

## **Minutes of Meldrum Bourtie & Daviot Community Council Meeting**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

**7.30pm**

**New Sports Pavilion, Pleasure Park, Oldmeldrum**

**CC Members Present:** - Shona Presly, Jan Chalmers, David Clare, Simon Kilkerr, Lloyd Duncan, John Pirie, Kevin Douglas, Alastair Massey, Nick Forbes and Yvonne Oliver

**Apologies:** - Cllr Gifford, Jeff Goodhall, Willie Sinclair, Stuart Singer, and James Milton

**Members of Public:** - Andrew McCartney, Kaye Cowie, Irene Dunbar, Nicola Currie, Karen Forbes, Gordon Miles, Marjorie Miles and Stan Niven

**Aberdeenshire Council:** Donna Sutherland

**Councillors:** Cllr Hassan and Cllr Johnston

**Police:** None

### **Minutes of June 2019**

Proposed: David Clare

Seconded: Nick Forbes

### **Election of Vice Chair**

David Clare was proposed and seconded as was James Milton. David left the room to allow a vote to take place. James was absent already. David had the majority of the vote so was elected as the vice chair.

### **Co-option of New Members**

Nicola Currie introduced herself and explained why she wanted to be a community councillor. Nicola was then proposed by David Clare and seconded by Lloyd Duncan.

### **Matters Arising**

Jan went through all matters arising from the previous minutes. She advised she had made the correction John asked for regarding the time capsule burial date and that she had emailed the police report to everyone after the meeting as requested.

Jan advised PC Donald confirmed on 24<sup>th</sup> August he has asked his traffic colleagues in Inverurie to keep an eye on the speeding at the Daviot junction and he will report any information back to us.

Samantha Rawlins emailed Jan to advise she has asked the police for Daviot to be added to the list for the police pod to visit.

Jan received the following from Susan Watt with regard to her actions from the June minutes:

- I have attached the new Service 421 timetable, which is mostly subsidised by the Council. However, Bain Coaches have registered commercial Monday to Friday journeys via Daviot. Please note Monday – Friday is operated by Bain Coaches and Saturday is Stagecoach. We will issue out timetables to various locations in the area, such as libraries etc. Please let me know if you have specific locations you that would like the timetables located and I will get someone to drop them off.
- I have informed Stagecoach and they asked if specific times and dates can be provided of any regular occurrence of buses meeting in the square, so they can investigate. Once the Oldmeldrum hub is in operation, then this will alleviate the issue from the Town Centre.
- Client Transport has emailed out to school operators, to utilise the bypass and not the Town Centre when travelling to/from the schools. If you are aware of a specific operator, then please let us know and we can speak to them

Nick asked if the banners next to the Meldrum roundabout are going to be removed. Cllr Hassan explained that it is a planning issue for the ones that aren't advertising a one off event and Aberdeenshire Council will only take action when there is a complaint. Karen Forbes asked if this community council could ask for them to be taken down. Shona stated her and Cllr Hassan will try once again to have them taken down without involving Aberdeenshire Council and will keep an eye on it.

Nick also stated the speed checker in Daviot is in the wrong position and needs to be moved further up the road. He feels it is catching no one speeding there as it is situated just after a corner. Jan will email PC Donald about this.

**ACTION JAN**

### **Developer Obligations money for the Pleasure Park**

Donna Sutherland read through the summary of the results of the recent survey to the committee and agreed to email the results to Jan to forward onto everyone.

**ACTION DONNA/ JAN**

A discussion was then held around the survey results and the potential work to be carried out in the old sports pavilion. Donna explained the purpose of tonight was to provide an update to the community council and that costings for the upgrade to the old sports pavilion would be available in the next few weeks. Donna agreed to report any information on this to Jan who will then forward onto the rest of the committee.

**ACTION DONNA/JAN**

### **Statement of Outstanding Business**

Jan went through the statement of outstanding business. Cllr Hassan advised he had already provided an update to the path at Daviot cemetery. Jan apologised for this and agreed to update the statement.

Nicola Currie stated the pavement in front of her house at Kirkstyle, Daviot hasn't been completed. Cllr Johnston explained it's important to get pavements adopted but to do this the pavement needs to be up to an adoptable standard.

### **Police Report**

None

### **Members of the public**

Kaye Cowie asked about the future of Westbank Care Home and the provision of care for the elderly in Oldmeldrum if this happens. Cllr Johnston and Cllr Hassan had no information about this but both agreed to find out about it. **ACTION CLLR JOHNSTON/CLLR HASSAN**

Kaye also asked if Aberdeenshire Council has confirmed a cost for the Green Dog Walking Scheme yet. Jan advised she has emailed and asked the dog warden and Donna said she would also ask for this information.

