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| **FRASERBURGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  **Minute**  **Learning Room 2, Fraserburgh Community & Sports Centre**  **Tuesday 18th June 2024 at 6.30pm** | A drawing of a cartoon character  Description automatically generated |

**Present:**

Helena Gilbert - Chair

Ken Harper - Treasurer

Sylvia Harper - Community Councillor

Steven Rollo - Community Councillor

Dionne Whyte - Vice Chair

Councillor Doreen Mair - Ward 3 Elected Member

Fiona Duthie - Minutes Secretary (volunteer)

Julie Rowe - Secretary

Linda Buchan - Community Councillor

Isobel Forsyth - Community Councillor

Brian Topping - Community Councillor

Mike McDonald - Community Councillor

Mary Reagan - Community Councillor

Jodie Summers - Community Councillor

Councillor James Adams - Ward 3 Elected Member

Kelly Thomson - Community Councillor

Gayle Noble - St Andrews Parent Council

Zoe Patterson - St Andrews Parent Council

**Apologies:**

Arthur Bowie - Community Councillor

William McKenzie - Community Councillor

Councillor Seamus Logan - Ward 3 Elected Member

John Anderson - Community Councillor

Alison Wemyss - Community Coincillor

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| **1** | **Apologies & Declaration(s) of Interest** |
|  | The above apologies were noted. |
| **2** | **Minutes of last meeting –** |
|  | Tuesday 21 May 2024  Approved Brian Topping  Seconded Ken Harper  Tuesday 16 April 2024  Approved – Mary Reagan  Seconded Kelly Thompson |
| **3** | **Items of Business** |
|  | This section was brought forward to allow our visitors to leave.  St Andrews Primary Parent Council  Jodie Summers  Gayle Noble  Zoe Patterson  Gayle Noble addressed the meeting and explained about the new school & merger not going ahead.  Following a freedom of information request to Aberdeenshire Council asking various questions surrounding the schools the parents were very disappointed with the information they found.  The freedom of information request and details are attached.  The main areas of concern included:  No official announcement made to parents/public about the delay/postponement of new school.  Parents were previously assured that the new school was definitely going ahead.  1.2 m of essential repairs needed but no plans for these works. School they feel is unsafe and not for purpose.  Cllr Mair explained she is extremely disappointed the building is paused. She explained about high interest rates causing the delay as costs will be too high. Cllr Mair assured the meeting that she was doing all in her power behind the scenes. She has invited David Keeting, Chairman of the council to visit St Andrews Primary to see how bad a condition it is in.  Brian Topping asked Gayle Noble to clarify details and expressed his concern that parents had to do a Freedom of Information request to obtain information.  The parents were thanked for coming. The meeting decided that CC would write a letter to Council leaders expressing our concerns in support of the Parents. |

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| **3** | **Action Sheet and matters arising** |
|  | **Community Garden**  No volunteers have come forward. Aberdeenshire Council have no funding to take it over.  It was suggested we ask Mens Shed for help?  Cllr Mair is to find out who is the legal owner of the ground and discuss again at next meeting. Still no land for allotments been found.  **4 Corners**  Various options discussed – these included:   * Using 2nd tranch of Area Initiative fund for area. * Installing a compass * Seating in the shape of a sail * Area for blackenings.   It was decided to get back to Scottish Water and ask them to go ahead with the simple bench seating and paving stones meantime. As funding becomes available CC can discuss any improvements/upgrades to the area.  **Beach Masterplan**  HG & Cllr DM attended a recent meeting.  It was decided to set up a sub group.  (MM asked Cllr DM if New School should not be priority. Cllr DM explained that it is completely separate funding.)  The New Sub Committee is as follows:  Jodie Summers  Brian Topping  Steven Rollo  Ken Harper  Sylvia Harper  Dionne Whyte  Mary Reagan  **Town Planters**  Plant delivery – 1000 plants short. Cllr JA will investigate  A lot of groups supplied their own plants voluntarily.  Weeds in town Centre – Cllr JA has brought this up with landscaping. They are 10 people short and there have been cutbacks. They will be asked to re-prioritise Town Centre.  Cllr DM & Cllr JA are going to personally weed the area outside Faithlie Centre this week.  Road Sweepers have been asked to help with the weeds but have declined. Mechanical sweepers help but are not always available.  The meeting discussed if homeowners/ shopkeeps/ residents could all help by weeding their own areas? Could CC encourage this?  **Website**  ongoing  **Broch Boards**  HG met Sean Norman & Bill Gibb family and there are happy with mock-up. Board to go ahead.  **King Charles Portrait**  Portrait will go to the Faithlie Centre. It can’t be hung on the wall so needs a stand.  **Amenity & Improvement fund**  2023/4 - £300 left. This is to be used for a plaque for the “walking way”. SH is still trying to get in touch with the artist for details.  2024/5 - £1200 awarded. This is to be used for street furniture upgrades/repairs and beach.  SR has agreed to help repair the town centre benches. Alistait Miller will need consulted before this is done.  **Informal Session**  Session went ahead and was successful**.**  Cllr JA reiterated that any CC member can approach him anytime for any information.    **Police Scotland**  An email was sent by CC to Police with concerns over speeding, mess & noise in beach esplanade area and dangerous driving. The reply was forwarded to all CC members. |
|  | **Police Scotland Report/Community Warden Report** |
|  | * Attached |
| **6** | **Treasurer’s Report** |
|  | Account are still at accountant. John Anderson Away from home with details of the resilience Bank funds.  Balance as at today:  Beach chair fund £5611.62  Community Council £3973.11  Resilience Group/food larder £24070.40 |
| **7** | **Sub Committee Reports** |
|  | * **Resilience Group**   No update   * **Litter Picking**   + Recent beach clean – 7 volunteers 305kg rubbish. Harbour cleared fishing gear. |
| **8** | **Questions for Councillors** |
|  | none |
| **9** | **Questions from members of the public** |
|  | none |
| **10** | **Correspondence** |
|  | Reply reg school crossing patrollers – petition has gone to Provest & Full Council. |
| **11** | **Planning Applications** |
|  | No coments |
| **12** | **AOB** |
|  | none |
| **13** | **Date of next meeting** |
|  | **Tuesday 20 August 2024** at **6.30pm**, in Learning Room 2 at the Fraserburgh Community and Sports Centre. |

