

Burghead and Cummingston Community Council



Minute of regular meeting held at Burghead Harbour Office on Thursday 6th August 2015

Present: Billy Davidson, Jennifer Walker, Hilary Gloyer, Jim Patterson, Les Taylor, Mollie Fraser and John Gordon

In attendance: Councillor Chris Tuke

Apologies: Kelly Croudace, Gilbert Farquhar, Tim Betts, Community Warden, Police Scotland

Adoption of minute of previous meeting

Proposed by: Molly Fraser

Seconded by: Jennifer Walker

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed all present.

A special welcome was given to Jim Patterson who had rejoined the Community Council as a member for Cummingston.

He noted that apologies had been received from Kelly Croudace, Gilbert Farquhar, Police Scotland and the Community Warden.

The very low level of crime being reported in the Burghead and Cummingston area was welcomed and seen as a testament to the effective policing the community was being afforded by Police Scotland.

Concerns were raised about the low profile which appears to have been adopted by the Community Warden.

Matters arising from minute of previous meeting

Station Yard

The meeting noted the progress being made in establishing the Community Garden and expressed their appreciation for the efforts of those who were working hard to make it a success.

The Annual General Meeting of the Burghead Amenities Association, the charitable organisation which holds the land for the Burghead community is to be held on Tuesday 25th August in the Church of Scotland hall at 6 pm. New members will be made very welcome.

Bus Stops

There had been no feedback on progress of the Grant Street bus stops received from the Moray Council and the Secretary was instructed to seek an update.

The new bus stop at the Red Craig has been installed. The shelter has yet to be erected.

Moray Council Consultation on the Harbour

Councillor Tuke advised that he was not aware of any further information available on this subject.

War Memorial in Grant Street

The Secretary advised that he had been unable to get an update from the relevant department of Moray Council other than that paint had been laid aside for the redecoration of the existing railings.

Shetland Bus Memorial

The memorial has been erected.

A Norwegian Weekend has been arranged for 22nd - 23rd August.

Activities will take place at the harbour and volunteers are invited to assemble at the harbour on Saturday morning at 10.00 am, to assist with the setting up of stalls etc.

Any Other Competent Business

Cummingston busy

Molly and Jim advised the meeting of the continued and increasing popularity of the car park, play area and toilets by locals and visitors alike. The regular visits by climbing clubs, who honed their skills on the nearby cliffs, were very appreciative of the facilities provided.

Molly had taken photographs of the area during some of its busiest periods and asked that they be kept in the community council files as evidence which could be used to justify the maintenance of this very important asset of the community.

Molly expressed her concerns about the lack of maintenance to the footpath between Clarkly Hill and Cummingston which was established as one of the area's core paths. Jim Patterson agreed to gather further evidence which he would forward to the Secretary for action.

Fly Tipping

Councillor Tuke spoke about recent instances of "fly tipping", where household furniture and white goods had been dumped in roadside lay-bys rather than taking them to council collection points in Elgin or Forres. He advised that Moray Council did an uplift service for such goods which was only a phone call away. Any witnesses of any such activity are urged to report them to the council immediately.

Pontoon Required

Les Taylor advised that the Burghead Rowing Club are looking for a pontoon to which ease their transfer between their rowboat and the quay.

Anyone interested in helping this fledgling club are invited to visit their storage unit at Burghead Harbour.

Dog Fouling

Joan Megson said this eternal problem was not going away and urged members of the public to report offenders so that they may be prosecuted.

Bridge Street not suitable for Caravan Transporters

Jennifer Walker had received complaints about the danger of large lorries transporting static caravans to and from the caravan site along what was essentially a single track unadopted lane. The Secretary agreed to make representations to the Moray Council transportation department about this unfortunate state of affairs. He was also to make the management of the caravan site aware of the concerns.

Being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday 3rd September 2015 at 7.30pm.

To be held at the Harbour Office, Burghead