

# Burghead and Cummington Community Council



## Minute of Regular Meeting at Burghead Harbour Office on Thursday, 7 June 2018

**Present:** Billy Davidson, Les Taylor, Rosie Craig, Gilbert Farquhar, Abbey Main, Jim Patterson, Jennifer Walker, Kirsten Garstang,

**Absent:** Joan Megson, Chris Tuke, Councillors James Allan, Amy Patience and John Cowe

**In Attendance:** Councillor Ryan Edwards

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### **Police Report**

Fire at Burghead Campsite, police did not attend until the following morning. They have taken away the CCTV footage to review.

### **Hopeman Fire**

The gorse was alight on 7 June 2018 and firefighters were in attendance. At the time of our meeting the fire had spread from lookout tower at Lossiemouth to the Golf Course in Hopeman. It was brought under control overnight but was still smouldering, fire engines remained at the scene for a few days. It was later reported that police were investigating the incident as wilful fire starting.

### **Defibrillators**

Ken apologised for not being able to attend our meeting. There are 2 further units to install, potential sites were being sought in Cummington and in Burghead. We have £436.60 towards the fifth defibrillator

### **Elgin Traffic Restrictions**

We were made away of roadworks at the Laic moray roundabout and on Moss Street. The roadworks at Hay Street had now been completed.

### **Sellar Street Trees**

These have been cut back and the clippings removed.

### **Cummingston**

Enquires were made with regard to the date the Moray Council would provide the sump to alleviate the water run-off from the fields. We have a pallet of sandbags for distribution, Jim Patterson to advise where these should be delivered.

### **Burghead Beach**

Litter pick was, again, successful. There is as possibility this will become a monthly event.

### **Purple Bins for the Harbour**

These have not been delivered as yet, John Cowie and Ryan Edwards (& James Allan???) to raise a query to have these delivered. The green bins are being used by the intended users and no additional dumping has been reported

### **Village litter pick**

Ryan Edwards advise that Criminal Justice could do a village tidy for half a day or a full day. The community council need to advise Ryan which area(s) could utilise this.

### **Headland Trust Parking**

There has been a sign placed at the entrance of the tarmac beneath the fort. It advises that there is no overnight parking however this has not stopped people from doing so. There is can website advising people of free camping areas of which site is recommended.

### **Big Watch at Burghead**

Event takes place on 16 & 17 June on the Headland beside the fort.

### **Dogs on the Beach**

There is NO ban of dogs on Burghead beach and we have advised people of this through the Community council Facebook page.

### **Harbour Dredger**

The continuing removal of the sand by the dredger in Harbour was discussed. It was in Buckie for maintenance over 4/5 May but would continue work in the Harbour. Ryan Edwards to advise when the next Harbour Board meeting will take place.

### **Lossiemouth High School**

The new building has been agreed and the proposal has been presented to the council.

### **Road Junction at Entrance to Burghead**

There has been no action taken to move the 'well', and undergrowth/trees have been cut back.

### **Inspection Cover Park Street**

The cover remains raised and needs to be attended to.

### **Parking in Town**

This is still ongoing. Parking remains a problem in the Burghead streets.

### **Station Garage Break In**

There have been no further incidents.

### **Harry and Megan Memorial Coins**

Recipients to be decided by the committee. Each member should submit a list of their suggestions to Les Taylor by 14 June 2018. Presentation of the coins would hopefully take place in July 2018. Suggested recipients are individuals, clubs, community residents over 90 years and posthumous nominations.

### **Porpoise Burghead Beach**

Environmental Health were unable to remove this as they were informed that it was buried. Committee advised that it was not buried and could easily be found near the campsite. Ryan Edwards would follow this up to get it removed.

### **Harbour Access**

Incident occurred as people were jumping over off the harbour into the water. Despite the gate being shut and locked, the emergency services were still unable to gain access as required.

### **War Memorial Wreaths**

Billy Davidson will advise when these should be removed, usually around August or September. The Moray Council will replace the stone chips around the memorial in June.

### **Cemetery**

Problems continue at the cemetery with untidy paths, tributes and graves. Les and others have raised with Ken Kennedy and were to be addressed but there has been no improvement. Pathways at the cemetery need addressing and Les Taylor had enquired about a grant scheme, "Funds For All". To be eligible we would need to make blogs, involve local school and/or older members of the community.

### **Suffragette Walk**

Taking place in Edinburgh on 10 June 2018, the female members of the community council were unable to attend.

### **Hogweed**

Members of the public, adults and children, from within our Community Council area have had or are experiencing problems by coming into contact with this dangerous plant. It had been found in Cummingston (pathway between Burghead and Hopeman) and in Burghead near the caravan park/beach. Jim to report this again to the Moray Council. Awaiting feedback from TMC.

### **Community Hall**

A low turnout at the AGM was noted.

### **Turbines**

Transportation of these causes disruption for locals, Ryan Edwards to enquire on timings set and whether these could be amended.

### **Leisure Centre**

New Leisure Centre in New Elgin provided by Springfield, this will be a sports hall, astro-turf site.

### **Moray Sea School**

A commemoration event on Saturday 9 June 2018 with a plaque unveiling in Burghead Harbour at 12.30. Abbey Main would attend on behalf of the community council. There would also be a walk from Burghead to Cummingston on Sunday 10 June as part of the weekend of celebrations.

### **Moray Council Administration**

There was a meeting on Wednesday 13 June 2018 to appoint a new administration.

### **Containers at Burghead Harbour**

Moray Council Estates should be contacted to enquire about availability if required.

### **Bogus Callers**

Posted would be place around the village to remind people of the dangers of Bogus/Scam caller. Particularly vulnerable are our older residents.

Next Meeting 2 August 2018 @ 19:30 in Harbour Office

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 Crimestoppers – 0800 555 111*

*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*