

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



**Minute of regular meeting held at Burghead Harbour Office on Thursday, 5 April 2018**

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

**Apologies:** Jennifer Walker, Kirsten Garstang & Moray Councillor Amy Patience.

**In Attendance:** Moray Councillors James Allan, John Cowe & Ryan Edwards, Sergeant Scott Brander & Police Constable Julie Britton, both of Police Scotland, Tim Betts, Moray Council Community Warden, Scott Sharman of UK Search & Rescue

**Adoption of minute of previous meeting:**

**Proposed by:** Les Taylor

**Seconded by:** Gilbert Farquhar

## Police Report

The Chairman welcomed the Police Representatives, noting that it had been some time since they had been present. Sgt Brander reiterated the Police's intention to attend Community Council Meetings but operational activity, obviously, took priority. He went on to say that a particular effort had been made to attend this meeting due to an increase in vandalism and anti-social behaviour. He had names of likely culprits and conversations had been held with several parents. Tim Betts had also been in contact with families of those suspected of involvement.

**Sgt Brander also went on to say that there was “a reluctance to report” incidents and encouraged all resident to phone 101 to report ANY incidences of this or any nature so that it could be “nipped in the bud”. If a crime is in process then phone 999.** This will enable the Police to build a picture and deploy more Officers, if appropriate. He also stated that 3<sup>rd</sup> party reports would be accepted i.e. if someone witnesses any incident or suffers intimidation and is not willing to report it, then someone else can do so on their behalf. Reports can also be made anonymously but it would be more beneficial if victims would be prepared to provide a statement and, if necessary, appear in court.

The Chairman thanked the Police Officers for their attendance and advice as they left the Meeting to attend a call.

## UK Search & Rescue Helicopters' Representative

Scott Sharman, a Winchman Paramedic with Bristow UK Search and Rescue Helicopters had previously offered to attend a Community Council Meeting to offer his assistance with training for the Community Defibrillators. Unfortunately, as Scott was unable to attend, things had moved on with Les Taylor arranging information sessions during the previous month. The Community Council apologised for not informing Scott of this. However, his visit was not wasted as he offered to assist, in the future, if required and had the opportunity to highlight the work of the Sandpiper Trust's Wildcat Responders with whom he is a volunteer. This programme utilises volunteers to deliver a defibrillator to a casualty in cardiac arrest prior to an ambulance's arrival.

Volunteers require no formal medical knowledge and practical training is provided. Anyone with an interest in joining the Wildcats should be able to spare some time to be available on call, be able to drive and have access to a vehicle. Further information is available at; <http://www.sandpipertrust.org/join-our-volunteers/wildcat-cardiac-arrest-responders/> or by e-mail at [admin@sandpiperwildcat.co.uk](mailto:admin@sandpiperwildcat.co.uk) or by telephone on 01764 660 447.

The Chairman thanked Scott for his attendance and information. Scott then left and the Chairman resumed the meeting.

#### Correspondence

A letter of thanks had been received from the Awesome Club for the money received from the, now defunct, youth group.

#### **Matters Arising**

##### Defibrillators

Les Taylor updated the Meeting on the 2, fully-subscribed, training events that were held in the School Hall to familiarise residents with the defibrillators and to instruct on basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, (CPR). Around 30 residents attended and all felt that it was well worthwhile. Due to demand, **further sessions are planned.**

With a shortage of obvious sites in the White City and Cummingston, Moray Council has been contacted to investigate the possibility of mounting units on lamp posts. At the moment, mixed messages are being received from different people within the Council but negotiations are to continue.

##### Elgin Traffic Information

The road works in Elgin at the Mansefield Hotel and the associated diversions are expected to be in place until the second half of May.

##### Trees at Sellar Street/Grant Lane

The offending tree has now been trimmed. Unfortunately, the branches have been left in the Lane and are almost totally blocking access. The Chairman had been in contact with Roads Officers at Moray Council and the matter is to be passed to the Environmental Health Department.

##### Harbour Theft

One boat owner has had £1,500 worth of fishing gear stolen from the Pier. Harbour Users are advised to remain vigilant and to secure their belongings, where possible.

##### Water Run-Off at Cummingston

The Moray Council Roads Department has investigated the problem at the “Seven Towers Road”, (East End of Cummingston to Roseisle). A plan will be drawn up for improved drainage which should be carried out within this year’s budget.

##### Salt Bins

The salt bins are now in place ready for next winter. Thanks were offered to Cllr. Cowe for organising this.

##### Accommodation Problems

Following Cllr. Cowe’s intervention, the resident who reported poor maintenance of their privately rented property has had repairs carried out and is now satisfied with the situation.

### Bus Shelters

The Red Craig Bus Shelter is now in place. Following discussions with Moray Council, a further shelter will be placed by the Old Graveyard at the top of Grant Street. This installation will require minor adjustments to the road and pavement layout and be dependent on budget being available. The Community Council is still of the opinion that shelters for the school bus passengers should have been a higher priority than the one at the Red Craig but the Council could not be persuaded.

### Bins at the Harbour

2 purple bins are now in place at the Harbour. These were requested by Burghead Coastal Rowing Club who regularly collect plastic litter whilst out rowing. These bins can be used by anyone retrieving plastic bottles from the beach etc. In contrast, the 2 large green bins, which are paid for by the Harbour Users, will be moved indoors to stop unauthorised use.

### Training Events

Les Taylor, the Community Council Secretary, is to attend a training session on the latest data protection legislation and Billy & Les will attend an event on "Community Empowerment".

### Play Park at Cromarty View

The developer had applied to remove the requirement to provide children's play equipment at the Headland Rise/Cromarty View houses. This application was refused by the Planning Department. Therefore, the equipment should be installed.

### LED Street Lighting

With the majority of Burghead now fitted with LED street lights there appears to be a mixed reaction with some residents who have not yet had them fitted, wishing they had them and some of those with the new fittings being happier with the old ones. Some people say they are too dim whilst others say that they are too bright. The reason that they have been fitted is that they will have much lower running costs. The Community Council agreed that the new fittings were much more preferable than another option which could have been the reduction in operating hours.

### Litter Pick

Following a request from 10-year-old Elyse Edwards, the daughter of a past Community Council Member, regular Litter-Picks are to resume. The first of the season will take place on;  
**Sunday, 29 April 2018 at 11 am, leaving from the Burghead Caravan Site Car Park.**  
Further events will take place on the last weekend of each month.

**Please bring your own bags and gloves.**

### Burghead Headland Trust Annual General Meeting

The Burghead Headland Trust AGM will be held in the Bothy Bistro at 7 pm on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Slide show and videos about the Headland and Visitor Centre will be shown. The Headland Trust will also change charitable status and elect a new committee. The current Committee request that you come along and contribute.

### Cemetery Car Park

Further complaints about long-term parking in the Cemetery Car Park have been received. Vehicle owners are requested to leave the lower area of the Car Park clear, particularly the area around the pedestrian gate and the disabled slots.

### **AOCB**

Being no further business, the meeting was closed.

**Date of next meeting Thursday 3 May 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**

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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.