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| **FRASERBURGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  **Minute**  **Learning Room 2, Fraserburgh Community & Sports Centre**  **Tuesday 24th September 2024 at 6.30pm** | A drawing of a cartoon character  Description automatically generated |

**Present:**

Helena Gilbert - Chair

Julie Rowe - Community Councillor - Secretary

Fiona Duthie - Minutes Secretary (volunteer)

Ken Harper - Community Councillor - Treasurer

Sylvia Harper - Community Councillor

Mike McDonald - Community Councillor

John Anderson - Community Councillor

Denise Taylor - Community Councillor

Jodie Summers - Community Councillor

Arthur Bowie - Prospective member

Kelly Thomson - Prospective member

James Adams - Ward 3 Elected Member

Doreen Mair - Ward 3 Elected Member

Lexi Smith - Senior Pupil Fraserburgh Academy

Samuel Noble - Senior Pupil Fraserburgh Academy

**Apologies:**

Dionne Whyte - Community Councillor - Vice Chair

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| **1** | **Apologies & Declaration(s) of Interest** |
|  | The above apologies were noted. |
| **2** | **Minutes of last meeting – August 20th 2024** |
|  | Approved – Jodie Summers  Seconded – Sylvia Harper |

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| **3** | **Action Sheet & Matters Arising** |
|  | **New School/ School repairs**  HG reminded members that an email was sent to David Keeting & Lawrence Findlay Showing CC support for St Andrews Parent |Council regarding the postponement of the new school and essential repairs needed to be carries out at St Andrews Primary. As of yet ne acknowledgment or reply has been received to the CC email.  Cllr DM visited St Andrews with David Keeting in August. David Keeting was given a tour of the school and shown the essential repairs needed. He has also met with St Andrews Parent Council.  **James Ramsey Park Sign**  Cllr DM will chase erection of signs. It was agreed one to go in memorial garden and one to go beside the Rugby building.  **Sea Cadets**  Parade has taken place.  **Web Site**  DW to update website with new members details. |
| **4** | **Police Scotland Report/Community Warden Report** |
|  | * None |
| **5** | **Items of business** |
|  | **Co-option of new members**  Co-option of Kelly Thomson & Arthur Bowie to be approved at next meeting.  KT & AB reminded that they need to fill in the online application form.  **Remembrance Day Wreath**  It was agreed CC should purchase a wreath for the parade. |
| **6** | **Treasurer’s Report** |
|  | Details of bank account total as of 24/9/24  FCC general acc £4709.09  FCC FOOD LARDER £22158.49  Beach Account £6777.84 |
| **7** | **Sub Committee Reports** |
|  | * **Resilience Group**   Membership still at 80  Outgoings are more than income for food larder.  Asset transfer negotiations still taking place.  Copy of constitution has been sent to SEPA  Business plan is about half way through being written.   * **Litter Picking**   No update  PSYV & volunteers collected 145kg of rubbish at a recent beach clean.   * **Project Group (formerly Events Group)**   The following members agreed to be on the Projects group:  Arthur Bowie  Sylvia Harper  Ken Harper  Jodie Summers  Kelly Thomson  Julie Rowe  Dionne Whye  Rep from Fraserburgh Academy Senior pupils   * **Beach Regeneration**   There was a discussion around future projects and the Beach regeneration.  It was discussed that the Beach plans would need to be prioritized and tackled in segments. CC would need to work with Aberdeenshire Council Area Manager and 3rd parties.  The Play Park area was suggested as an area for priority.   * **4 Corners**   Benches & paving still to be fitted. Area could be further improved.   * **Floodlights for James Ramsey Park Football Pitches**   KT & JS shared there plans for lighting for the football pitches. It would be meter run lights. They asked if CC could be on board with this and it was agreed the ‘projects Group’ would be an ideal platform as CC is a constituted group and therefore able to access grants.  It was agreed that the community should be involved.  KT & JS explained the huge need for this lighting and the benefits it would create.  DT said she will pass on contact details that she has for potential funding/grants.  It was agreed that JS would set up a communication group (whats app or email) & set up a sub committee meeting as soon possible to enable the Projects Group to get started. |
| **8** | **Questions for Councillors** |
|  | * MM asked what’s happening with the plaques on the pulpit of the now closed Old Parish Church. He explained that it was a War Memorial on the pulpit.   CNL DM suggested that MM wrote to the ‘New’ combined Church of Scotland and ask them what was happening with these items.   * MM asked what was happening with the Old Parish Church Building.   CNL DM assumes it will be sold by Church of Scotland.  It was discussed that there are a lot of people who would like to see the Heritage Museum Take over this building.   * It was asked ‘why is the Mausoleum turned green?’. CNL Dm could confirm that the Aberdeenshire Council are looking into this already. * Are Buriel fees increasing? CNL DM said this is not confirmed. She explained that due to financial pressures on the Council fees were likely to rise. * The flower barrels at the Cemetery are all burst. – CNL JA said he would investigate. * What has been happening at St Andrews Primary School Infant Building? CNL DM could tell CC there has been a traffic survery. * Will Traffic fines be issued outside South Park School? CNL Dm will look into this. * What’s being done about parking on pavements and on double yellow lines in the Town Centre. CNL JA said this was being looked into and they were looking at de criminalising parking so that Aberdeenshire Council could issue fines. * When will the ‘Broch Board’ be erected at FF Club? CNL JA is seeing to this. * Can something be done to prevent the ‘weed’ situation in the town happening again next year?   CNL DM explained that Aberdeenshire Council can’t afford to weed every street. People need to be encouraged to weed their own areas.   * Whats happening with the Royal Hotel? CNL DM said Aberdeenshire Council are trying to deal with the situation but its been difficult to get in touch with owner.   There was a discussion about the negative impact of Social Media on the town. Certain Facebook Groups, that have a huge following encourage negativity and consequently are damaging the perception of not only the town but Fraserburgh Academy too. |
| **9** | **Questions from members of the public** |
|  | none |
| **10** | **Correspondence** |
|  | none |
| **11** | **Planning Applications** |
|  | None |
| **12** | **AOB** |
|  | CNL DM reminded the meeting that there is a Council by election on 7th Nov 2024 |
| **13** | **Date of next meeting** |
|  | **Tuesday 15 October** at **6.30pm**, in Learning Room 2 at the Fraserburgh Community and Sports Centre.  The following members gave their apologies for this meeting:  Jodie Summers  Denise Taylor  Kelly Thomson |