**ACTION DONNA/JAN**

Kaye asked how many times a year the verges are cut as the relief road grass is very high and there have been complaints on Facebook regarding this. Cllr Johnston explained the policy Aberdeenshire Council has is 2-4 cuts per year. He also advised the Council does want to move to a single cut however it is still currently on a 2-4 cut schedule. There was a discussion held around this. Andrew McCarntney stated he has to cut the grass on the main road beside Mosshead and John Pirie stated he cuts the grass down beside the Bruce Stone. The members present felt that at least the 2-4 cut schedules must remain and not be dropped to just one cut. It was also stated that more cuts would be very welcome. Cllr Hassan stated he would put our Community Council's thoughts back to Aberdeenshire Council on this. **ACTION CLLR HASSAN**

Stan Niven stated he wanted to speak about the noise that comes from the keep fit classes at the Legion. His garden backs onto the legion side door and he feels the unacceptable noise level has been going on for too long. He has approached the Legion regarding this however this hasn't solved the problem. Cllr Hassan advised he has also had a call from a neighbour in Cowgate who wished to remain anonymous. He advised he could report this to Environmental Health however they require a name, address and contact number before they can investigate. Stan Niven agreed to give his details to Cllr Hassan and to be this contact.

Andrew McCartney stated the following items still need to be looked in in Oldmeldrum –

- The untidy area behind the war memorial
- The thistles and weeds around the relief road
- The drains that are clogged with weeds all around the town
- The weeds in the town hall roof
- The broken window in the town hall

Jan advised she has these on a list to be dealt with and will keep asking the Council for answers on when they will be dealt with. **ACTION JAN**

### **Discussion around potential projects in the town**

Lloyd asked if all Developer Obligations pots could be out together for us to use for one big project. Jan will ask Donna Sutherland. **ACTION JAN**

Irene Dunbar commented that any work that requires to be done in the town will always need triple quotes prior to awarding any company the work.

It was felt that this topic should be moved onto the September agenda for discussion again once Jan has confirmation from Donna about the pots of money.

### **Treasurers Report**

Willie emailed a report to Jan which stated the bank balance as at 27<sup>th</sup> August is £9,252.90.

### **Secretarial Report**

See attached.

### **Reports from Elected members**

Cllr Johnston and Cllr Hassan both had to leave the meeting however agreed to circulate anything they felt necessary via email at a later date.

### **Planning Report**

John gave a report on the planning applications for July and August. He also advised the next Formartine Area Committee meeting will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September and a special Area Committee meeting to discuss the LDP will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September.

A discussion was held around planning application APP/2019/1748 at Woodland Gardens, Daviot. Nick Forbes explained a number of things that were wrong with this application and needed further investigation

from the planning team. All members present agreed this community council needs to write an objection letter on these grounds.

**ACTION SHONA/JAN**

### **Future Vision**

Jan advised the future vision group met with the Formartine Partnership as well as Piers Blaxter to finalise the brochure. This has now been done and both Rod and Peter confirmed the brochures would be printed and given to Andrew McCartney in the first week of September.

### **MAIG**

Andrew reported the judging for “Keep Scotland Beautiful” took place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August and they are currently waiting on the results at a ceremony taking place on 12<sup>th</sup> September. He commented MAIG volunteers put in a tremendous amount of work in the lead up to this and they are also very grateful to Aberdeenshire Council’s help with mechanical cleaning prior to the judging.

Andrew also reported the group has 77% of their funding in place to replace their 17 year old tractor and that following an email from Cllr Johnston they were altered to Developer Obligation money which would be available to restore the dilapidated building in the Legion car park known as the Bank House Wash House. Andrew advised they have received a quote for repairs and upgrading which would bring it back into a facility for storing CC equipment and others. The cost for this is £20,672 including VAT.

### **Daviot Community Trust**

Willie emailed through the following report:

The Trust is very busy with the creation of the new “Chestnut” Path which recently was granted funding from the National Lottery – Awards for All. Drainage was necessary for around 200 metres and this has been completed and hard core laid the entire length. The next stage is the top layer and finishing layer and this will take more time.

General maintenance continues each month and in addition four passing places have been formed along the narrow tarmac driveway from the village to allow pedestrians and mothers with children a safe refuge if they meet vehicles.

On Saturday the Trust holds its biathlon which concludes with prize giving and the announcement of the Daviot Amenities Improvement Group’s Flower Pot competition which has been ongoing during the summer.

A copy of the Biathlon Poster is appended for your information and everyone is welcome to attend. Teas will be available at the Church Annexe and other activities, stall etc. will be in the new Maintenance Facility building

### **Heritage Society**

John advised the annual coffee morning will be on 21<sup>st</sup> September. Alistair commented the group has now decided to put a small plaque on the sailor statue with a large notice board next to it detailing more information.

### **DAIG**

Nicola reported they are holding their AGM on 9<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in Daviot Village Hall.

### **AOCB**

Shona asked that all reports from community organisations are emailed to Jan 7 days in advance of a meeting so these can be forwarded to all members for reading prior to the meeting. The members present felt this was a good idea as did the community groups who were present.

**ACTION ALL COMMUNITY GROUPS**

There was a discussion held around where the minutes are available. Cllr Johnston stated he would send Jan a link so she can upload them to the website.

**ACTION CLLR JOHSTON**

Nick also suggested it would be a good idea to post our agendas on Facebook. Jan advised James has the log in details and keeps the Facebook page going so she will speak to him regarding this at the next meeting.

**ACTION JAN**

Shona read out an email from Willie requesting this community council's support with illuminating the Town Hall with purple lights to celebrate International End Polio Day. All members present agreed to this and Jan will advise Willie of this.

**ACTION JAN**

Karen Forbes requested confirmation of the date we are holding one of our meetings in Daviot. Jan confirmed it will be 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

### **Date and time of next meeting**

24<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7.30pm in the New Sports Pavilion, Oldmeldrum