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| **MINUTES**  **Online Zoom Meeting**  **Tuesday 18th May 2021**  **at 7.00pm** | |  |
| **Present**: James Adams (Chair)  Ron Morrice (Treasurer)  Ken Watt (Planning Secretary)  Alison Wymes (Minute Secretary)  John Anderson  Lorna Davidson  Helena Gilbert  Kenny Harper  Sylvia Harper  Seamus Logan  Ashley Mackie  Fiona May  Mary Regan  Dionne Whyte  **Councillors**: Councillor Charles Buchan  Councillor Andy Kille  Councillor Doreen Mair    Debra Campbell (Community Planning Officer)  David McClennan (Acting Area Manager) | | |
| **1.** | **Apologies** | |
|  | Charlie Reid  Community Wardens – Alia Gatt & Alex Scrimgeour  Police Scotland – Ewan Simpson  Charlie Reid  Sarah Simpson  Councillor Brian Topping | |
| **2.** | **Minute of last meeting – Tuesday 20th April 2021** | |
|  | Proposed – Ken Watt  Seconded – Ron Morrice | |
| **3.** | **Matters Arising** | |
|  | * **AGM and Election Process**   **J.Adams –** The AGM is on 15th June at 6pm and if a ballot is needed, it will take place on 1st June at Dalrymple Hall.  He also welcomed the 2 Council Officers – David McLennan and Debra Campbell and Mary Regan, an Associate member, attending the Zoom meeting for the first time.   * **Presentation by John Anderson**   In recent months, he, like many others, has been doing a lot of walking and has taken photos of the town, approaching from the Banff road. They highlight many areas which are in need of URGENT attention!! Flower planters at entrance, banner poles on Watermill Road & College Bounds, the lighthouse structure near the Rosehearty junction, finger-point signs heading towards Broadsea, the buoys on the path at Broadsea, the barriers and mess on the left-hand side approaching the Lighthouse Museum and Heritage Centre, buoys in the car park, the door of the Lighthouse Museum, the area between the car park and the Lighthouse which used to be for drying nets, Castle Terrace buoy area, the banner poles in Castle Terrace, buoys on the promenade, finger-point signs and bins in picnic area at the beach, path up to the Leisure Centre, the car park and fence area there, debris left on Commerce Street by a builder.  A lot of discussion took place after the presentation – some of the issues are due to be seen to in the next few weeks/months e.g finger-point signs to be replaced or relocated, lighthouse structures will be painted by the Rotary Club, hopefully banners will be put up on approaches to the town on Watermill Road and Maconochie Place before summer is finished, but a lot of the issues need confirmation of who owns them, who is responsible for maintenance – buoys, the donation box at the front door of the Lighthouse Museum, flower planters at Banff Road entrance to the town (Council planted these up 2 years ago) and health and safety concerns.  **Ron Morrice to send email details of Linda McGuigan, manager at the Lighthouse Museum, to James Adams**  **James Adams to email Linda McGuigan regarding the buoys in the car park and elsewhere, also the donation box at the entrance of the museum.**  **John Anderson to send David McLennan his presentation so he can find out about ownership of some of the sites etc.**  **Doreen Mair to report the fly-tipping on Commerce Street to Community Waste Officer.**   * **Fraserburgh Community Awards Proposal by Ashley Mackie**   The aim of this proposal is to celebrate local heroes for all their contributions to the community over the past 12 months. FCC would lead the event. She is proposing there to be 10 categories – Community Business of the Year, Service with a Smile Award, Charity Fundraiser of the Year, Role Model of the Year, Exceptional Achievement Award, Lifetime Achievement Award, Volunteer of the Year, Helping Hand Award, Educator of the Year & Young Hero Award.  The timescale of this would be June – get businesses on board to sponsor each category, July – advertise and promote the awards on social media and website, Aug-Sept – nominations to be taken, Oct – judging panel to choose the winners for the awards and Nov – the Award Ceremony.  There would be a Winner’s trophy for each category (approx. £30) and businesses would sponsor each category with £50. There would be scope for a key sponsorship package with promotion of the business on social media & website. Any profits would go towards the seasonal charity on the website.  Again, a lot of discussion, questions & suggestions followed the presentation. Most members thought it was a good idea. Some members hadn’t had time to read the proposal, so would need time to read the details of it.  There are already Inspiring Aberdeenshire Awards & Banff/Buchan Area Committee also do an award, so it would need to be made clear it was specifically for Fraserburgh itself.  