**BANFF & MACDUFF COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Wednesday 30th October 2024 – 7pm**

**Deveron Community & Sports Centre**

Present:

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| Hazel Daniel | Chair |
| John Main | Vice Chair |
| Kevin Ritchie | Secretary |
| Mary Arnold | Community Councilor |
| Paul Gleisner | Community Councilor |
| David Duguid | Community Councilor |
| Karen Catto | Community Councilor |
| Councillor John Cox | Ward 1 Elected Member |
| Councillor Glen Reynolds | Ward 1 Elected Member |

Apologies:

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| Dougie Thomson | Community Councilor |
| Colin Robson | Community Councilor |
| Reg Connon | Community Councilor |
| Louise McCafferty | Community Councilor |
| Steven Christie | Community Councilor |
| Robert MacArthur | Community Councilor |
| Mark Rivers | Community Councilor |
| Councillor Stewart Adams | Ward 1 Elected Member |
| Councillor Richard Menard | Ward 2 Elected Member |

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| **1** | **Present and Apologies** |
|  | Welcome and apologies noted. |

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| **2** | **Declaration of Interests** |
|  | No declaration of interests. |

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| **3** | **Approval of Minute of Meeting on Wednesday 28th August 2024**  **Matters Arising from Last Minutes** |
|  | Minutes were approved by John Main and seconded by Paul Gleisner. |

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| **4** | **Police Report** |
|  | The report had been distributed to Community Councilor’s prior to the meeting. There were some issues in regards of little and no information on the report, Chair to follow up with our local team to ask about information for future meetings. |

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| **5** | **Treasurer Report** |
|  | Information provided by the Secretary to the Chair was that the current balance stands at £2256.31. |

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| **6** | **Councillors Reports** |
|  | Councillor Glen Reynolds,  Apologized for being absent recently and out of the loop due to illness,  Health & Social care is a big issue at the moment and he would like a greater grass root consultation with changes if any will be made.  Councillor John Cox,  Councillor Cox had attended a meeting earlier that had been arranged at the last minute in connection with the allotments, this was arranged by Jan Emery.  The meeting was to arrange management of the allotments with 25 people in attendance, there was a discussion regarding the extra waste being dumped at the allotments and the need for budget saving.  The community council was unaware of this meeting, David Duguid did notice a short message on a Facebook page regarding the meeting.  Mary Arnold was very disappointed that no communication was given to the community council after we have been in discussions regarding the allotments for quite a while now, and why was it so secretive.  Communication with Jan Emery required. |

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| **7** | | **Correspondence / Communications** |
|  | Email from Angela Keith with the online invite for the meeting on Wednesday 20th November at 7pm, Anyone can join and to click on the link. Kevin Ritchie will be attending.  Janette Taylor who works for the Environment Health Section of Aberdeenshire Council, and would like to attend one of our meetings to discuss what can or cannot be done about the strategy for our community in regards to gulls.  It was agreed to send a letter of invitation.  Email received from Robin Ward who is a Community Councillor with Brora Community Council, He would like to have correspondence with us in relation to the battery storage facilities that are planned for our and their communities.  Kevin Ritchie to contact and take back to our next meeting.  Chair received a reply from Aberdeenshire Council’s Waste Team, the reply was confusing and didn’t really answer the question asked, Further communication required.  Lucy Hogan from Banff Academy has been in touch with the Chair to inform us that she has 1 pupil willing to join, Lucy will attend with the pupil at the first meeting. We hope to have 1 from Banff and 1 from Macduff. | | |

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| **8** | **Planning Matters** |
|  | No objections to any planning. |

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| **9** | **Banff and Macduff In Bloom** |
|  | Planning application into NESCAN, and busy clearing up for the year, Keeping bulbs from this year in garden behind Banff town hall.  BAMIB always looking for volunteers. |

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| **10** |  |
|  | Bank on Low Street, formally Clydesdale Bank.Concerns regarding water which continues to run down the outside of the building. Something requires to be done.  Allotments  As spoken about earlier in the meeting with action to be taken.  Quaich’s  For this years award, Kathleen Mustard for Banff and Michael Wiseman for Macduff. Both to be approached with regards to their acceptance.  Moving forward from our June meeting, the community to be given the option to put names forward as to who they would wish to receive the quaichs.  Macduff Primary School – Question regarding crossing. Half of Macduff have signed the petition and what happens now. Word of one report that has been done that average speed recorded was 26mph, Macduff PTA, MP & MSP are on board.  Remembrance Sunday – Wreaths are delivered with Mary Arnold attending Banff Memorial and Colin Robson at Cemetery.  Paul Glesiner attending both Memorial and Cemetery in Macduff.  CCTV  Letter received regarding Low Street problems and CCTV question.  Meeting was held on Low Street with AMC & the Police Inspector who was going to look at the statistics. Chair to email Angela Keith to ask about the Inspector and what is being done.  SSEN  Community benefit fund, Louise McCafferty is aware, we need to look to have projects set up and ready for any funding available, Think small to start and we may set up a sub group for this.  Huntly Development Trust.  Chair commented on how this is an amazing project and how they have developed and taken on property’s for shops etc.  Could this project also work for us here in Banff & Macduff?  Business Community.  Thoughts given in developing a business partnership, to try and get towns back to life, Business groups have started but always seem to fail.  What can be done moving forward.  LLA – Would be available for a Q & A session if we would like them to attend. |

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| **11** | **Good News** |
|  | Congratulations to Banff & Macduff Menshed on their award.  Macduff Heritage Society are celebrating an anniversary next year with more details to follow. |

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| **12** | **Date and time of next meeting:** |
|  | Wednesday 27th November 2024 at 7pm, Macduff Community and Sports Centre. |