

# **Burghead and Cummington** **Community Council**



**Minute of regular meeting held at Burghead Harbour Office on  
Thursday, 6 February 2020**

**Present:** Billy Davidson (Chairman), Les Taylor (Secretary), Jennifer Walker (Treasurer), Chris Tuke (Minutes Secretary), Abbey Main, Gilbert Farquhar, Liz McKnockiter, Jim Patterson, Rosie Craig

**Apologies:** Joan Megson, Danielle Slater (Associate Member)  
Moray Councillors James Allan, Ryan Edwards

**In Attendance:** Moray Councillor John Cowe & Amy Taylor  
Inspector Kerry Rigg, (Police Scotland)

**Adoption of minute of previous meeting:**

**Proposed by:** Abbey Main

**Seconded by:** Les Taylor

**The chairman suspended the meeting to allow Insp. Rigg to deliver her Police Report.**

## Police Report

Insp. Rigg reported that there had been a “spike” in rural theft, of late and that anyone living on farms or outwith settlements should take action to ensure that their belongings were secure and to report any suspicious activity to the Police.

The chairman suspended the meeting to allow thanked Insp. Rigg for the policing of the Clavie and stated that he thought that it had been managed in an exceptionally good way. Insp. Rigg accepted the vote of thanks and said that it was her intention that, for future Clavies, the police presence would be even lower key. This was welcomed by all present.

The only incidents on the monthly report were of 3 abandoned vehicles which had been dealt with by the Moray Council.

Insp. Rigg was informed that the only outstanding issue, that the Community Council was aware of, was of a small group of 10 to 11 year-olds who were causing damage and intimidating residents by persistent door-knocking.

**Insp. Rigg left the Meeting.**

## **Matters Arising**

### Energy Drop-in Event

Liz McKnockiter reported that the session went well with around 200 people attending. The common issues were, as expected, the cost of domestic heating and the lack of transport to Lossiemouth, during the day, and to Elgin at evenings and Sundays. These and other issues raised will be taken forward by Fi Thomson of Rural Wisdom, along with Members of the Community Council, will be taking these matters forward with both the local Council and the Scottish Government.

Alongside this event, the Hall Fund-Raising Committee organised a Pop-up Café which raised around £380. The Committee wishes to express its thanks to all who attended, helped and donated.

### Friends of Burghead Cemetery

Abbey Main told the meeting that the Friends of Burghead Cemetery Facebook Page was now up and running. 15 rose bushes have been promised and over 70 people have “liked” the Page. Abbey said that he is investigating a Crowd Funding web page and hopes that more volunteers will come forward to assist with the planting and bi-annual maintenance of the plants. Abbey will also be contacting local garden centres to obtain the best deal.

Search Facebook for “Friends of Burghead Cemetery - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2437073749952663>

### Defibrillators

The defibrillator at on Keith Road has now been used twice and replaced. Unfortunately, one attempt was unsuccessful but the other use possibly saved a life. The damaged lock on the Free Church Cabinet has now been repaired.

Lynne Murrie, from the Scotmid Shop, has arranged a Coffee Morning in aid of Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland which will take place in Burghead Community Hall on Saturday, 15 February from 10am until 12 noon. Defibrillator and basic first aid training will be provided by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

### Harbour Shelter

In these times of tight Local Authority Budgets, it appears that no Council Grants are available to cover the ground rent for the Shelter and no exemption can be obtained. The Community Council will investigate the possibility of gaining a “Community Asset Transfer” where the Community Council can take ownership of the land beneath the building and therefore negate the rental payment. This is a protracted and bureaucratic procedure that may take some months if, indeed, it ever come to be.

This is not the Community Council’s preferred option but appears to be the only avenue left.

A Coffee Morning is to be held on Saturday, 14 March, from 10am until 12 noon, to raise fund towards these costs. Any offers of assistance or donations and raffle prizes should be made to John Main at Brooklyn, St. Aethan's Road and would be much appreciated.

### Community Energy Fund

Jim Patterson, sadly, informed the Meeting that the application to the Climate Action Fund had been unsuccessful. It is hoped to get feedback to help to strengthen any future bids.

