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| **FRASERBURGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  **Minute**  **Learning Room 2, Fraserburgh Community & Sports Centre**  **Tuesday 21st May 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

Arthur Bowie - Community Councillor

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

Angela Keith - Abshire Council

Caroline Savage - Visitor

Mike McDonald - Community Councillor

William McKenzie - Community Councillor

Mary Reagan - Community Councillor

Councillor Seamus Logan - Ward 3 Elected Member

Lyn Bain - Visitor

Sarah Park - Visitor

Jodie Summers - Community Councillor

Karen Forsyth - Community Larder

Brenda Smith - Comminity Larder

Gloria Malcolm - AVA

**Apologies:**

John Anderson - Community Councillor

Kelly Thomson - Community Councillor

Councillor James Adams - Ward 3 Elected Member

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| **1** | **Apologies & Declaration(s) of Interest** |
|  | The above apologies were noted.  Declaration of interest by Steven Rollo in connection with a planning application. Steven will leave the meeting before the point is discussed. |
| **2** | **Election of Office bearers & Councillors** |
|  | CLLR Doreen Mair took the Chair.  During the recent nomination process the following were elected as Community Councillors. All have accepted the positions.  Linda Buchan  William MacKenzie  Julie Rowe  Brian Topping  Isobel Forsyth  Jodie Summers  Kelly Thomson  Cllr Mair then asked for nominations for the position of Chair.  Dionne Whyte Nominated Helena Gilbert & Mary Reagan seconded this.  Mike MacDonald nominated Brian Topping, Brian declined. Helena accepted the position.  Vice Chair:  Sylvia Harper nominated Dionne Whyte, seconded by Julie Rowe. Dionne accepted the position.  Secretary:  Helena Gilbert nominated Julie Rowe, seconded by Dionne Whyte.  Julie Rowe accepted position.  Cllr Doreen Mair passed the meeting back over to Helena Gilbert as new Chair & Dionne Whyte as Vice Chair. |
| **3** | **Minute of last meeting – Tuesday 16 April 2024** |
|  | Two amendments were noted and minutes will be re approved at the next meeting. |