Would it be an annual event, 4 yearly like the Olympics or a one-off after Covid? It would depend on the response to the first one, but hopefully, it would be an annual event.  Others felt it was maybe a bit too adventurous to start with and suggested less categories – the Rotary Club used to do an award ceremony, but unsure about the number of categories it had. Businesses should be included in the first one, as they have all been impacted over the last 12-18 months during the pandemic,  A suggestion to have a green award, as many young people are into saving the planet etc.  Could the general public be asked to vote, to involve more ordinary people, rather than a judging panel? Unsure whether this would work, as people are often loathe to actually do something!  Could there be a People’s Choice Award?  The suggestion of a plaque to be given, rather than a trophy, so it would be advertisement for the winners?  **Ashley Mackie & Ken Watt to form a sub-group to discuss the details of the proposal.**   * **Outdoor Gym Update by Helena Gilbert**   She has spoken to Jan Emery about the possibility of installing an Outdoor Gym in the town. Jan has suggested using Survey Monkey first to gauge if there is an interest in the town for such a facility. You get 10 free questions on SM. Jan has suggested sharing the SM, not only on the FCC website & FB page, but on Councillors’ social media too – open it up to a much wider audience. Paper copies could also be distributed about the town – Beach Café, Swimming Pool, sports clubs etc. Suggestions for siting the facility – at the Beach area, the old bowling green on Maconochie Road? Could it be funded by having a Community Action Plan?  Various suggestions and questions were put forward – would people be willing to pay for using the facility? People are wanting somewhere to exercise together to improve physical & mental well-being without having to pay expensive membership fees. The town is very sports orientated, so a facility like this could prove popular. At present, the old bowling green is under the tenure of the South Links Development Trust and various football teams use it for practice. The outdoor gym in Ellon is successful and Banff are thinking of installing one too.  It was agreed to start the process by using Survey Monkey to find out if there is sufficient interest in the town, before going ahead with costing, sites etc.  **Ashley Mackie and James Adams to set up the Survey Monkey** | |
| **4.** | **Police Scotland Report/Community Wardens’ Report** | |
|  | Police Scotland Report Community Wardens Report  None received | |
| **5.** | **Urgent Items of Business** | |
|  | None | |
| **6.** | **Treasurer’s Report** | |
|  | **A.Wymes to put in expenses claim for stationery & postage.** | |
| **7.** | **Sub Committees - Updates** | |
|  | * **Resilience**   **J.Anderson** gave an update on the Food Larder. It has been going for about 6 weeks now and is proving popular. At present, there are 49 members. Membership is being capped at 50 till the committee holds a meeting to assess the demand, types of food which are popular, if dates & times are suitable etc. The Food Larder Co-ordinator, Karen Forsyth has reported that it is supporting 70 adults & 33 children at present.   * **Flower Fairies**   **L.Davidson** Further to my last report about Jacqueline Winton, the Fraserburgh Coop Member Pioneer, she has now mailed me to say that she is leaving the Coop so we are sorry to lose her contact already.  We have now registered as a group under Beautiful Scotland and were sent free wild seed balls as an introduction.  We had also hoped to continue with the plans for more wild flower areas made in 2019 with Matthew Watt, the then Greenspace officer. With this in mind, Elizabeth Stanyer gave us a contact in John Malster, Fyvie. He was to sell us wild flower plug plants and was due to come and advise us on the 1st May. However, Sylvia had been in contact with BEAR and this time they said we were definitely not to plant the Tesco entrance to Fraserburgh, so we had to cancel John Malster.  We had an email on the 22nd April from Ralph Grantham, introducing himself as the secretary to the Men’s Shed. We had hoped to make use of their group skills to provide us with new planters but sadly for the moment, the group are homeless. He hoped the CC would spread the word about finding a new area for them in Fraserburgh.  