

# **Burghead and Cummingston** **Community Council**



**Minute of regular meeting held at Burghead Harbour Office on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018**

**Present:** Billy Davidson (Chairman), Les Taylor, Jennifer Walker, Chris Tuke, Rosie Craig, Gilbert Farquhar, Abbey Main, Jim Patterson.

**Apologies:** Kirsten Garstang, Joan Megson, Moray Councillor John Cowe, Moray Councillor Ryan Edwards.

**In Attendance:** Moray Councillor James Allen, Moray Councillor Amy Patience, Kate Clark & Madge Bray – The Journey Home, Ken Glass – Defibs for Moray.

**Adoption of minute of previous meeting:**  
**Proposed by:** Billy Davidson  
**Seconded by:** Les Taylor

**The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow Kate Clark and Madge Bray from The Journey Home to address the meeting.**

Kate Clark and Madge Bray, trustees of The Journey Home spoke about their plans to provide care for people who are ill and dying in Burghead. The Journey Home is a new charity with the offer of a donation of land next to Granary House at the harbour for use as an end of life care and resource centre. The plan is to site a temporary office and base there soon and to provide help in people's homes to complement existing services - focussed on finding local people willing to help. Their long-term plan is to fund a building at the harbour which will have probably 3 purpose-built rooms, served by the same services people would have at home - carers, district nurses and GPs - augmented by volunteers. They are also investigating the feasibility of a home care service to improve the availability and quality of carers for people who are dying. Subject to planning requirements, there may be space for some commercial/community activity on the ground floor of the building.

The Journey Home are running the following sessions in Burghead Library on Wednesday Afternoons:

14 <sup>th</sup> February	2:15-3pm – Aromatherapy in the home. 3:00-4pm – Drop-in for any queries.
28 <sup>th</sup> February	2:15-3pm – Comfort Care for People Who are Ill or Dying. 3:00-4pm – Drop-in for any queries.

**Further information can be found at [www.thejourneyhome.org](http://www.thejourneyhome.org) or by contacting [kate@thejourneyhome.org](mailto:kate@thejourneyhome.org) or 0300 102 0872**

The Chairman thanked Kate and Madge for their presentation and wished the luck with their venture.

**Kate and Madge left and the Meeting was resumed.**

## **Matters Arising**

### Defibrillators

Les Taylor re-introduced Ken Glass of Defibs for Moray (DfM) who was present to advise on final siting of Burghead's first 24-hour available defibrillator. It had been previously agreed that the unit would be fitted at the Harbour with subsequent machines hopefully going at a more central location, (Burghead Free Church), at the opposite end of town, (site yet to be identified) and in Cummingston.

**Any property owner, in the area bounded by Fraser Road, St. Aethan's Road and the Cemetery Brae, (B9040 – Hopeman Road), willing to host a defibrillator and its housing on their house or garage is requested to contact any member of the Community Council.** The requirements are that mains power must be available, (minimal cost, approx. £5 per year) and the box should not protrude over a narrow pavement or otherwise cause an obstruction.

Les also provided details of the generous donations received to date. We are grateful to;

The Harbour Inn	£500
Burghead Beach Caravan Site	£100
Dan Ralph & Sons	£200
Campbell & McConnachie	£200
Plumbers & Renewables	£30
Tullochs of Cummingston	£500
Family of the Late Billy Lyons	£1,650
Leigh-Anne Murray's New Year Party	£75

...and for £1,100 from 3 donors who wish to remain anonymous. Further donations are expected from Diageo and Scotmid, hopefully totalling around £1,800. Thanks also go to Duncan Brown and Moray Council who have agreed to install the electrical supply at the Harbour. It was agreed to place the first machine under the Harbour Office Window, facing the Harbour. This should allow for an easy cable run, not be obstructive and provide a safe area nearby.

At £1650 per unit, this currently gives enough funds to purchase the second machine plus a third when the promised monies are received. There will also be a surplus of over £1,000 which could be used towards a 4<sup>th</sup> unit or installation costs.

### Burghead/Cummingston Youth Money

There is money laying on account that was raised by the young residents of Burghead and Cummingston and was due to be used towards a youth shelter. With this project being stymied by red tape, the Secretary proposed contacting the trustee/signatories to see if the funds could be used on other youth projects. There are early-stage investigations going on to ascertain the feasibility of a Youth Club being set up. It was thought that this would be a worthy cause.

