

Burghead and Cummingston **Community Council**



Minute of regular meeting held at Burghead Harbour Office on Thursday, 3 May 2018

Present: Chris Tuke (Acting Chairman), Les Taylor, Jennifer Walker, Rosie Craig, Gilbert Farquhar, Kirsten Garstang, Abbey Main, Jim Patterson.

Apologies: Billy Davidson (Chairman), Joan Megson, Moray Councillors James Allan, Ryan Edwards.

In Attendance: Moray Councillors John Cowe & Amy Patience.

Adoption of minute of previous meeting:

Proposed by: Abbey Main,

Seconded by: Les Taylor.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman took the Chair and wished Billy Davidson a speedy recovery.

Police Report

No representatives of Police Scotland were present. The Community Safety and Anti-Social Behaviour Report showed just one Noise Complaint and 2 incidents of Rowdy Behaviour. From the number of informal comments and complaints, it is clear that not all incidents are being reported to the Police. However, it was noted that things appeared to have improved since the previous meeting.

Matters Arising

Defibrillators

Over 50 residents have now attended training session with positive feedback. Further events are planned for this month but times and dates are not yet confirmed. A further generous donation of £250 has been received with money from collection tins and the quiz yet to be quantified. 2 further sites have been identified, one in the “White City” Area and one in Cummingston. These will both be at private properties and gratitude was extended to the home-owner. Funds are currently available for these 2 boxes and the balance is increasing towards a further one.

Cllr. Patience arrived during this item.

Elgin Traffic Information

The road works to change the roundabout to traffic signals, at the Mansefield Hotel, is now complete.

Trees at Sellar Street/Grant Lane

All overhanging branches and debris has now been cleared from the Lane.

Water Run-Off at Cummingston

Jim Patterson informed the Meeting that Moray Council were due to deliver sand bags to a mutually agreed location for use in any event of future flooding.

Bins for Plastic at Burghead Harbour

The 2 purple bins promised for the Harbour are still to arrive. Cllr. Cowe agreed to chase this up.

Litter Pick

Joan Megson stated that the first Burghead Litter Pick of the year was very successful. Around 60 attended, around 30 of which were young people, and a trailer load of rubbish was collected. Thanks were expressed to Elise Edwards for instigating the project and to Moray Council for providing equipment and removing the litter.

Burghead Headland Trust

It was reported that the Headland AGM was well attended and the previous Board Members were re-elected along with one new Member, Bob Johnson. Around 25 people attended the meeting and heard that the Visitors Centre had had a good year with around 5,600 visits. There is also to be a dolphin and whale-watching event, on the weekend of 16/17th June 2018, called Big Watch @ the Broch which will run from 12 noon until 4:00pm each day.

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Dogs on Burghead Beach

A recent report on a website and on Social Media suggested that there was a ban on dogs on Burghead Beach throughout the Summer Months. **This is untrue** – there is no ban. Humans, dogs and all other wild animals are welcome at any time of year.

Burghead Centenarian

Congratulations were offered to Mrs. Annie Macpherson, (nee Mackenzie), on her 100th birthday.

Sandbank at Burghead Harbour

It was reported that the sandbank was once again impairing movement into and out of the Harbour Channel. Cllr. Cowe stated that the Dredger was due into Burghead in the very near future and would inform the Community Council of the expected dates.

Lossiemouth High School Replacement

Cllr. Cowe informed the Meeting that the replacement of Lossiemouth High School had been agreed. It would also include the Public Library, a Community Centre and a Swimming Pool.

Cllr. Patience left the Meeting.

Visibility at Road Junctions

Reports had been received regarding undergrowth causing a visibility hazard, for traffic emerging from the Kinloss Road, at the junction with St. Aethan's Road. Cllr. Cowe agreed to take this matter up with the Roads Department.

It was further reported that the Wishing Well, at the Southern Entrance to Burghead, was blocking the view of approaching traffic to vehicles turning right towards Hopeman. All Members were surprised to hear this as this feature has been in the same position for many years without complaint. It was agreed to investigate.

Parking at Grant Street/Granary Street/Park Street Corner

Comments were heard regarding parking around the Burghead War Memorial. Residents are reminded that the Highway Code states that vehicles should not be park within 10m of a road junction. As regularly said, the Community Council understands that Burghead was not designed for the number of cars that are now present and the last thing that we want to see is Police Officers issuing Parking Tickets, *en masse*. The usual plea goes out to all drivers to park safely and considerately.

Inspection Cover at Park Street/Granary Street

Jennifer Walker reported that the inspection cover at the junction was loose and rattling.

Attempted Break-in at Station Garage

Rosie Craig informed the meeting that there had been an attempted theft from the Car Wash Machine at the Garage. Damage was done but no money was stolen. One alert resident noticed the activity and reported the car registration number to the Police. The vehicle was traced and occupants arrested. The culprits were not local and were “on tour”, carrying out similar activity in several locations. Rosie said that she and her husband were most grateful to the gentleman that reported the incident.

Large Bins at Burghead Harbour

The large green bins at the Harbour are paid for by a levy on the Harbour Uses and are solely for their benefit. Following misuse by non-Harbour Users and complaints from boat owners, the bins have been moved to an area under lock and key.

Token of Recognition

Les Taylor, as Secretary had received notification of the striking of a coin to commemorate the wedding of Prince Harry & Meghan Markle, the Duke & Duchess of Sussex, (Earl & Countess of Dumbarton, in Scotland). He suggested that the Community Council purchase some coins for presentation to notable residents in recognition of their service to the community.

Anyone wishing to make a nomination should contact Les, the Secretary.

Being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Date of next meeting Thursday, 7 June 2018 at 7.30pm.

Chris Tuke
Minutes Secretary.

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The Moray Council Website www.moray.org > Community > Community Councils > Burghead and Cummington
http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_110610.html

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