Our plans to purchase 500 flower plants using the money the Rugby club donated to us in September has turned into a purchase of 1,460 plants, as the grower had great success with her seeds. We decided to buy them all so they will be delivered to us in June at a cost of £600. If you think the cost to the council for our usual 1,300 plants was £1,700, we believe we have made a good purchase. We are still unsure how many plants we will receive in the allocation from the council this year but we will work away as best as we can.  We will meet up with the new Technical officer, Beth James, this Friday to discuss moving the town centre planters that are affected by the regeneration plans.  Comments following the report – Aberdeenshire are holding a tree-planting event to celebrate The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee in 2022 and the Council is hoping to work with community groups. **D.McL** said information was coming out soon about the project. FCC had mentioned at the meeting in April that they were interested in taking part.  Disapproval of BEAR’S views on planting on their roundabouts was aired and it was suggested to put pressure on them to change their minds about planting wild seeds at the Tesco roundabout. **S.H** had been in touch with BEAR and had spoken to a couple of staff. It probably had a lot to do with Road Safety, rather than maintenance of the area.  **C.B** suggested emailing Transport Scotland directly, as they are BEAR’S employer.  **James Adams/Ken Watt to compose an email, including photos of the Tesco roundabout, to both BEAR and Transport Scotland on behalf of FCC.**   * **Phoenix Group**   **James Adams** reported that of the initial £5,000 awarded to the town from the Phoenix Fund, £1,000 has been given to the Flower Fairies for the purchase of plants, compost, equipment and Hi-Viz vests.  £1,000 has been given to the BBT/CC/FDT group towards the cost of banners.  The installation of 3 Doric Boards will be put up on different sites in the town, in collaboration with the college. No reply has been received yet from the college as to the progress of this project.  The marketing consultant is working with the above group to promote the town and what it has to offer, on social media etc.  Spending of the total amount of £10,000 has been extended from end of September to the end of December 2021. | |
| **8.** | **Questions to Councillors** | |
|  | **J.Adams** – any update on the Painted Stones?  **D.Mair** - met with Jan Emery at the beach and they have pinpointed 4 sites where cairns of the painted stones will be installed. Hoping to make it a summer event for the kids. Will need to check with the Landscape Staff that the cairns will not cause any issues with mowing the grass and also safety issues. The Fish statue which is in the Broadgate at present, will be relocated at the beach too.  **K.Harper** – why has the taxi card for disabled/elderly customers been removed? Can understand why it wasn’t used much during the pandemic, as most of the people were shielding, but as things are starting to open up, it would be used a lot more.  **A.Kille** – Budget cuts! The Council had to save £45 million and whatever savings were made, some group would be disappointed.  **K.Watt** – What is a Local Place Plan?  **D.McL** – This is a consultation from the Scottish Government to encourage local communities to contribute ideas and have a say in what they would like to see happening in their community over a period of 5-10 years e.g. land use, leisure, projects etc These communities could be relatively small e.g a group within a town wanting to see something happening in a local park area. The government wants communities to participate in the future development within their areas. Any specific queries about this proposal or help with the consultation process can be got from [delivery@aberdeenshire.co.uk](mailto:delivery@aberdeenshire.co.uk)  **K.Watt** – Another email that came in was about a consultation on how many houses are to be built in Aberdeenshire – what was that about?  **D.McL** – Another consultation from the Scottish Government on how many houses are needed in specific areas. It’s a government drive just now to see if there’s a better way of allocating the numbers of houses to be built across the areas of Scotland. Instead of the local authorities deciding on the number of houses to be built in certain areas, the government will decide. He doesn’t think that community councils should be involved in this at present – people are more interested in how many houses are to be built in the town and where. He thinks the consultation is due to finish by 25th June 2021. | |
| **9.** | **Questions from Members of the Public** | |
