Burghead and Cummingston Community Council



Minute of regular meeting held at Burghead Harbour Office on Thursday 4th June 2015

Present: Billy Davidson, Mollie Fraser, Gilbert Farquhar, Kelly Croudace, Hilary Gloyer, Joan Megson, Chris Tuke.

Apologies: Tim Betts, John Gordon, Jennifer Walker, Les Taylor, Police officers

Adoption of minute of previous meeting Proposed by: Gilbert Farquhar Seconded by: Hilary Gloyer

Police Report

For the period 4 May to 2 June 2015, only two crimes in the Burghead and Cummingston area were reported to Police.

About 9.30am on Tuesday 19 May, a resident in Forteath Street displayed threatening and abusive conduct towards his neighbour.

A local couple have been the victim of annoyance as a result of a person, believed to be known to them, submitting false information to online businesses resulting in them receiving numerous unwarranted persistent telephone calls and text messages.

Both of these crimes presently remain undetected, however Police are following up on strong lines of enquiry.

Anyone with any information on the incident mentioned above and any crimes in the Lossiemouth Policing Area is asked to contact Police Scotland on 101, Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or call in person at the Lossiemouth Police Office.

Nightshift patrols in the Lossiemouth and Burghead areas continue and residents are encouraged to immediately report any suspicious persons or vehicles, particularly in rural locations.

The 2015 Multi Member Ward Plan for Heldon And Laich has been published and can be viewed or downloaded from the Police Scotland website www.scotland.police.uk.

This highlights our local priorities for the year ahead and how we plan to address the issues which are important to you.

Matters arising from minute of previous meeting

Station Yard

Progress is being made. There will be a work day on Sunday 7th. The Sensory Garden is underway. The sign will be up soon. A stone has been erected near the entrance to record sponsors of the garden. All are welcome at the work days and the committee meetings.

Coastal Tourism

An A4 leaflet is being made with money from all four communities (Findhorn, Burghead, Hopeman, and Lossiemouth). 10,000 will be printed. There is also a coastal event calendar for the first time. Details on Facebook (Laich Coastal Tourism Group) and posters.

Bus Stops

It may be possible to have bus stop road markings beside the Post Office and Chemist to prevent people parking within these areas. This would increase the safety of those using the bus service. More information will be known once feedback from the consultations has been gathered. No further forward.

Moray Council Consultation on the Harbour

Duncan Brown is looking at the costings of possibly installing a quayside fuelling system. We await findings.

War Memorial

John is following this up. Send email for progress to Ken Kennedy.

Shetland Bus Memorial

This is going ahead on Sunday August 23rd. We have found relatives of a Norwegian man who died, and the granddaughter of Captain Marks. A Norwegian Minister will attend. Bronze plaques have been ordered.

Any Other Competent Business

A96 duelling past Elgin.

BCCC members expressed surprise that Moray Council was going ahead with a planning application for the western relief road. It was felt that the Council should wait until the route of the A96 bypass round Elgin was decided as this would affect traffic patterns around Elgin.

Community Council Grants

No change this year. (The possibility is being raised of returning any monies unused)

Mobile Bank

The Bank is now outside the Church of Scotland, and seems to be working well.

Paving at the Church of Scotland

It will be checked.

Community Council noticeboard

Billy will ensure minutes are posted. Joan to print new pictures

Harvest Reaper

The plan now is to move the Harvest Reaper to the backshore, away from houses and on Headland Trust land.

Works in Cummingston

It was felt that the work to replace lights in Cummingston was taking too long, and traffic is being held up. It was asked when this would finish.

Planning application by the Maltings

The Maltings is applying to extend the site enclosed by the fence onto their land for better vehicle movements. The idea of asking the Maltings to improve the amenity value of the backshore past the Maltings was discussed. A letter will be drafted by Joan.

Council contacts

Mollie made a point of how difficult it is to contact people at the Council, and asked if there could be a central exchange that worked efficiently.

Being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.35 pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday 6th August, 7.30 pm

To be held at the Harbour Office, Burghead