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**Community Warden’s Report (Fraserburgh)**

**June 2024**

**Please find below an update:**

**Part-time Community Safety Warden Post-**

Sophie McCalman, the part-time Warden (Thursday & Friday), has left her post in March, we are still awaiting to hear from our Team Leader if she will be replaced.

**Fraserburgh Wellness Festival -**

On Saturday 18th May we attended the Wellness Festival at the Community & Sports Centre. We provided information on various safety related topics including alcohol and drugs. We were also able to hand out various safety related free items that we have managed to source.

**Anti-Social Behaviour Issues -**

Issues involving drug dealing activity have been brought to our attention on various occasions by members of the public and has personally been witnessed ourselves. All information has been passed onto the police.

**Community Safety Issues –**

Concerns had been raised to us by a member of the public regarding the safety of a derelict property on Castle St. After speaking with neighbours on Castle Street and Cllr Mair it has now been barricaded off to prevent injury to the public.  A building with red fence

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After having reported the broken traffic lights on the Mid St/Broad St numerous times, they have now all been replaced with brand new ones.

**Peterhead Freedom of Aberdeenshire event -**

On 11th May we attended in Peterhead, to help the Peterhead Community Wardens with the Freedom of Aberdeenshire Event. The event went very well and there was a great turn out.

**1st Fraserburgh Beavers talk –**

We recently paid a visit to the very well behaved children at 1st Fraserburgh Beavers to speak with them about our role in the community and pass on lots of information about keeping safe.

**Fraserburgh Police Station Open Day event –**

This is planned for 28th September this year, we will once again be involved with this family fun day.

**St Andrews Parent Council**

Just to highlight that the parent council not only arrange school discos and fundraising events. We are also speaking up for our children and educational services in our town. We were aware of rumours that the merger of St Andrews Primary and the North school was not going ahead so submitted a freedom of information request to Aberdeenshire Council. As you can see there are NO plans for this to go ahead in the next 5 years as no capital budget has been allocated. Despite nearly £200k being “wasted” on planning applications and the schools requiring over £1.5million in repairs. Representatives attended Fraserburgh Community Council meeting last night to ask questions to councillors as well as make the CC aware, because despite this massive u-turn there has been NO information shared with parents or the people of Fraserburgh. We have learned that Peterhead Academy received Scottish government funding whilst our school merger was denied this and hence why they are going ahead. The school merger is being “paused” until interest rates come down - whenever this may be??? As a parent council we have raised our voices to let the people in charge know we are very unhappy with this decision. We are furious that our children are going to school in buildings that we are told are not fit for purpose and require significant repairs. We feel we and our children have been let down by Aberdeenshire Council and the Scottish government. The Community Council was very supportive of us and will join us in writing to the Director and Chair of Education and Children’s services. Our local councillors are also planning to set up a meeting to discuss this further with Education and Children’s services. We need to make our voices heard!! If they are not going to give us a new school the least that can be done is to carry out the repairs that are required to make these buildings safe! We don’t want it to get to the stage that a child comes to harm before action is taken! Please share this post with our community and share your views!! Even better - if you want to get involved with the parent council’s action for this, get in touch!! The more support we have the better!! I for one am fed up of Fraserburgh being forgotten about and neglected!

**Freedom of Information request and answers:**

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