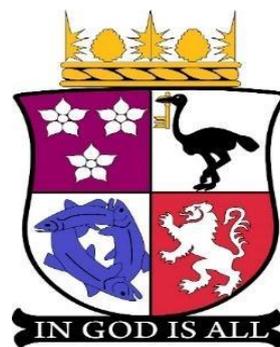


# FRASERBURGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minute

Learning Room 2, Fraserburgh Community & Sports Centre

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 6.30pm



### Present:

Helena Gilbert	-	Community Councillor – Chair
Jane May	-	Community Councillor – Secretary
Jodie Summers	-	Community Councillor – Secretary
Mike McDonald	-	Community Councillor
John Anderson	-	Community Councillor
Caroline Savage	-	Community Councillor
Kelly Thomson	-	Community Councillor (late arrival)
Bryan Wood	-	Community Councillor
James Smith	-	Community Councillor
Alistair Brown	-	Associate member
Martin McCathie	-	Associate member
Iain Sutherland	-	Ward 3 Elected member
Doreen Mair	-	Ward 3 Elected member
James Adams	-	Ward 3 Elected member
Charlene Colthard	-	Member of the public
Alison Duthie	-	Member of the public

### Apologies:

Ken Harper	-	Treasurer
Denise Taylor	-	Community Councillor
Anne Bell	-	Ward 3 Elected Councillor

Fiona Duthie has officially resigned from her post as minute taker.

1	<b>Apologies &amp; Declaration(s) of Interest</b>
	The above apologies were noted.

2	<b>Minutes of last meeting – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>
	<p>Approved – Caroline Savage</p> <p>Seconded – Mike McDonald</p> <p>There were no matters arising from previous minutes</p>

3	<b>Items of business / speakers</b>
	<p><b>Election of vice chair:</b> Caroline Savage proposed Mike McDonald for the post, and Bryan Wood 2<sup>nd</sup> this decision, there were no other names put forward, going forward Mike McDonald is the Vice Chairperson.</p> <p><b>Proposal of associate members:</b> Alistair Brown and Martin Mccathie were both put forward as associate members, a vote was taken on both and there was a unanimous decision to make both Associate members. Jane will forward on the appropriate forms and once completed will forward to Heather Mackay</p> <p><b>Alison Duthie, Robertson Road Centre:</b> The question was put to the councilors to ask if they had attended ‘Together We Grow’ as they felt it was not up to the recommended standards, and also queried why a ‘go fund me’ was now in place for the facility, all three councilors had stated that they had as yet not been able to gain access to the facility but they had visited ‘Enable’ and had discussions with ‘Grampian Opportunities’ but neither are based in Fraserburgh. Alison was extremely concerned that various types of assessment were not being carried out as they should be within the existing Fraserburgh facility, councilors advised that the individuals in these circumstances need to come forward to them with their issues and they can take it further, they stated that they could not go forward with ‘hear say’ alone.</p> <p><b>Conservation update:</b> Following an email from the conservation department we have found that the town Centre area cannot be lifted until 2037, this is due to the fact that £6 million was spent on the town Centre during the Fraserburgh 2021 Regeneration Project. We have fed this back to the business owners who were keen to see it being removed and we have done a FOI to find out exactly where these funds were spent.</p>

	<b>Police Scotland Report/Community Warden Report</b>
	No attendance from either at this meeting but Helena and Jodie had a meeting with the new Police Inspector Gordon Chalmers, he advised that he is looking into getting more police out on the beat meeting with the public and being more interactive within the community.
5	<b>Action Sheet</b>
	<p><b>Website/Bio</b> James has agreed to get this updated and remove old info etc, community council members have agreed to complete their bios and pass to James.</p> <p><b>Broch board installation:</b> James Adams advised board is ready to go and was waiting to hear back from Alexander Buchans to get it installed.</p> <p><b>FCC Banners</b> These cost £38.79 plus delivery, James made a design, a vote was taken to get them purchased, James will order these.</p> <p><b>Town Centre Benches</b> Bryan got a price of £175 for the wood for benches, a vote was taken and it was agreed to purchase this, John Anderson has a contact that might be able to shape the benches so he will look into this. It was agreed that the benches could be painted in the CC garage. Doreen is going to find out if landscaping or roads have a screwdriver to remove the anti vandal screws.</p> <p><b>Disability Bikes</b> Following the last meeting it has been decided that the old tunnel is not suitable to house the beach wheelchairs and disability bikes so containers may be the best option, still undecided where to house these and it was discussed that it may work in with the new beach masterplan, it was also discussed that if everything was together then only one insurance would be required. Bryan and Doreen are going to set up a meeting to discuss this further.</p> <p><b>Pipe Band Event</b> Helena contacted Ciaran and advised that this might be too big an undertaking for us at the moment, but we would be interested in a smaller event like they hold in Turriff and Inverness, Ciaran advised that he would discuss this with the Fraserburgh Pipe Band and get back to us.</p>

	<p><b>Laptop/ Printer</b></p> <p>A vote was taken and agreed to purchase a laptop and printer through the admin grant, Bryan will pass these details onto Jane, and she will organize the purchase.</p>
<b>6</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>
	<p><b>General Account £4869.44</b></p> <p><b>Beach Wheelchair fundraising – £4644.93</b></p> <p>Jane Has completed the paperwork to become a signatory along with Ken</p>
<b>7</b>	<b>Sub Committee Reports</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Litter Picking</b> – No litter picking been done – Waiting until weather improves in springtime before organizing any litter picking events. Litter picking equipment to be moved.</li> <li>• <b>Project Group/ events group</b> – Various activities each month happening with the Xmas events group, Facebook will be updated with these</li> </ul>
<b>8</b>	<b>Update from Councilors</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pool hoist, Doreen advised that it's not the hoist that's faulty it's the base that holds it in, the part required to fix this will not be available until early March.</li> <li>• Lamppost painting, Doreen has managed to get the paint details from the roads department had she also advised that the harbour are willing to provide scaffold when the times comes to paint.</li> <li>• There will be a 'Margaret White Fund' becoming available in the near future, Doreen will keep us updated on this.</li> </ul>
<b>9</b>	<b>Questions from members of the public &amp; Community Councilors</b>
	<p>Helena asked about the 'Common Good Fund' she was advised to email Angela Keith for more information.</p> <p>Jodie asked about the render that was put on the houses in Buchan Road, she asked if there was a budget in place for the maintenance of this as most houses have gone green with algae, she also advised that since the render has been put on the properties are now suffering due to lack of breathing space in property, she was advised this would be looked into.</p> <p>Kelly requested a visit to the North School by the councillors so they could see the state of the building 1<sup>st</sup> hand, this will be looked in to.</p>

<b>10</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>
	none
<b>11</b>	<b>Planning Applications</b>
	none
<b>12</b>	<b>AOB</b>
	Helena will chase up the Four Corners benches from Scottish Water.
<b>13</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>
	<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, in Learning Room 2 at the Fraserburgh Community and Sports Centre. Meeting 6.30pm</b>