### Hopeman to Lossiemouth Cycle Track

Councillor Cowe said that things were moving on with the proposed cycle track. Consultants have been appointed to speak to the local landowners, agree a final route before next stage of project.

### **AOCB**

#### "Bud"

The Secretary had received correspondence from Poppy Scotland announcing the arrival of Bud. In the words of Poppy Scotland, "This is a ground-breaking new project that aims to explore a contemporary understanding of remembrance. Known as 'Bud', the 18-tonne truck transforms into an interactive learning space and will travel to schools and events across the country over the coming years. Bookings for events can be made directly at [www.poppybud.org.uk](http://www.poppybud.org.uk)



It was decided that the Primary School would be made aware of this offer.

If any Service or Ex-Service Personnel or their families require assistance, in time of need, they should contact 0131 550 1557 or e-mail [gethelp@poppyscotland.org.uk](mailto:gethelp@poppyscotland.org.uk)

### Poppy Collector

Patrick Glendinning has been the local Poppy Collector for several years and is hoping to retire from the post. Anyone willing to take up the position should contact Patrick directly at 17 Station Road, or telephone 830932. Patrick has provided sterling work over the years and the Community Council joined in a vote of thanks for all his efforts.

### Dredger

Harbour users and the Community Council were pleased to see the dredger in Burghead and operational.

### Play Park Equipment

Liz McKnockiter reported that the zip-wire at the Playing Field was broken and had been for some time. Councillor Cowe is to enquire with Lands & Parks.

### Citizens Advice Bureau Extended Outreach Services

**The following information was received from CAB;**

#### **"NEW Extended Outreach Service: Moray Citizens Advice Bureau"**

Moray Citizens Advice Bureau is pleased to announce our new extended Outreach Services commencing on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020.

We aim to help people living along the coastal areas of Moray including Burghead, Cullen, Lossiemouth, Buckie and Forres. These additional locations will also enhance availability to our services to clients located in Speyside, Portknockie, Findochty, Hopeman, Covesea and Cummington.

Moray CAB Manager, Mary Riley, said: 'The additional outreach locations will help people access Moray CAB advice and information services. We provide a holistic service and clients can contact Moray CAB if they are facing issues related to Benefits, Housing, Employment, Utilities, Immigration, Health, Family, Consumer, Debt and Money, Law and Courts or anything else. This extended service would not be possible without the Beatrice Partnership Fund and I wish to thank SSE for providing this funding. The project will run for two years'.

Our service is Free, Confidential, Impartial and Independent.

**To arrange an appointment at one of the NEW outreach locations please contact our Community Project Adviser on 01343 559006 to make an appointment.**

<b>Location</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Day and Time</b>
Aberlour Library	Fortnightly	Tuesday 2.30 pm (commencing 11/2/20)
<b>Burghead Library</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Thursday 5 pm</b> <b>(commencing 27/2/20)</b>
Buckie Job Centre	Weekly	Thursday 9.30 am (commencing 6/2/20)
Cullen Library	Monthly	Tuesday 2 pm (commencing 18/2/20)
Forres Jobcentre	Weekly	Monday 1 pm (commencing 3/2/20)
Lossiemouth Library	Fortnightly	Tuesday 10 am (commencing 18/2/20)

CAB also has a tool to check whether you are paying the correct amount of Council Tax. This can be found at [www.checkmycounciltax.scot/](http://www.checkmycounciltax.scot/) or by phoning 0800 085 7145.

**Being no further business, the meeting was closed.**

**Date of next meeting Thursday, 5 March 2020 at 7.30pm in Burghead Harbour Office.**

Chris Tuke  
Minutes Secretary.

Copies of previous minutes and information regarding the Community Council are 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\\_60801.html](http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_60801.html)

**Please use the Grampian Police number to report  
all non-emergency issues.**

**101**

**Crimestoppers – 0800 555 111**

**Antisocial Behaviour – 01343 563134**  
**antisocialbehaviour@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.