**BANFF & MACDUFF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday 29 May 2023 at 7pm**

**Deveron Sports Centre - Rm 4-5**

Present:

 Mary Arnold, Community Council Chairperson

 Louise McCafferty Community Council treasurer

 Reg Connon Community Councillor

 John Will Community Councillor

 Paul Geisner Community Councillor

 Colin Robson Community Councillor

 Douglas Thomson Community Councillor

 David Duguid Community Councillor

 Shona Watson Community Councillor (minute taker)

 PC Zubaj

Cllr Cox

Cllr Cassie

Cllr Findlater

Cllr Reynolds

Cllr Maynard

* Apologies
* Kevin Ritchie and Hazel Daniel
* Declaration of Interests
* Nil
* Approval of Minute of Meeting of 27 March 2023
* Proposed Colin Robson, seconded Reg Connon.
* Police Report
* Banff & Buchan West figures. Raise with Chief Insp reason behind figures. Fraud, catalogue items (£1000’), Text messages pretending to be family. Road safety, parking issues. Speed checks 10 offences. Drug dealing, awaiting warrant to get arrest. Small drug users as part of larger issue. Breach of bail x 3. Obstruction of Police carrying out duties. Staffing issues to enable alternative roles to be undertaken but must operate on safe level.
* Mental health is still a prevalent issue.
* There has been a presence at the school form police as a deterrent to deal with parking in restricted areas.
* Regarding staff issues, police are always operating on a safe level, Pc Zubaj will be taking up his position in the school when he is instructed to by the Inspector.
* Treasurer’s Report - Funding opportunities
* £1815.80. MS charge for Hazel for computer. Registered with original email but MS locked her out. MS package £69.99, charged twice but trying to get money back as linked to original email. It was agreed that attempts are to be made to get eh money back but payment for both the packages made should that be necessary, this would reimburse Hazel.
* Councillors’ Report
* MF, no report.
* JC, chasing officers to get lights and charging point at Greenbank car park. Banff Harbour soft opening. (closed for 2-3 years)
* RC, nothing for Macduff, lack of waste collection in coastal communities. Problem with vehicles at waste depot, new vehicle being delayed. Difficulty getting spare parts.
* M, Ocean winds Macduff Harbour to be used as base, lots of positivity for support vessels, warehousing, office space etc. long-term project in 3-4 years’ time., could progress with package for future. White fish association, trying to get fleet back into using Macduff Harbour – more favourable landing fees.
* GR, Banff cemetery maintenance work due to damage in cemetery.
* Dougie Thomson asked the councillors what was being done in respect to the safety barriers that are required at the anchor as the paths come onto road. Children could run into road.
* Also, is the weeds at the anchor going to be sprayed and tidies.
* Cllr Maynard has made enquiries to the roads department and will make further enquiries as a matter of urgency.

* Presentation Piers Blaxton. Did not go ahead, contact to be made in regards to future attendance.
* Correspondence/Communications

Attendance at meetings – ending members participation

* If no apologies over three meetings members could be removed from cc. This is in accordance to section 3.7c of the constitution.
* Bus stop at Stagecoach – where can we put a lay-by? Stagecoach will not allow buses to park in the bus park due to health and safety when there are passengers on board. Cllr Menard commented that this has been an issue or over 20years.
* Reg Connon added that this problem with the bus blocking the road can have a calming effect on the traffic.
* It was raised that the public have made suggestions that a zebra/ pelican crossing would make it safer to cross the road from the bus stop, Shore Road, to go to the post office in Macduff.

Query from community re Rail +1 card in Aberdeenshire

Response from Area Manager re defibrillators

* Consultation (Area Committee) June to discuss if could be inside buildings. Response to say where nearest defibrillator is located based on area. Why has the Cc not been consulted? The next consultation is in June 23 with the area manager.
* Foodbank, Rob McArthur, Kimberley Milburn, no problem with CAB accessing foodbank but they do not provide food delivery parcels.
* No extra signage will be displayed to say no HGV. Cllr Findlater to take on further investigation and contact Alistair Miller of the roads dept.
* Battery storage – no response to date in regards to our letter to them.
* ALDI – consultation at Buchan Street Hall, plan to open by end 2024.
* Defibs dealt with by Colin Robson and his team, no outside services required to supply or maintain the AED’s
* No waiting shore street Macduff, 6th & 7th June.
* Lay-by end of Barnhill road, road nearby is rutted, can anything be done about road?
* Scottish Conference for Community councillors is an online event on the 10th of June at 10:30am. Louise stated that she would be attending. Hazel has
* **Planning Matters**
* No objections.
* Douneside, potential to affect Duff House, opposite direction? Historic Scotland are not objecting to it but not objecting is not to be misinterpreted as support.
* Good News
1. Local Hero Festival – Feedback. B&M in Bloom did amazing job for festival and boat at cemetery. Plants in place out of tub, ask to put back to Parkhill. Discrepancy about cost of plants, Barry has donated them. - Shona will look after them at St Mary’s Car Park. B&M in bloom to determine what will be done with them. B&M in Bloom do all tubs and hanging baskets in both towns. Inverurie Whisky shop pop up at M and Co, local hero alcohol sold well.
2. Local Hero Pennan (40 years) Cinescape. LHF Banff, started lasted a week then closed. Cinescape showed films in Banff, Pennan and Portsoy.
3. Abuse on Fb – shocked at abuse of people being threatened ‘you’ll never be able to set foot in this town again’.
4. Coronation Event – Feedback. Good event.
5. Well Being Festival – Feedback. Good event. Possibly more activities for children next time.
6. Cycle Challenge – fairly well attended about 50 persons.
* AOB
* Speeding, Chair to contact Alistair Miller in regards to traffic calming measures.
* 20mph signs, this can be taken to area committee and council. This has been discussed at previous meetings.
* There is drivers using excessive speeds when driving down beside Doune court, there are vulnerable and elderly residents at both ends of this street and it is felt that this is an accident waiting to happen, there’s a need for traffic calming measures also in this area.

* Date and time of next meeting:
* Monday 26 June 2023 Macduff Sports Centre – This is the community Council AGM The meeting will star tat 6:30pm for the CC and then open to the public at 7pm.