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|  | **INVERURIE** **COMMUNITY COUNCIL** |  |

Monday 20th August 2018

7pm

St. Mary’s Centre, Inverurie

**PRESENTATION**

* Heritage Walks in Inverurie

*Alex Malley (Grampian Postcard Club) on behalf of the Heritage Walks Committee.*

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Minute of Previous Meeting (18th June 2018)
4. ICC Laptop
5. Consideration of *The Review Report*
6. Police Report
7. Councillors Report
8. ICC Accounts
9. Community Council Projects
10. Planning and Licensing Matters
11. Reports from External Meetings
12. Representation on Inverurie Events
13. Inverurie Health and Care Hub – Pharmaceutical Provision
14. 1745 Battle of Inverurie Cairn
15. Reuse Connect Programme
16. AOCB
17. Date of Next Meeting (17th September 2018) and Close

**Item 13**

Inverurie Health and Care Hub – Pharmaceutical Provision

Submission from Galen Will (Will Chemists):

Further to recent discussions, I thought it best for me to write down thoughts/processes and responses that have been had regarding the Inverurie Health Centre move to the hospital site.

As it stands, there is no pharmacy on site at the hospital/health centre and current pharmacy provision for Inverurie will remain as it is. For the moment, I will not get into the pro's/con's and arguments for or against having a pharmacy at the health centre/hospital, I will leave this for a future discussion, and would form part of an application for a new Pharmacy to open at the hospital site.

In order to open a pharmacy in Scotland, a single pharmacist must present an application to the NHS (in my case, NHS Grampian) detailing proposals for new pharmacy service. This application must be based on a site which is owned, leased, or has permission to lease or develop on said site. The second stage, is a public consultation - this determines the public need/desire for additional pharmacy services.

My architect contacted the H&SCP (health and social care partnership) in mid-2017 regarding utilising vacant space for the purpose of a pharmacy proposal, and received the response "there is no space at the hospital site to accommodate a pharmacy". Inverurie Health Centre asked the HSCP about pharmacy provision and was given the response "there will be no pharmacy at the hospital site”. I feel it is unfair that the decision that there will be no pharmacy has been taken without consultation.

I have written to NHS Grampian (Chair, Professor Stephen Logan and Director of Pharmacy David Pfleger) on several occasions over the past 3 years, and the response is the same - they have contacted HSCP colleagues who have said it was “pre-concluded that there is no space for a pharmacy”. Will Chemists was directly involved in the process when the health centre was moving to the Westfield Road site, but we were excluded from the current plan.

Visiting the site, and reviewing the Inverurie Hospital Master Plan (available online), there appears to be a number of areas marked as “suitable for future development”, including a space next to the Health Centre, and between health centre and hospital exit.

Details of letters sent, responses received are available on request, but the above summarises the lack of progress that I have been able to make.

Would the community council support in writing a direct request from myself to the HSCP requesting a specific space on the hospital site? My goal is to achieve a public consultation regarding the opening of a pharmacy at the hospital site, but as stated, NHSG will not permit this to happen without first having a site to base an application.

If the community council approve, I will formulate a letter to HSCP, send it to you for your approval and request a written letter of support from the community council, signed by lead committee members.

I have also requested the support of local MP - Colin Clark - who I hope will write to the local councillors and further support my request.

**Item 14**

1745 Battle of Inverurie Cairn

Submission from Aaron Johnston (Director, Scottish Battlefields Trust):

I am writing as director of the Scottish Battlefields Trust, an independent charity promoting battlefield heritage conservation and interpretation. During a recent visit to the area I set aside some time to visit the site of the engagement of 23 December 1745 between the Jacobite forces of Lord Lewis Gordon and their MacLeod adversaries. This is a site of particular interest, due both to the nature of the operation and the unusual composition of the rival forces.

It was disappointing to find that the cairn marking the battle site (off Keithhall Road) was in a rather sorry state. I wondered whether we could work together to arrange its renovation? It looks like an easy fix to tidy up/weed the cairn itself, but the interpretation panel is clearly in need of replacement. We have the expertise available to write and design an updated panel, but not the funds to do so. Perhaps the community council could assist, or at least to help us to identify local funding avenues. I expect we would only be looking at a few hundred pounds for manufacture and installation.

As we approach the 275th anniversary of the last Jacobite rising in 2020, our Trust is beginning to pull together a Jacobite trail across Scotland and beyond which identifies spots to visit. It would be wonderful to include Inverurie in this once it is up and running, and I think restoration of the cairn would be an important starting point.

**Item 15**

Reuse Connect Programme

Submission from Aberdeenshire Council:

A project is being developed to encourage the reuse of materials formerly thought of as waste, to help strengthen Aberdeenshire’s circular economy and derive maximum benefit from materials. The “Reuse Connect” project will develop networks and links between local reuse organisations and communities. The intention is to promote reuse as an alternative to recycling or disposing of materials in landfill, as it means materials stay in circulation longer, maximising benefit from the energy used to create them. Additionally, the project will be a way of informing charities and community organisations of the various campaigns being run by the Council and its partners, such as Zero Waste Scotland on the themes of waste reduction, reuse and recycling. Additionally, we will contact you in advance of any campaign. Should you wish to host an event we can assist by sharing your event on our Facebook page 'Recycling and Waste Aberdeenshire'.

**Next Meeting:** Monday 17th September 2018

**Remaining Meetings in 2018:** 15th October, 19th November, 17th December.