

FINTRAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 5 December 2023 Fintray Village Hall

Present -

Cllr Trevor Mason, Katherine Gerrard (Secretary), Kat Lancaster, Evelyn Morrice, Roddy MacInnes (Chair), Cllr Jim Gifford

Apologies -

Richard Taylor, Ian Thompson, Sarah Hashim, Gina Ford, Cllr Dominic Lonchay, Laura Simpson

Welcome -

Roddy welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance

Declaration of interest -

None

Approval of Minutes -

Proposed by Katherine and seconded by Roddy

Matters arising -

1. Bin collections - Roddy advised he intended delaying any email to the Council until he had had an update at the Community Council forum on 6 December, but given the obvious community annoyance did indeed contact the local Team Leader. He received an immediate response where the logistical challenges were laid out of both refuse/recycling and glass collections. Further update awaited. To be monitored.
2. War Memorial - 'Work Party' did a great job tidying up the War Memorial prior to Remembrance Day. Mike MacKay played the pipes at the Sunday event which was well received. Awaiting response from Cllr Reid in respect of the definitive position regarding repairs at the memorial. Ian Gerrard has arranged for the inner gate to be refurbished.
3. Car Park Surface Lairds Park - Area Manager will progress
4. Emergency Planning 'Babet' - advanced planning worked well in respect of sandbags etc. 'WhatsApp' group useful in respect of locals updates and assistance requests.
5. Proposed Newsletter - Due to lack of time Kat and Roddy have agreed that a Spring edition would be easier. General discussion in this regard.

Police Report –

In last reporting period only one incident of vandalism at Fintray School which was not caught on CCTV

Treasurer's Report -

£3417.01 in account. £15 paid to hall for CC usage.

Potential Emergency/Resilience Funding -

Roddy advised that the Emergency Planning Project Officer (Aimi Blueman) at the Council had had a meeting with him in respect of funding that could be made available to purchase equipment that would be useful in the event of any incident. This comes via the SSEN funding that went to Aberdeenshire Council post Storm Arwen etc. There is no immediate hurry with this but it would be useful if members gave some thought and fed back in.

Resilience funding still exists within the Council for bids up to £2K but this requires to be utilised by March 2024

Planning -

No planning applications reported

Meetings attended -

Emergency Planning Project Officer (see above)

CC Forum tomorrow night.

Community Association update -

Christmas light switch on well attended with all donations going to Charlie House.

Once again Ian Gerrard to the fore in tree and light preparation - many thanks to him.

Family Ceilidh did not take place due to lack of response

Infrared heaters to be installed in hall at end of January

Paul Gray, new Treasurer, will be taking over this role from Evelyn Morrice

Aberdeenshire Councillors' updates

Cllr Mason updated the meeting on the process for recycling at the Inverurie Centre, which, like Westhill, will remain booking only. Road Safety/congestion concerns cited for Inverurie and city residents utilising for Westhill.

Survey for RAAC completed and will be reported in due course - not expected to be a significant impact.

Cllr Gifford highlighted again the expected budgetary challenges that can be expected in the next financial year with the Scottish Government budget to be published on 19 December.

Open discussion took place in respect of some households that, due to their boundary locations, have faced challenges in respect of various services including care and education. Cllr Gifford to enquire further.

Correspondence since last meeting –

List passed previously to CC members

Date of next meeting -

Tuesday 6 February 2024 at 7.30pm in Fintray Village hall