

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



**Minute of regular meeting held at Burghead Harbour Office on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021**

**Present:** Billy Davidson (Chairman), Les Taylor (Secretary), Jim Patterson, Jennifer Walker (Treasurer), Chris Tuke (Minutes Secretary), Liz McKnockiter, Danielle Slater (Associate Member)

**In Attendance:** Moray Councillor James Allen, John Cowe & Ryan Edwards.

**Apologies:** Abbey Main, Gilbert Farquhar, Rosie Craig  
Moray Councillors Amy Taylor

**Resignation:** Joan Megson

**Adoption of minute of previous meeting:**

**Proposed by:** Jim Patterson

**Seconded by:** Liz McKnockiter

## Resignation

Prior to the meeting, Joan Megson had tendered her resignation, by e-mail, without giving reason. Joan was asked if she would like to reconsider but stood by her original decision. The Chairman expressed his thanks to Joan, for several years of service, which was echoed by other Members.

## Co-option of New Member

Associate Member, Danielle Slater was asked if she would be interested in filling the vacancy presented by Joan Megson's departure and indicated that she would be "delighted". All Members were in agreement. However, Constitutionally, all Members require 14 days' notice of a motion to co-opt so formal notice was given and it is hoped that Danielle's appointment will be confirmed at the next Meeting.

## Police Report

No representatives of Police Scotland were present

## **Matters Arising.**

### Council House Heating Upgrades

Liz McKnockiter is in on-going discussions with the Housing Department over the suitability of air source heat pumps in older properties and if extensive insulation measures would be required.

### Harbour Shelter

The decision regarding rental relief for the Shelter is expected to be made at a meeting of Moray Council on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021. It is expected that a short form will have to be completed to finalise the process.

### **AOCB**

#### Community Meals

The free weekly meals have now finished for the summer. Public money and private donations have funded the food. Thanks were expressed to all involved particularly to the businesses that have been involved, the private donors and the delivery drivers. If necessary, consideration will be given to restarting the service when the weather becomes colder. Alternatively, when we are allowed back inside, a weekly communal meal may be available.

#### Vandalism at Station Yard Community Garden

An incident of low-level vandalism recently occurred. The Police were informed and CCTV identified three 14-year-old culprits. One of these has since apologised and has been doing work around the garden as recompense.

#### Cars

A local car company made the very kind offer of making several cars available to nominated drivers from the covid response group. Insurance would be provided but, it was thought that, along with the Hopeman Minibus and drivers' own vehicles, ample transport was available.

#### Arson

Billy Davidson raised the issue of garden sheds being set on fire. This is extremely dangerous behaviour and, fortunately, no-one has been injured.

Anyone witnessing suspicious behaviour should contact the Police on 101.

**If a crime is in progress or there is immediate risk to life or property phone 999.**

#### War Memorial Flowers

It was questioned whether Moray Council would be providing late season flowers at the War Memorial, this year. Councillor Edwards said that he would find out.

Being no further business, the meeting was closed.

**Date of next meeting: Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> May2021 at 7.00pm ONLINE.**

Chris Tuke  
Minutes Secretary.

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