

Burghead and Cummingston Community Council



Minute of regular meeting held at Burghead Harbour Office on Thursday 7th April 2016

Present: Billy Davidson, Jim Patterson, Hilary Gloyer, Molly Fraser, Joan Megson, and Jennifer Walker

In attendance: Councillor Chris Tuke and Sergeant Stephen Carmichael, Police Scotland

Apologies: Kelly Croudace, John Gordon, Les Taylor, Gilbert Farquhar, Councillor Dennis Slater, Community Warden Tim Betts.

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.30

The Chair welcomed Sergeant Carmichael to the meeting and invited him to present the following police report.

Standing orders were suspended until the report was delivered.

Police Report

This report covers the period 3 March to 6 April 2016. During this month there has been no crime reported in the Burghead and Cummingston areas. Police are continuing to monitor speeding and driving behaviour on local roads and a 41 year old male has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal after being detected driving at 56 miles per hour within a 30 miles per hour zone at College Of Roseisle on the afternoon of Wednesday 9 March. Several other motorists have been issued with fixed penalty notices for various driving offences.

There is a strong statistical link between excessive drinking and crimes of violence. Consequently Police Scotland has put in place measures to conduct more frequent and thorough checks of our licensed premises. Any instances of drunkenness or disorderly conduct related to licensed premises is dealt with a zero tolerance approach and offenders can expect to be issued with fixed penalty notices and arrested.

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.

Anyone with any information on incidents and unusual activity 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.

AIR WEAPON AND LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015

The Air Weapon and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015 comes into effect on **1 July 2016**.

The new law will require any person who possesses, purchases, uses, or acquires an air weapon to have a certificate to legally hold them.

However, the Scottish Government have incorporated statutory instrument legislation to ensure that no person will commit an offence of possessing an air weapon without the relevant authority or certification for a period of not less than 6 months from 1 July 2016.

As a result no offence will be committed until 1 January 2017.

The following questions and answers have been prepared to assist with queries regarding the new legislation.

What do I need to do right now?

If you own an air weapon you do not need to take any action right now. You will not be able to apply for a certificate until the legislation comes into effect on 1 July 2016.

How will people with Air Weapons find out about the new legislation?

The Scottish Government have commenced a public awareness campaign which will continue up to **1 July 2016** to make people aware of the new legislation. Information will also be added to the Police Scotland and Scottish Government websites.

Information relating to the air weapon licensing can be accessed from <http://mygov.scot/air-weapon>.

Where do I get more information on applying for a certificate?

The Police Scotland website will be updated with full details on how to apply for certification, this will also be publicised by the Scottish Government and Police Scotland prior to the introduction of the legislation on 1 July.

You will apply for an air weapons certificate on the Police Scotland website in a similar manner to the current firearm and shotgun certification process.

How do I dispose of a weapon I don't want?

Police Scotland will be running a national air weapon surrender campaign to provide you with the opportunity to safely dispose of unwanted air weapons at nominated police offices. Full details of the surrender campaign will be available on this webpage and advertised as part of the publicity campaign. Provisional dates at this time are between **Monday 23 May and Sunday 12 June 2016**.

Standing Orders were resumed

Adoption of minute of previous meeting:

Proposed by: Jim Patterson

Seconded by: Hilary Gloyer

Matters arising from previous minutes

Maltings Fencing

It had become clear that a new acoustic fence made from recycled plastics was to be built along the old railway line; it was still unclear what the makeup of the fence along the back shore was going to be.

Spotlight on Burghead

There has been lots of interest in the community information day to be held in the Burghead Community Hall on Saturday 7th May. The Community Council will be hosting a stall and members are asked to be in attendance at 9am to help with the set up.

War Memorial Railings

The secretary had advised that a request for funding from the suggested Lottery fund was unable to proceed due to ownership issues and that he was investigating other sources of funding.

Community Garden

The Community Garden had been successful in gaining £10,000.00 in funding from Tesco's bag initiative. The funds have been allocated for children's play equipment and paving.

The recent efforts of a volunteer team from Chivas working with community volunteers had been very much appreciated. Their efforts had made a significant positive visual impact to the gardens.

Application to construct house at Fraser Road Burghead

Moray Council have confirmed that this planning application had been refused.

Bins Problems

The Secretary was absent from the meeting and there was no update available on the perceived problem on King Street.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Information sharing and communications with Moray Council

Councillor Tuke had received notice from Jane Martin, the Community Council liaison officer that she was not receiving copies of the Community Council's minutes despite her requests.

This breakdown in communications was to be investigated and made good at the earliest.

Councillor Tuke advised that Moray Councillors had voted not to proceed with the proposed link road at the West End of Elgin. Chris confirmed that he had voted against and was commended for his decision by all present. The meeting expressed their dismay at the £3.5 million of expenditure which had been already spent on the now abandoned project.

Being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday 5th May 2016 at 7.30pm

To be held at the Harbour Office, Burghead