

Burghead and Cummingston **Community Council**



Minute of regular meeting held at ONLINE on Thursday, 6th May 2021

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

In Attendance: Moray Councillor James Allen, John Cowe

Apologies: Gilbert Farquhar, Rosie Craig
Moray Councillors Ryan Edwards & Amy Taylor

Adoption of minute of previous meeting:

Proposed by: Abbey Main

Seconded by: Les Taylor

Police Report

No representatives of Police Scotland were present

Co-Option of New Member

Following the resignation of Joan Megson, there was a vacancy for a Burghead Community Councillor. Danielle Slater, having been an Associate Member since November 2019, was proposed for co-option to Full Member at the Meeting of 1 April. The required notice period now being passed, it was voted unanimously to offer Danielle the position. The Chairman congratulated Danielle and expressed the thanks of the Community Council.

Matters Arising.

Camper Van Facilities

Following the influx of camper vans, during last summer, Moray Council has proposed installing a waste disposal and fresh water point on waste ground to the immediate south-east of the current H.M. Coastguard Building.

After gathering public opinion, the Community Council objected on the following grounds;

Interference with the operations of H.M. Coastguard,

Pedestrian safety due to increased vehicle movements 🙄

Possibility of spillage of effluent in transit from any other nearby location.

General amenity of residents and visitors using the area for swimming and other water sports.

A delegation from the Community Council and a representative of H.M.

Coastguard met with a Moray Council Officer, on site to discuss the proposal. An option close to the pump house, opposite the Station Garage, was deemed unsuitable due to the number of underground services and unacceptable visual intrusion should it be well separated from the pumping station.

An alternative site of the Harbour Public Conveniences was suggested. It is claimed that this solution had been considered and deemed unsuitable. However, the Community Council believes that it is eminently feasible – fresh and waste water is readily available and safe access by vehicles can easily be maintained.

The Community Council informed Moray Council that, if the Public Convenience option was not viable, then it would not support the installation and would suggest that it was moved to more central positions in Elgin and/or Forres.

Note: We have since been informed that the Public Convenience Option is “100% doable” but await official confirmation.

There is also a possibility of a “phase 2” which would involve improvements in litter facilities, increased cleaning, improvement of the road surface (exact details awaited), enhanced traffic-calming advice signage and protection for the lower grassed area below the Salmon Green.

There is no intention of turning this area into a caravan site. The actions are intended to mitigate any impact from the visitors.

Harbour Shelter

The decision regarding any rental reduction is expected on Wednesday, 12 May 2021.

Note: We have since heard that the rent reduction scheme was sanctioned by Councillor and the application process has been started, automatically, by Council Staff. The Community Council thanks Councillors and staff for their efforts.

War Memorial Flowers

It has been confirmed that Moray Council will provide flowers for the War Memorial, this autumn. The plants are being grown by Greenfingers.

Burghead Floral

Plans are in place to brighten up Burghead once again. Unfortunately, due to restrictions, fund-raising events could be held and the organisers are appealing for help.

Any donations can be given to;
Rosemary and Billy Davidson at Braemoray, 21 Station Road,
or
Helen Elder 28 Grant Street.
Thank you.

Kresanna Aigner joined the meeting

The Chairman suspended proceedings to allow Kresanna Aigner, of Findhorn Bay Arts, to address the meeting.

Kresanna explained that Findhorn Bay Arts is hoping to bring the large puppet “Storm” to Burghead on 11 Sep 21. Up to 40 volunteer stewards will be required locally and a drone pilot would also be welcome. Findhorn Bay will cover all costs and deal with the associated bureaucracy. Further details to follow.

Liz McKnockiter will be the point of contact for this event.

The Chairman thanked Kresanna, wished her well and advised that we would recruit stewards closer to the time and following confirmation.

Kresanna Aigner left the meeting

AOCB

Councillor Cowe said that he had been in discussion with Burghead Outdoor Sports Club which had suffered a water leak in the pavilion. The Council owns the building and arrange insurance. The Club lease the site and pay the insurance premium. It would appear that a mix up has occurred when the policy was renewed and certain elements of cover removed, unbeknown to the Club. Councillor Cowe has strongly defended the Club’s position and it is expected that, in the event of the insurer not paying out, the Council will cover the cost of repairs. It will be ensured that suitable insurance cover will be in place for the future.

Dredger

It is understood that Moray Council’s Dredger, the Selkie, is to be hired out to a contractor who would then provide services to Moray Harbours amongst other work.

Being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Date of next meeting:

Thursday, 3rd June 2021 at 7.30pm ONLINE.

Chris Tuke
Minutes Secretary.

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The Moray Council Website www.moray.gov.uk > Community > Community Councils > Burghead and Cummington
http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_60801.html

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