

Burghead and Cummington Community Council

**Minute of regular meeting held at Burghead Harbour Office on Thursday
1st December 2016**

**Present: Billy Davidson, Jum Paterson, Rosie Craig, Gilbert Farquhar,
Jennifer Walker, Abby Main, Kelly Croudace, Joan Megson,**

In attendance: Councillors Chris Tuke and Dennis Slater, Sergeant Scott Brander
and Constable Martin Dyer

Apologies: Dennis Slater, Hilary Gloyer and Les Taylor

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.30

Adoption of minute of previous meeting:

Proposed by: Abby Main

Seconded by: Jennifer Walker

Report from Community Warden Tim Betts (not present)

CCTV at the Salmon Green showed nothing with regards to dog fouling.

Police Report

There was nothing to report within the last reporting period. A successful drug raid was undertaken within Burghead, this was an isolated issue and the investigations are ongoing.

Looking at education of drugs and so called legal highs, early stages but hoping to aim at lower end high school children.

Will no longer be monthly specific reports but there will be a report sent to the once a month and each CC can take their own information related to their area.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Dunbar Lane – All avenues for clearing have been exhausted due to the council not being in ownership. Community services are unable to clear it due to the type of rubbish that has been dumped there.

School Closures – none will be taking place. Reports of schools being overstaffed are exaggerated one school is 1.6 teachers over but over different

subject and not in subjects that are short elsewhere where they could be put to use.

Council Budget – maybe delayed until the council get the figures from Holyrood. There will be time to look at the figures but perhaps not the 12wks as they would like

Facebook – ongoing, the general feeling is the more information available to the public the better.

Police Scotland

Billy and Jennifer attended a meeting with the Police. They have said they don't wish to write reports any more for Community Councils. We might be provided with a Moray-wide report.

Streetlights in Cummington

Jim asked if the streetlights were finally installed in Cummington, as Back Street has been left out. Action: Chris Tuke to follow up.

Laptop for taking minutes.

All agreed to buying a used laptop from ReBoot to enable Kelly to write up BCCC minutes. Action: Joan

Cemetery car park.

Caravan has now been moved. Abby will keep an eye on this.

Ship to ship oil transfer meeting - A public meeting on 2nd December to discuss the ship to ship transfer proposals from Cromarty Port. There are a number of concerns with regards to damage to the environment. There are people within the community planning to attend the meeting and we all look forward to the feedback and information from this meeting.

A96 dualling.

There was a meeting on 15th November in Elgin Town Hall. Jim attended, there are 3 options available. It's a very complicated decision and they are trying to get all the information required with regards to public opinion. If they choose a northern route, this will go through housing so this is still being looked at as they will need to fix this issue. It was felt potentially that maybe looking at the road issues first before the new houses are built. Jim felt the meeting was very interesting whichever route was taken and acknowledged that this will not happen overnight.

Joint Community Council Meetings – We have all agreed we will publish those minutes once they are available. What was interesting was once of the Elgin Community Councils have a couple of younger representatives and that they were invaluable with their contributions. Kelly and Abby will look at a post on

Facebook that could be shared with an attempt to recruit to our own community council. The ideal age would be 15-17 years old.

Wind turbines – Jim noticed within information regarding areas of potential wind turbines and that cummington was still included. There was objections made with regards to close to housing made by the council but were over-ruled. Chris also mentioned that there were no recent planning permissions requested and that we could object if and or when it became an issue.

New business

Dredger – Only two lifts were undertaken and then there was an electrical fault. After another 3 lifts then it ran aground. The channel in Burghead has still not been dredged sufficiently. Some are asking for a public inquiry regarding the amount of money that has been spent but with nothing to show for this. It was felt it was an embarrassment to the area with questions being raised as to whether the council unstood the needs and if the dredger was actually fit for purpose. There is extra expense to fishermen due to extra travel due to work around the areas that have not been dealt with. Also the questions as to why a dredger would be used that could only work so few hours. As far as Chris was aware it was due to come back on Sat (3rd Dec). A full report will be sent to Audit and Scrutiny 8th February 2107.

Being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm

**Date of next meeting: Thursday February 2nd 2017 at 7.30pm
To be held at the Harbour Office, Burghead**

1st December 2016 Kelly Croudace

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