

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



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

**Present:** Billy Davidson (Chairman), Les Taylor, Jennifer Walker, Chris Tuke, Gilbert Farquhar, Joan Megson, Abbey Main, Kirsten Garstang,

**Apologies:** Jim Patterson, Rosie Craig, Moray Councillor James Allen, Moray Councillor Ryan Edwards, Moray Councillor Amy Patience.

**In Attendance:** Moray Councillor John Cowe,  
Sue Hopkinson – Burghead Free Church.

**Adoption of minute of previous meeting:**  
**Proposed by:** Les Taylor  
**Seconded by:** Gilbert Farquhar

**The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow Sue Hopkinson, from Burghead Free Church, to address the meeting.**

Sue told the meeting that Burghead Free Church had been running an After-School Club for over a year with around 24 children attending each Monday, during term-time. They now plan to start a monthly Youth Club for senior school pupils. Sue said that they had been collecting some items and games but were still in need of more including tablet computers that would be used for educational purposes and for games. Cllr. Cowe also stated that there may be money available from Developers Obligations that could be used to improve sports and leisure facilities – he would e-mail Sue.

The first session will be at 7:30pm on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018 in the Free Church Hall. The first session will have a movie theme. Further events are planned as follows;

20 Apr 15 - “Indoor League”  
11 May 18 – “Wide Games”  
8 Jun 15 – “Beach & Bonfire”

The Chairman thanked Sue for her presentation and wished her luck with their venture.

**Sue left and the Meeting was resumed.**

The Community Council holds a small amount of funds for youth projects and it was decided that £200 be provided to this venture and to the Awesome Club run by the Church of Scotland.

## **Matters Arising**

### Defibrillators

Defibrillators are now fitted at Burghead Harbour, (on the lower wall of the Harbour Office, facing the Harbour), and at the Free Church, (Kinloss Street, towards the front of the Church). Both are operational. There is currently money, in our fund, to provide 2 more. Sites are still being investigated for the St. Aethan’s Road/White City Area. Lamp-post mounting may be an option.

**A site in Cummingston may also be required.**

Abbey Main asked about training. No training is required as the unit are fully automated and talk the operator through the process as will the emergency operator – **It is vital to call 999 BEFORE using the equipment.** Also, the units will not deliver a shock unless it is safe so to do. That said, training sessions will be organised to give people confidence and to see the machines, close up.

#### Moray Council Local Development Plan 2020

The new Moray Local Development Plan is still out for consultation. Further information 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.

#### Elgin Traffic Warning

Work on junction improvement at the Mansefield Hotel, in Elgin has started and will run until the end of May 2018. Diversions will be in place. Comment had been note, on Facebook, regarding the cost of this work, Cllr. Cowe said that the improvements were totally funded by “Developer Obligations” – money that is paid by developers to mitigate the impact of new housing)

#### Remembrance Ceremony

At the previous meeting, it was decided not to proceed with a Road Closure for 2018, due to charges being put in place, by Moray Council. However, Cllr. Cowe said that Remembrance Commemorations were exempt from the charge therefore a Road Closure Order will be applied for. The timings of the closure will be kept as short as possible to minimise inconvenience to motorists.

#### Cemetery Path

Further investigations are taking place regarding laying of flagstones from the car park to the pedestrian gate at Burghead Cemetery.

#### Trees at Sellar Street/Grant Lane

Billy Davidson had called twice on the owner of the offending tree but received no reply. He will contact Moray Council with regard to them taking direct action. The householder will then be invoiced for costs.

#### Harbourmaster

The Harbourmaster’s Post remains unfilled. Duties are being covered by the Buckie Harbour Staff but it was felt that this is an unsatisfactory solution in the medium to long term.

#### Water Run-Off at Cummingston

Neither Jim Patterson nor Cllr. Edwards were able to attend the meeting due to bad weather. Therefore, there was no update on the situation.

#### Salt Bins

Cllr. Cowe updated the meeting with plans for grit bins to be installed. Moray Council were to provide and service bins at Church Street/King Street, Headland Rise, Park Street/Station Road and McKenzie Place. A request was also made for a further one at Firth View following reports of residents finding it difficult getting out onto Fraser Road. However, it is believed that there is a bin at the bottom of Firth View and this request may not be accepted by the Council.

### Community Council Surgeries

It was decided not to go ahead with Community Council Surgeries. Reports from current and previous Councillors indicated that they were very poorly attended. It was decided to produce a new Community Council Poster with pictures and contact details of Community Councillors. The Community Council can also be contacted at [bccc2013@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bccc2013@hotmail.co.uk) or [www.facebook.com/BurgheadCunningston](http://www.facebook.com/BurgheadCunningston)

### Road Repairs, Burghead

Previous reports of damaged road surfaces at Forteath Street/Brander Street have been passed to Moray Council and remedial action is due to take place shortly.

### **AOCB**

#### Clash Gour Wind Farm – “Community Ownership”

It was decided that the “Memorandum of Understanding” would be signed by the Community Council. This is a scheme where the public are offered the opportunity to invest in the Wind Farm in order to share in the financial returns from the project.

**There is no commitment and no risk, at this stage.**

### Offer to Help During Inclement Weather

Thanks were given to Joan Megson for offering the services of the Community Council to help anyone who was struggling to get out of the house during the inclement weather. Although there were no requests for assistance, it was thought that this was an excellent idea and residents are encouraged to contact any Community Council Member during any future weather events.

### Vandalism

There were reports of cars being “keyed”, on both sides of the vehicles, on Forteath Street. It was not clear whether or not the Police had been informed.

### “Money for Moray”

A further round of “Money for Moray” is due to take place at The Grant Hall, Rothes on Sunday, 18 Mar 18 with registration taking place from 1:00pm. Les Taylor had submitted an application, on behalf of the Community Council for money towards the defibrillator project and it has been accepted. £60,000 is available and the participants, on the day, get to vote how the funds are allocated. Unfortunately, to vote, anyone must be there for 1:30pm and remain at the venue though all presentations. The event is likely to finish around 4:00pm.

### “Back o’ the Head”

Complaints had been received regarding the condition of the road at the Back o’ the head, (the North-Westerly extension of Forteath Street towards the Headland). This road is “unadopted” and therefore not the responsibility of Moray Council. However, the land is in the ownership of Burghead Headland Trust that has plans to repair the road. Coincidentally, funding was obtained from a previous round of “Money for Moray”.

### Harvest Reaper

Comments had also been received regarding the Harvest Reaper, (the old fishing boat at the Back o’ the Head). This is also owned by Burghead Headland Trust who have already obtained materials and is awaiting a mutually convenient date for the Criminal Justice department to carry out renovations.

### Camper Vans at the Headland

Comments had also been received regarding camper vans at the Headland. Burghead Headland Trust were “comfortable” with van owners using the area as long as they left the area tidy. The Trust is also considering installing an “Honesty Box” for donations from campers to help to maintain the road.

### Accommodation Problem

A complaint had been received from a young single mother in privately rented accommodation. She listed numerous problems with the property and Cllr. Cowe offered to attend to the matter.

### Household Refuse Collections

As many residents will no doubt be aware, green bins are due to move to a 3-weekly collection cycle from April, this year. All recycling bins are expected to remain as a fortnightly collection.

### Dumping – Bath Street

Reports were received of the dumping of food waste and ashes on Bath Street. The Community Warden is to be informed.

Being no further business, the meeting was closed.

**Date of next meeting Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April 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 Cummingston  
[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**

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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.