Burghead and Cummingston Community Council



Minute of regular meeting held at Burghead Harbour Office on Thursday, 1 November 2018

- **Present:** Chris Tuke (Vice-Chairman & Minutes Secretary), Rosie Craig, Gilbert Farquhar, Kirsten Garstang, Joan Megson, Abbey Main, Jim Patterson.
- Apologies: Billy Davidson (Chairman), Les Taylor (Secretary), Jennifer Walker (Treasurer), Moray Councillors Ryan Edwards & Amy Patience.

In Attendance: Moray Councillors John Cowe & James Allan.

Adoption of minute of previous meeting:

Proposed by: Jim Patterson, **Seconded by:** Gilbert Farquhar.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman chaired the Meeting

<u>Police Report</u> No representatives of Police Scotland were present

Matters Arising.

Minutes – Matter of Accuracy

The Minutes Secretary apologised for an omission from the record of the previous meeting. The annual accounts had been presented. This fact would be noted before submission of the adopted minutes to Moray Council. The financial information has been submitted to Moray Council.

Purple Bins at Burghead Harbour

The purple bins had still not arrived at the Harbour. Cllr. Cowe offered to chase up again.

Dredger

It was reported that the Dredger had been back at sea and working. However, the Skipper has now left and his position was to be advertised. The Dredger should still be capable of operating using fill-in crew and the 1st Mate, who holds a Master's Ticket, acting as Captain.

Lossiemouth High School

Work on the replacement Lossiemouth High School has now commenced. The project is on target for the new school to receive its first pupils at the start of the academic year 2020/21. It was reported that the name will remain as Lossiemouth High School.

Remembrance Events

Acts of Remembrance will take place at both Burghead and Cummingston War Memorials at 11a.m. on Sunday, 11 November 2018. Immediately afterwards there will be services in both Burghead Churches.

The railings at the War Memorial are still due to be replaced before Remembrance Sunday.

"Pages of the Sea" - Roseisle Beach has been selected as one of 30, across the UK and Ireland, to host this special Memorial Event to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War. Inspired by Danny Boyle, film producer and director, and in association with Findhorn Bay Arts a picture of a fallen soldier will be drawn in the sand and will then be washed away by the tide. The nearest parking will be at Roseisle Picnic Site. Also, on Remembrance Day from 8:00 a.m. the names of the 52 Burghead men who lost their lives in the First World War will be written in the sand off the "Slappy", Station Road. These names will be visible from the Station Road car park until about 11:00 a.m. when the last names will be washed away by the incoming tide - this is linked in with the Pages of the Sea.

It was noted, with regret, that the beach events clashed with the War Memorial Ceremonies but it was also understood that these events depended on the timing of the tides.

Note: Since the meeting the Chairman has been in contact with Moray Council. Due to the short timescale to Remembrance Sunday, and with funerals due to be held at the Church of Scotland, he asked that work on and around the War Memorial be delayed so that a thorough job could be done with minimum inconvenience. The railings and stone chips will be replaced and the Memorial repointed.

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10-Year Plan

Jim Patterson again spoke of the importance of having a "vision" for the area. Meetings had been due to be arranged but never happened due to illness and holidays. Jim agreed to liaise with the Chairman and others to arrange future meetings.

Burghead Twinning

Joan Megson spoke of her visit to <u>Telavåg</u>. Telavåg is village of around 600 people 24 miles South-West of Bergen, Norway. In 1942 the village was destroyed for its involvement in the "Shetland Bus" Operations and all residents incarcerated, many being executed. Investigations are being made regarding the possibility of forming an official "Twinning" between Burghead and Telavåg.

Burghead Primary School Head Teacher

Interviews to appoint a Head Teacher at Burghead Primary School should take place on Friday 2 November 2018.

Note: It has been confirmed that the Acting Head Teacher, Lesley MacLennan, was successful at interview and has been appointed to the role.

Hopeman to Lossiemouth Track

Cllr. Cowe informed the meeting that negotiations with land-owner were still on-going with regard to this project and that things had "moved on a little".

Clash Gour Wind Farm

The developers of Clash Gour Wind Farm, 7 miles south of Forres, offered a public meeting to inform local communities of the development and funding opportunities. Joan Megson would gauge public support and liaise with Force 9 Energy.

Being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Date of next meeting Thursday, 6 December 2018 at 7.30pm in Burghead Harbour Office.

Chris Tuke Minutes Secretary.

Copies of previous minutes and information regarding Burghead available on-line at: The Moray Council Website <u>www.moray.org</u> > Community > Community Councils > Burghead and Cummingston <u>www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_117680.html</u>

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