

Burghead and Cummingston **Community Council**



**Minute of regular meeting held at Burghead Harbour Office on
Thursday, 5 March 2020**

Present: Billy Davidson (Chairman), Jennifer Walker (Treasurer), Abbey Main,
Chris Tuke (Minutes Secretary), Gilbert Farquhar, Joan Megson,

Apologies: Les Taylor (Secretary), Liz McKnockiter, Jim Patterson, Rosie Craig,
Danielle Slater (Associate Member),
Moray Councillors James Allan, Ryan Edwards & Amy Taylor

In Attendance: Moray Councillor John Cowe
P.C. Vicki Marshall (Police Scotland)
Audrey Wilson

Adoption of minute of previous meeting:

Proposed by: Abbey Main

Seconded by: Gilbert Farquhar

The Chairman suspended the Meeting for the Police Report.

Police Report

The Police Report noted that there had been one out of control dog reported, in Burghead, which is being investigated. Owners are reminded of their responsibility, in relation to dogs, to ensure everyone's safety.

There was a theft of tools from at Hopeman Post Offices, respectively. Although these are outwith our area, it is a warning to local businesses to remain vigilant. Those responsible, for the crimes, have been identified as not belonging to the area and are being sought.

PC Marshall said that the Scotmid Shop had barred several local children due to their unruly behaviour. She also stated that the frequency of Police Patrols had been stepped up around the area and, particularly, the School.

The Anti-Social Behaviour Unit reported just one incident, that of a noise complaint.

PC Marshall left the Meeting.

The Chairman invited Audrey Wilson to address the Meeting.

Ms. Wilson said that her grandfather, William Main, had been the Provost of Burghead in the 1960s. She said that all other Provosts had had street named after them but not him. She asked if it would be possible. In previous communication she had asked the same question and was advised that changing existing names were fraught with problems both from residents and Moray Council. She was told that it was likely that the Community Council would look favourably on the option of having a road named after her grandfather in any future development and would support this option with Ward Councillors. She was invited to attend this Meeting to give her point of view.

After hearing from Audrey the Community Council agreed that this would be the preferred option and Councillor Cowe was also supportive, in principle.

Ms. Wilson left the Meeting.

Matters Arising.

Friends of Burghead Cemetery

Abbey Main said that he was working with Sharon Davidson to set up a “Just Giving Page” to allow people locally and further afield to make cash donations and that a time had been set for people to deliver rose bushes for planting once the weather improves. Hybrid Tea Roses are preferred and the Community Council fully supports his efforts. He thanked people that had already promised to give roses.

Abbey will be at the Harbour Shelter between 10am and 12 noon on Monday 30 March to accept donations.

Harbour Shelter

The option of a “Community Asset Transfer” of the ground on which the Shelter stands is to be further investigated. This would allow the Community Council to own the land and remove the need to pay Ground Rent to Moray Council.

A Coffee Morning is to be held, in the Community Hall from 10-12 noon on Saturday, 14 March 2020 to raise funds for the running cost of the Shelter.

Hopeman to Lossiemouth Cycle Track

Councillor Cowe advised that Project Managers had been appointed to finalise the route and negotiations with land-owners. He said that the project was now on “a firm footing”.

Poppy Appeal Local Co-ordinator

A volunteer is still required to replace Patrick Glendinning as the local collector. Abbey Main suggested that, if no-one was to come forward, the Community Council could look to take on the responsibility. Although it is still hoped that someone will take on the role, the Community Council could step in as a last resort.

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) Outreach Service

The CAB are now running regular sessions in Burghead Library on Thursdays from 5pm. 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. **No appointment is necessary.**

Kresanna Aigner joined the Meeting.

AOCB

Action in the Event of Self-Isolation (Coronavirus [COVID-19])

Joan Megson suggested that the Community Council could provide deliver services to any residents should they need to self-isolate and have no other means of receiving foodstuffs and other essentials. She suggested that the Post Office might offer to receive calls and pass on requests to Community Council Members who would provide the service along with any other volunteers. Billy Davidson is to make further enquiries.

At time of writing, (6 March 2020), there are no known cases, locally.

Development Trust

Joan Megson stated that a meeting is planned for late April with representatives of Forres and Lossiemouth Development Trusts available to answer any question in relation to forming a Trust. Details of date and time will be published once available.

Budget 2020/21

Councillor Cowe informed the Meeting that the Moray Council Budget had been set. Points of interest were that grass cutting was to be re-instated for public areas and that the public toilets would remain open for the majority of the year with a further review due in August 2020.

Replacement Lossiemouth High School

Councillor Cowe stated that the new school is still on schedule to open, in August, for the new academic year. The capacity will be for 800 pupils, there are currently 509.

The Chairman again suspended the Meeting to allow Kresanna Aigner to present information on the 4th Biennial Findhorn Bay Arts Festival.

4th Findhorn Bay Arts Festival – 23-28 September 2020

Kresanna said that many events were planned for this year's Festival. There would be a coastal walk, each day, at venues from Cullen to Findhorn. Many other events are planned and further details will be published, once confirmed.

More information can be found at <https://findhornbayarts.com/project/findhorn-bay-festival-2020/>

Being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Date of next meeting:

Thursday, 2 April 2020 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 www.moray.org > Community > Community Councils > Burghead and Cummington
http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_60801.html

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antisocialbehaviour@moray.gov.uk

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