

Burghead and Cummingston Community Council



**Minute of regular meeting held at Burghead Harbour Office on
Thursday 1st October 2015**

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

In attendance: Councillor Chris Tuke, Alistair Mackenzie, Pamela Gowans from the Chief Office
of the Moray Health and Social Care Partnership, Donald Macrae, Public
Transport Manager and Dave Malpas, Senior Traffic Engineer, Both Moray
Council, PC Joanne Ellis, Police Scotland

Apologies: Joan Megson, Hilary Gloyer, Kelly Croudace, Tim Betts, Community Warden

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.

He suspended standing orders and invited Alistair Mackenzie to address the meeting.

Alistair explained that he was acting on behalf of the residents of the Red Craig Housing Development who, he said, were unanimous in their objection to the establishment of a bus stance for buses leaving town in its present location i.e. directly opposite the entrance to the Red Craig Development on the Burghead to Elgin bus route. He said the location was an unsafe traffic hazard and affected the privacy of the housing it looked across at. He asked that the location of the stance be changed to a position midway between the turn off from the Hopeman road and the development entrance prior to the erection of a bus shelter. Alistair made a passionate appeal for support for his objections before leaving the meeting.

Donald Macrae, Moray Council Public Transport Manager, advised the meeting that the bus stance with associated shelter had been allocated for that area following representations made to them. Its location had been chosen as the most appropriate following consultation with Dave Malpas, Senior Traffic Engineer who was also present.

John Gordon gave some background on the Community Council's (CC) involvement with the provision of a bus stance in that area. He said that the CC had received representations from residents of Headland Rise and Siguard Street who felt their side of the town was effectively cut off from the bus service given that the bus route was on the opposite side of town from them. They asked that bus stops be established a minimum distance down from the Hopeman to Forres road which would allow them access from their area along the footpath on the southern boundary of the Red Craig housing development. Contact was made with the Bus service Management who agreed that this was a good idea which they would propose to Moray Council. When nothing further was heard for a considerable period, Councillor Tuke was asked to exert some pressure on Moray Council to bring the proposal forward. Councillor Tuke advised the CC that there was no funding available at present for such initiatives and the matter was laid to rest. The next the CC heard was that the local MSP had taken up the matter and that Moray Council had agreed with his request and had proceeded with the installation of the stance.

Donald Macrae and Dave Malpas agreed that there was a demand for bus stances in that area. Their concerns had been that the objection to its location was representative of the majority of the community and not of a minority for personal reasons.

Donald Macrae confirmed that he was assured by the CC's version of events and that he would action the relocation of the bus stances.

Bus Stops in Grant Street

Dave Malpas and Donald Macrae were asked if any progress was being made on improving the bus stances on Grant Street for the benefit and safety of the passengers.

They confirmed their acceptance that the present arrangements were not satisfactory and that they were considering several options in an effort to improve matters in the near future.

Bridge Street unsuitable for Caravan Transporters

Dave Malpas advised the meeting that they were unable to action any improvements to Bridge Street as it was an unadopted lane whose ownership was unknown and that Moray Council had no plans at present to provide an alternative route.

The Chair thanked them for efforts on behalf of our Community and Dave and Donald left the meeting.

Health and Social Care in Moray

The Chair invited Pamela Gowans to address the meeting

Pamela advised that her background was in nursing and that as Chief Officer of the Moray Health and Social Care Partnership she was keen to engage with the wider community as a partnership to bring forward new legislation in a manner that would achieve the best value for the funding she had available by targeting the issues identified by the community.

Molly Fraser said that as someone who had spent their working life in the NHS that she found her approach refreshing and wished her every success in her efforts.

Pamela left the meeting.

Police Report

PC Joanne Ellis presented the report and received the appreciation of the meeting for her and her colleagues efforts in maintaining a very low incidence of crime in our area.

PC Ellis left the meeting and the Chair resumed standing orders

Matters arising from minute of previous meeting

War Memorial on Grant Street

The meeting noted that the railings had been painted to a reasonable standard. However, the meeting agreed that this was a temporary fix and that efforts would be resumed to have the railings restored to their original glory or replaced.

The Secretary confirmed that he had ordered wreaths for the forthcoming Armistice Sunday.

Jim Patterson reported that the verges of the cycle path between Burghead and Cummingston had been cut back to a good standard by the Moray Council.

Other Competent Business

The meeting agreed unanimously to donate £50.00 towards the production costs of The Laich Coast Tourism leaflets.

Being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9. 30pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday 5th November 2015 at 7.30pm.

To be held at the Harbour Office, Burghead