|  | **A.Mackie** – a member of the public has asked the following via FB – why is there no disabled parking bay in High Street?  **D.Mair** – It is a very narrow street, so she thinks there would be issues having one put in, due to lack of space for opening of vehicle doors. Are parking bays applied for by individuals or could Alistair Miller be approached about this?  **A.Kille** – Normally, parking bays are applied for by individuals and if recommended by the Roads Dept, (certain criteria have to be met) it comes to Banff/Buchan Area Committee for approval, approx. once a year and it just so happened, the applications came in last week!!  **D.Mcl** – is the individual applying for a space for personal use or for general use in High Street?  **J.Adams** – a bit of both.  **J.Adams to pass on details of the member of public to David McLennan to look into the issue.** | |
| **10.** | **Correspondence** | |
|  | All correspondence has been sent out. | |
| **11.** | **Planning Applications** | |
|  | **K.Watt** has sent out the recent planning applications  **J.Anderson** – has been reading the plans for the regeneration of the area round the Old Parish Church – it doesn’t show the flow of traffic – is it going up or down Kirk Brae?  **D.Mair** – it’s coming up Kirk Brae from the harbour to the OPC junction & on to the Broadgate.  **J.Anderson** – that plan is asking for trouble – there will be traffic coming down High Street, traffic coming out of Saltoun Square Car park and traffic coming up Kirk Brae – leading to a bottle-neck!! All it needs is for a bus not able to get into the bus stop bay, because of lorries unloading or cars parked there, and the traffic will come to a standstill. How will Emergency vehicles get down the High Street to e.g. an accident on the Broadgate, an incident at the harbour etc? This was brought up at a consultation meeting about the regeneration plan and the planners assured the members of the public there, that they would take this into consideration when finalising their plan!!! Also there will be fewer parking spaces on Kirk Brae – will they allocate them somewhere else?  Suggestion from **A.Kille** to invite Alistair Miller to the CC meeting on Tuesday 15th June to clarify which direction the flow of traffic will be taking and answer any other queries.  **D.McL** – will see if Alistair Miller is free to come to the meeting on 15th June. An update on the Alexandra Road exit from the Academy – He has spoken with the Roads Dept and they  couldn’t find any records on safety audits done recently in that area, so have committed to carry out a Road Safety Audit and are asking for points the FCC members want addressed – lack of zebra crossing or lights, speed of traffic, no suitable places for children to cross, too many cars parked causing blind spots etc.  **A.Mackie** – a mixture of all the above and also parents are parking in the old swimming pool car park and if children are crossing that junction without due attention, an accident could easily happen. | |
| **12.** | **AOB** | |
|  | None | |
| **11.** | **Date & Time of next meeting.** | |
|  | **The AGM will take place on Tuesday 15th June 2021 at 6pm on Zoom, followed by the Ordinary meeting at 7pm.**  **J.Adams** thanked all members present, who are not returning to the FCC, for all their contributions and hard work – it has been much appreciated. | |

**Action Sheet**

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|  | **Item** | **Action** | **Responsible** |
| 1. | Outstanding Actions | Clarify whether the Temperance Fountain in front of the Mausoleum will be fully functional when it is moved across the road to near the Fish statue  Think of ideas of projects they would like to be involved in for the Participatory Budgeting and let James know | **still to be confirmed by Ross McLeary of F2021 Project**  **All CC members** |
| 3. | Matters Arising | Send email details of Linda McGuigan, manager at the Lighthouse Museum, to James Adams  Send email to Linda McGuigan regarding the buoys in the car park and elsewhere, also the donation box at the entrance of the museum.  Send David McLennan his presentation so he can find out about ownership of some of the sites etc.  Report the fly-tipping on Commerce Street to Community Waste Officer.  Form a sub-group to discuss the details of the proposal for Fraserburgh Community Awards  Set up a Survey Monkey for Helena’s proposal for an Outdoor Gym in the town | **Ron**  **James**  **John**  **Doreen**  **Ashley/Ken Watt**  **Ashley/James** |
| 6, | Treasurer’s Report | Send claim for expenses to Ron Morrice | **Alison** |
| 7. | Sub Groups | Compose an email, including photos of the Tesco roundabout, to both BEAR and Transport Scotland on behalf of FCC.  . | **James/Ken Watt** |
| 9. | Questions from Members of the Public | Pass on details of the member of public to David McLennan to look into the issue of disabled parking bay on High Street. | **James** |