

Burghead and Cummingston **Community Council**



Minute of regular meeting held at Burghead Harbour Office on Thursday, 6 September 2018

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

Apologies: Jennifer Walker (Treasurer), Joan Megson, Kirsten Garstang, 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: Gilbert Farquhar.

Police Report

No representatives of Police Scotland were present.

Matters Arising.

Defibrillators

Les Taylor reported that the next 3 units were now in place and operational. The front panels still have masking tape across them because they are not yet wired in but will be very shortly. The batteries last for 5 years and an electricity supply is only required for a small heating element to keep the machines above freezing during cold weather. Defibrillators are now available at the Harbour, the Free Church, Headland Rise, Keith Road and Cummingston. There is no requirement to know the exact locations as it is most important to dial 999 in case of an emergency. The operator will then direct callers to the nearest installation. However, people will notice the green and yellow boxes around the community.

Thanks, again, go to Rob Attridge who has given his time, for free, to wire in the defibs.

Burghead Beach Clean

The previous beach clean at Burghead was again well attended. No date has yet been set for the next one.

Burghead and Cummingston Litter Picks

There is no further update on the use of those undergoing Community Service for clearing litter from the local streets. All areas should now see the weeds dying down after the pavements have been sprayed with weed killer.

Purple Bins at Burghead Harbour

The plastics bins at the Harbour are **still** awaited.

Dredger

The crew of the dredger are reported to be back from summer leave and are due to be working in Hopeman, weather permitting, during the weekend 8/9 September.

Lossiemouth High School

It is understood that the start of work on the replacement High School has been delayed due to Planning Issues. The delay is not expected to be substantial.

Containers at Burghead Harbour

There is still a delay in allocating plots for containers at the Harbour.

AOCB

Parking at Burghead Bowling Club

Abbey Main raised the subject of parking during a recent competition. Many cars were parked on the junction and a minor collision took place. Yellow lines were discussed but no parking restrictions are required because it is an offence to “stop or park... opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space.” – Highway Code, Rule 243. It was decided that Abbey request that the Bowling Club remind visiting players of the parking restrictions and that it considers marshalling parkers at future events. If anyone is concerned about the safety cause by inappropriate parking they should call the Police on 101 to report it, if it is dangerous or obstructive.

Moray Council Consultation on Public Housing Allocation Policy

The Council is consulting on Housing Allocation. A questionnaire can be completed at http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_121313.html (**Note the underscore characters in the web address**). No postal address or telephone contact is given but further information should be available on 0300 123 4566. Any submissions must be made by Sunday, 21 October 2018.

Commercial Hotel Sign

Billy Davidson had been approached by the owner of the Commercial Hotel, (now Broch House), offering the large sign, at the entrance to Burghead for public use. It was decided to pass this information to the Headland Trust which may be able to make use of it.

Chairman's Correspondence

The Chairman said that he had received 2 letters from resident.

- 1) The first was from a householder asking for Community Council backing for his application for a “Community Asset Transfer”, (CAT) of a piece of ground currently owned by Moray Council. This piece of land is immediately in front of the correspondent's house and it would appear that the intention was to use it as private land. It was agreed that the Chairman would inform the gentleman that it would appear that he has possibly misunderstood the concept of CATs – the idea is that a community group can offer to take on a building or piece of land, that is currently in public ownership, for the benefit of the general public. He would also be advised that if he should wish to purchase the ground, then an application should be made to Moray Council Estates Department.
- 2) The next piece of correspondence was the latest in a series of letters cataloguing a multitude of alleged instances of anti-social behaviour, vandalism and, potentially, criminal damage. The writer suspected that a neighbour was responsible. Another Community Councillor had also received numerous telephone calls from the complainant regarding the same incidents. Although Members sympathised with the gentleman's predicament, he had previously been advised that these incidents were outwith the jurisdiction of the Community Council and were a Police matter. This same advice would be re-emphasised to the letter writer.

Letter of Thanks

A letter of thanks had been received, from the Awesome Club, for the £200 that was given to it out of monies entrusted to the Community Council from previous youth initiatives. The cash was used towards the running costs of the Fun Day in Burghead Station Yard Community Garden.

Being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Date of next meeting Thursday, 4 October 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 > Community > Community Councils > Burghead and Cummington
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 staffing levels.