### Moray Council Local Development Plan 2020 (Building at the "Chemicals")

Les Taylor said that he had been approached residents near the Chemicals who had said that they had received "Neighbour Notification" regarding building at the site. As there appears to be no live Planning Application, it is assumed that this notice relates to the preparation of the new Moray Local Development Plan. Further information regarding the Development Plan can be found at [http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray\\_standard/page\\_116707.html](http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_116707.html) or in libraries.

Any comments should be submitted by **5pm 30th March 2018**. Should you have any further questions you can call 0300 123 4561.

### Bins at the Harbour

A request was made by Burghead Coastal Rowing Club for them to dispose of plastics recovered during their activities. Cllr. Allan will investigate.

Gilbert Farquhar also mentioned that the green bin at the Harbour Shelter had not been emptied. After a short adjournment to consult with users of the Shelter, it was agreed that the bin should be removed.

#### Elgin Traffic Warning

It was noted that the “Comet Roundabout”, in Elgin was due for road improvements from the end of February 2018 for 12 weeks. Diversions will be in place.

#### Remembrance Ceremony

Due to charges being put in place for Road Closure Orders, by Moray Council, it was decided **NOT** to proceed with a Closure for 2018.

#### Cemetery Path

Flagstones may be available but the Criminal Justice Department would not be able to lay them, (reason unknown). Further investigation is still to take place.

#### Trees at Sellar Street/Grant Lane

It was noted that no action had happened. Billy Davidson is to re-contact the Community Warden.

#### Harbourmaster

Following the retirement of the previous Harbourmaster, there is no-one currently in post. Duties are being covered by the Buckie Harbour Staff and the position has been advertised.

#### Water Run-Off at Cummingston

Jim Patterson reported that further heavy rains had caused water and mud to impede vehicular traffic on the Cummingston/Hopeman Road with drains being blocked once again. Cllr. Edwards said that he had recently met with several concerned residents. Jim had also contacted SEPA who were unhelpful.

Chris Tuke drew attention to Section 99 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 which prevents the flow of “water or of filth, dirt or other offensive matter” onto the public highway. Cllr. Edwards said that the matter could be left in his hands.

#### Unidentified Invoice

The unidentified invoice presented at the previous Meeting turned out to be the notification of **payment** of the Bi-annual Grant **from** Moray Council – red faces all round!

#### Containers at Harbour

The resident who previously complained of being “brushed-off” by the Estates Department with regard to leasing container space is now on a waiting list.

#### Salt Bins

Billy Davidson & Les Taylor are to liaise with Cllr. Cowe with regard to siting of salt bins. If any residents require particular positions, please contact Cllr. Cowe or any Community Council Member.

#### Scottish Rural Parliament

Jim Patterson had been informed by Alastair Kennedy, Chairman of the Joint Community Councils of Moray, that a bid to host the Scottish Rural Parliament in Moray was to be made.

### Community Council Surgeries

Jim Patterson questioned if it would be worthwhile organising Surgeries for the Community Council. General opinion was that these events are very sparsely attended but if there was public demand, something would be arranged.

### Road Repairs, Burghead

Reports of damaged road surfaces at Forteath Street/Brander Street were reported and Billy Davidson said that he would inform the Roads Department.

### Bus Shelters

Billy Davidson had been in contact with Steve Robertson at Moray Council who informed him that a bus shelter is to be installed at the Red Craig. Billy had re-iterated his opinion that there were several more desirable positions but was told that several shelters will become available as Stagecoach withdraws from other routes.

### Burghead Doctors Surgery

The Chairman had been informed that Moray Coast Medical Practice no longer intend to run the Thursday Surgeries from the end of the month.

### **AOCB**

Being no further business, the meeting was closed.

**Date of next meeting Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018 at 7.30pm.**

Chris Tuke  
Minutes Secretary.

Copies of previous minutes and information regarding Burghead available on-line at:  
The Moray Council Website [www.moray.org](http://www.moray.org) > Community > Community Councils > Burghead and Cummington  
[http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray\\_standard/page\\_110610.html](http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_110610.html)

**Please use the Grampian Police number to report all non  
emergency issues.**

**101**

**Community Warden - Tim Betts- 07800 670665**

**Tim.Betts@moray.gov.uk**

If the police are not informed of problems they cannot act and if crimes are not reported then there are implications with regard to police staffing levels.