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| **FRASERBURGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  **Minute**  **Learning Room 2, Fraserburgh Community & Sports Centre**  **Tuesday 20th May 2025 at 6.30pm** | A drawing of a cartoon character  Description automatically generated |

**Present:**

Helena Gilbert - Community Councillor - Chair

Julie Rowe - Community Councillor - Secretary

Fiona Duthie - Minutes Secretary (volunteer)

Mike McDonald - Community Councillor

John Anderson - Community Councillor

Jodie Summers - Community Councillor

Kelly Thomson - Community Councillor

Jane May - Community Councillor

Doreen Mair - Ward 3 Elected Member

Iain Sutherland - Ward 3 Elected member

James Adams - Ward 3 Elected Member

Emma Nicol - Area Committee Officer

Heather McKay - Senior Admin Assistant

Cathy Ramsey - Community Warden

Lara - Community Warden

**Apologies:**

Ken Harper - Treasurer (volunteer)

Dionne Whyte - Community Councillor - Vice Chair

Denise Taylor - Community Councillor

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| **1** | **Apologies & Declaration(s) of Interest** |
|  | The above apologies were noted. |
| **2** | **Minutes of last meeting – Tuesday 15th April** |
|  | Approved – Jodie Summers  Seconded – Mike McDonald |

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| **3** | **Action Sheet & Matters Arising** |
|  | **Bios on Website:** ongoing. We need a volunteer to take updating of website onboard. It was suggested contacting local college for assistance. JM will ask College. (JM)  **Broch Board:** Erection of the George Bruce board is still ongoing. Cllr JA is seeing to this. (Cllr JA)  Amenity fund:  **Town Centre Benches:** Mike has this is hand. He has a team together and work is to start shortly. (MM)  **Planters:** JM has overseen this. Aprox £250 will be spent on plants. Last few groups to be chased up to collect their plants.  Sandy Scott, Aberdeenshire Council, is to arrange planting of wild thyme in the Kirk Brae & Dalrymple planters.  Approx £700 will be left of the amenity Fund once above is spent.  Painting of lampposts was suggested – Cllr JA will chase this up with the council. This job was put up for tender be the Council.  It was agreed any funds left after all plants collected will be donated to the Beach Wheelchair Fund as per the spending plan.  **FCC Promotional Banners:** ongoing (DW)  **Town Centre Lamp post painting:** waiting for update (Cllr JA)  **Harbour Master Plan:** Cllr DM to send CC a template letter so that a letter of support can be sent. (Cllr DM)  **Allotments**: A new site has been identified and details have been forwarded to Jan Emery. Jan Emery & Sandy Scott are due to do a town walkabout shortly.  **New Golf Course:** HG & JR attended the recent presentation. All feedback is generally positive. Planning application will be submitted this year.  **Appointment of New Secretary:** This position will be vacant from 17 June. HG once again asked for any volunteers. Recent appeal for new members has had no response.  HG, Chair, intimated that if the Secretary position was not filled by 17 June she would stand down as Chair then. JM & JS agreed to take on the role jointly.  Heather McKay suggested holding an interim election advertising 9 vacancies.  It was agreed to try to fill these vacancies by word of mouth initially. Current members and Elected Councillors to hand out leaflets and advertise on SM.  JS also agreed to assist with the Facebook page.  Heather McKay reminded CC that we can pay someone, if needed to take minutes.  It was agreed to give Dionne Whyte 3 months leave of absence if needed from CC.  It was suggested that we held Community Council Awards. It was agreed to put this in the Action Plan for after the AGM. |
| **4** | **Police Scotland Report/Community Warden Report** |
|  | **Community Wardens**  Cathy and the new warden, Lara, attended the meeting.  Cathy introduced Lara and explained that she speaks 4 languages and is a Police Interpreter. She will be a huge asset to the job.  The Wardens are currently focusing on the following:  Shop Watch Initiative  Street drinking  Patrols at Asda/McDonald – anti-social behavior  South Park exclusion Zone  Anti-social behavior at School lunch times.  KT thanked the wardens for their support outside South Park School  JS asked if the same exclusion Zone would be proposed for outside St Andrews school. The Cllrs said no at the moment.  20 mile Consultation is going live today.  Discussion about “Parking Buddies” outside St Andrews School. It’s not on staff’s job description to put them out so they are not being used currently.  Wardens agreed to be present outside St Andrews where possible to discourage bad parking. |
| **5** | **Items of business** |
|  | **Scottish Water – Four Corners**  It was agreed to request 2 Blue benches with are allocation of funds.  It was suggested with the small remaining amount that we request a “compass paving slab” and have it installed with the rest of the flooring. JM will approach Lovies for a price. HG will ask Scottish water if this is acceptable. |
| **6** | **Treasurer’s Report** |
|  | **General Account £4572.15**  **Beach fundraising - £2167.98** |
| **7** | **Sub Committee Reports** |
|  | * **Litter Picking**   At the recent litter pick 4 CC members, 1 member of public and 2 Academy Pupils attended.  Tesco are planning their own litter pick on 7th June.  Fraserburgh Academy has held a litter pick in their grounds.   * **Projects Group**   Football Pitches – They are just waiting on a solicitor regarding right to lease the ground at Fraserburgh Academy.  Fundraising will commence shortly  Local Football groups will be involved. Cllr JA is approaching Fraserburgh Football Club. |
| **8** | **Questions for Councillors** |
|  | **Barbours Garage Site –** Is there an update on this?  Cllr Dm has chased this up. The owners are not complying.  **Castle Street Property –** Collapsing house in Castle Street. Cllr JA advised that barrios are to be put up. Owning is not responding to the Council.  Retained Firemen – JA asked about the new rules pertaining to retained firemen. Cllrs were not aware of this. |
| **9** | **Questions from members of the public** |
|  | Following email was received from Sandra Masson:  Can we get an answer from the landscape manager about the “no mow may” survey for Fraserburgh. Is the area beside the pool in James Ramsay going to be cut? What about weeding around the town is this his responsibility and if so how is it going to be managed ? Is the town centre going to be kept tidy at least ?  The following answers were given by the Cllrs   * No areas are to be designated “No mow” due to survey responses. * Area beside pool will be cut. * Weeding in Town Centre is Sandy Scotts responsibility * Landscaping will focus on town centre. |
| **10** | **Correspondence** |
|  | none |
| **11** | **Planning Applications** |
|  | There is to be a public consultation reg new Kirkwood Homes Development on  27/5/25  24/6/25 |
| **12** | **AOB** |
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| **13** | **Date of next meeting** |
|  | **Tuesday 24th June**, in Learning Room 2 at the Fraserburgh Community and Sports Centre.  **AGM 6pm**  **Meeting 6.30pm** |