anyway fund had closed.</p> <p>Other sources of funding sought. Action to progress project plan.</p>	JA
	<p>b. Sandend Shelter Update</p> <p>Planning permission gained. Initial groundworks to allow for delivery of Shelter from AC planned for Saturday 28th September. Action – progress project</p>	JA
	<p>c. CRP Update</p> <p>No Update. In light of JS no longer a CC and no response to email from Secretary. Enquiry as to status to be sent by email by Chair. Action – write to JS to secure update.</p>	CE
	<p>d. CAP Update</p> <p>Installation of benches Project Plan developed. Three projects in CAP underway.</p>	
	<p>e. Coastal Paths Update</p> <p>No update forthcoming from AC Coastal Paths team. Action - Further contact to secure update to be progressed.</p>	JA
	<p>f. Planning List</p> <p>Only one application concerning our area. Action – no action</p>	
7.	<p>Local updates and reports</p> <p>It was noted that the old street lights in Seaview Road have been cut off and simply taped over. This happened after the installation of the low energy street lighting. It was stated that</p>	

	<p>another light is required at the upper end of Seaview Road adjacent to the bend. It was also questioned what was the plan for the redundant stubs. Action – Secretary to write to roads asking the questions.</p> <p>Ditches require cleaning and water cuts opened to allow surface water to run off the C5L at Little Toux and also on 47L Little Toux to Fordyce Lodge. The laybys and apssing places need vegetation to be cleared so that they are more apparent. Action - Secretary to write to roads asking the questions.</p> <p>It was noted that the Burn opposite the fish sheds was contaminated by waste from fish sheds and the drain outside the fish sheds was blocked. FSDCC informed that SEPA had been advised.</p> <p>A motion was made to bring the start of the meeting forward to 19.00hrs and aim to finish at 20.30hrs. The motion was carried. Relevant people to be reminded of earlier start time.</p> <p>It was reported that AC faced various budgetary over runs. In year savings review required.</p> <p>The Chair closed the meeting at 20.45hrs</p>	<p>JA</p> <p>JA</p>
	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>24th October 19.00 – Inaugural Meeting</p>	