

Burghead and Cummington Community Council

Minute of regular meeting held at Burghead Harbour Office on Thursday 2nd February 2017

Present: Billy Davidson, Jim Patterson, Rosie Craig, Abby Main, Jennifer Walker, Les Taylor, Gilbert Farquhar, Hilary Gloyer

In attendance: Councillor Chris Tuke

Apologies: Joan Megson, Kelly Croudace, Councillor Dennis Slater

Adoption of minute of previous meeting:

Proposed by: Abby Main

Seconded by: Gilbert Farquhar

Report from Community Warden

There was no report

Police Report

A link to the Police Report for Heldon and Laich had been sent out to all by Jane Martin. There was no specific report about Burghead and Cummington.

Matters arising from previous minute

Dunbar Lane: Billy Davidson had himself cleared the rubbish from the lane, but Community Service would still not take it on. He had been in touch with Historic Environment Scotland who said they would take a look at it next time they are at the Well.

Council Budget: Harbour dues – cost of berthing is by length of boat and position in harbour. The reduction for pensioners already receiving it will remain, but there will be no new concessions.

Cummington: The new roadworks are for British Telecom

Cemetery Carpark: The caravan has returned and has been seen to be occupied. Billy Davidson had contacted Ken Kennedy who said that the Council was legally unable to do anything about it. He would, however, send Alex Irving, the Unauthorised Encampment Officer, to contact the owner to ask him to remove it.

Ship to ship oil transfers: The Cromarty Port Authority have withdrawn the application but are preparing to reapply. The new application will have to have a wider consultation area, not just Cromarty Firth residents and Councils. It was decided that BCCC should register an objection when the application is made. Chris Tuke was asked to encourage Moray Council to object, but he said that the Council could see no problem with the operation!

Joint Community Councils: Billy Davidson and Jim Patterson to attend the next meeting to represent BCCC

Community Council Membership: We should encourage young people (aged 15-18) to join the Community Council by word of mouth and via Facebook.

Dredger: It has been working in Hopeman and Burghead this week.

Any Other Competent Business

Pigs in Cummingston: Jim Patterson wondered if anything could be done about the muck coming down into the village from the pigs in the field behind.

Crematorium: Rosie Craig had been asked about the plans for the crematorium on Clarkly Hill. She was reassured when told that it would be an unobtrusive addition to the rear of the funeral parlour.

Christmas lights: She also wondered if the Christmas lights could be extended to include Cummingston. It was explained that it was a voluntary organisation who financed and arranged them in Burghead. She and Jim Patterson would look into starting something similar in Cummingston.

Street lights: Les Taylor said that several street lights were not working.

Car parking at White City: Gilbert Farquhar was concerned about obstructive parking on Fraser Road.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 2nd March 2017 at 7.30pm to be held at the Harbour Office, Burghead

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