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| **3** | **Matters Arising & Action Sheet** |
|  | * **4 Corners**   + Suggested a sub group needed to take this project further. It was decided to rename the “Events” group – “Project” group and they will meet and discuss this. * **Community Garden**   + No update as Jan Emery is on Holiday. Academy work placement students have been placed at the Jarvis Court & School community Gardens * **Website**   + Ongoing. Some Bios still to be provided. DW will update the website as they are received. * **Community Warden Reports**   + HG spoke to wardens at a recent event. They will start to submit quarterly reports. * **Broch Boards**   + Meeting arrangedwith family and Sean Norman reg Bill Gibb Board on 4/6/24. If not suitable for area a new home will be found for the board. * **Beach Masterplan**   + Angela Keith is to attend a presentation along the lines the one that was given to CC. HG will also attend.   + There is a need to think about links with Harbour Masterplan.   + Cllr DM to visit Balmedie to see their Beach wheelchairs in action   + Harbour board will donate proceeds of their Time & Tide publication to the beach wheelchair fund   + £100,000 has been received from Moray North East   + It was suggested a sub Group of CC would be really valuable.   + To be discussed again at next meeting * **Town Planters**   + 29 planters all taken apart from 2 at Semichem and 2 at Sympossium   + 57 bags of compost left. Some group appear to have used their own.   + Some of the plaques have been put on.   + No plants delivered yet. Allison Wemyss has the list.   + Junior Arts to be asked if they are still going to adopt the planters they agreed.   + Tesco have weeded the area around their planters too!   + SR will help move and store any compost left after the end of the month. |
|  | **Police Scotland Report/Community Warden Report** |
|  | * none |
| **5** | **Items of Business** |
|  | **Community Food Larder**  Gloria Malcolm, Aberdeen Voluntary Action attended along with Brenda Smith & Karen Forsyth from the Food Larder.  It was explained the CC & the Resilience Group which is a sub Group of the CC cannot lease or own a property due to our constitution. The group are keen to start a CAT transfer to take over the Mid Street building.  In order for this to happen the Resilience group would need to set up a new group (SCIO) with a separate constitution. The new group would be a trust and any property would belong to the trust.  It was agreed that Community Councillors could still be part of the Resilience Group.  It was discussed if the resilience Group should be separated from the Food Larder part but it was agreed that the Resilience group & Food Larder were part & parcel.  It will take approx. 3 months to set up the SCIO. This will be done in tandem with the start of the CAT transfer process.  The new constitution and details can be dealt with at a later date.  Unanimous vote by CC that a SCIO is set up by the Resilience Group.  **Speech and language therapy cuts within Schools**  It was announced that SALT was to be withdrawn within schools as part of the budget cuts. The service would revert to clinical settings.  Lyn Bain & Sarah Parks shared how this cut would affect their children who attend Westfield Special School. The strongly feel this change should not be made within Special Schools as it will significantly affect these children.  Cllr SL suggested that individuals can write to Council Leaders about this. He also suggested that perhaps some of the reserves should be used for this.  HG will email Gillian Owen, Head of Aberdeenshire Council, in support of the above concerns on behalf of CC.  **King Charles III Portrait**  The portrait has been received and is being stored by HG. Suggestions were asked about where is should be hung.  Angela Keith will find out if it can be hung in the Faithlie Centre, failing that the Dalrymple Hall or Community Centre.  **Amenity & Improvement Fund**  There is roughly £300 left of this years allocation after purchasing compost and plaques.  This surplus will be used, as per the plan, to purchase a plaques for the wooden structure on the links. It was suggested that thisb£300 could go to beach fund but it can’t as it wasn’t in our plan.  It was agreed that our next allocation of £1200 is to be spent repairing/upgrading the “street furniture” in the town Centre with any excess going to the beach fund.  **Brian topping – Development Session**  BT suggested that an informal session with just CC members would be of benefit. He suggests an introduction session and sharing of ideas.  An email will be sent to members with a suggested date & time in due course. |
| **6** | **Treasurer’s Report** |
|  | Details of bank account total as of 21/5/24  FCC general acc £3101.71  FCC FOOD LARDER £24070.40  Beach Account £4888.68 |
| **7** | **Sub Committee Reports** |
|  | * **Resilience Group**   As above   * **Litter Picking**   + Couple of upcoming community cleans. CC will lend equipment. * **Events**   + To be renamed – Projects Group |
| **8** | **Questions for Councillors** |
|  | * BT asked about the consultation next week about the MIU. CLLR SL advised this was not a consultation but an engagement meeting. * AB raised concerns about cars speeding, noise, mess etc in the beach esplanade area. This also impacts the caravan site.   + Cllr DM agreed that the caravan site as in previous years was having problems due to this anti social & dangerous behaviour. An empty Police vehicle was left in position as a deterrent but had no effect. She has recently spoken to the Police Inspector and Community Wardens are to increase their presence in the area. Road Police from Mintlaw will also attend.   + Bollards were suggested but this is not possible as this area is actually a through road.   + Cllr Dm feels that a lot of this behaviour is “local culture” and feels a change will be hard.   + Caravan users have been asked to report ALL incidences to the police along with Licence plate details if possible.   + Concerns also raised about drivers in the College area and West Road. The same advice – report every incident to police with Licence Plate details if possible.   + It was agreed HG to contact Police on behalf of CC to raise our concerns. * SH raised over cars driving too fast near South Park and road congestion in this area. She is finding it difficult driving in the area to drop grandchildren off at school.   + Cllr DM says there is an upcoming blitz on car parking outside schools in conjunction with Aberdeenshire Council and the Police. |
| **9** | **Questions from members of the public** |
|  | none |
| **10** | **Correspondence** |
|  | Letter from Craig Trail, Sea Cadets asking if CC could financially support a public event to celebrate their 80th Birthday.  JR will have a chat with Craig to discuss. |
| **11** | **Planning Applications** |
|  | Ramp at Mens shed, Albert Street – no comments  Demo of 2 houses – not applicable – not our CC |
| **12** | **AOB** |
|  | KH reports “post box to heaven” has been installed in the foyer of Fraserburgh Funeral Services in College Bounds. |
| **13** | **Date of next meeting** |
|  | **Tuesday 18 June** at **6.30pm**, in Learning Room 2 at the Fraserburgh Community and Sports Centre. |