

Burghead and Cummingston **Community Council**



Minute of regular meeting held at Burghead Harbour Office on Thursday 2nd November 2017

Present: Billy Davidson (Chairman), Les Taylor, Jennifer Walker, Chris Tuke, Rosie Craig, Gilbert Farquhar, Abbey Main, Joan Megson, Jim Patterson.

Apologies: Kirsten Garstang, Moray Councillors James Allan, Amy Patience.

In Attendance: Moray Councillor John Cowe,
Moray Councillor Ryan Edwards.
Ken Glass – Defibs for Moray
Danielle Slater, Jill Jones & Jennifer Christison – All of Burghead Hall Committee

Adoption of minute of previous meeting:

Proposed by: Les Taylor

Seconded by: Abbey Main

The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow Mr. Ken Glass from Defibs for Moray to address the meeting and for a discussion on fund-raising to be held with representatives of Burghead Community Hall Management Committee.

Defibs for Moray

Mr. Glass gave a short presentation on Defibs for Moray saying that it was a newly-constituted group aiming to provide automated electronic defibrillators (AED) across Moray along with maintenance and training. He said that whilst the first installation had been made, in Forres, it was still early days. The group was in the process of sourcing funding and, if our community wished to organise any events, any monies would be ring-fenced for use in our area.

Each machine and container would cost £1,650 plus any costs incurred for mounting and connecting the equipment to a mains electricity supply. Defibs for Moray would arrange battery replacements and any routine maintenance.

Chris Tuke mentioned that Grant Cormie had been offering funds to local groups from the Harbour Inn's Charity Cycle Ride and thought that there may still be money available if the proposal was deemed acceptable by Grant.

Note: Since the meeting Grant has pledged £500 towards the project – thank you the Harbour Inn.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Glass who then left the meeting.

Burghead Community Hall

Abbey Main has recently visited the Community Hall accompanied by Cllr. Cowe, Chairman of Moray Council's Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee. It is well known that internal redecoration is badly needed and Abbey arranged the tour to appraise Cllr. Cowe of the condition and to seek advice on funding.

The members of the Hall Committee explained that funding was in place to allow the front of the Hall to be re-pointed early in the New Year and that there was no point in starting internal works until that was complete. Estimates had been received, from one company, for several options, dependant on the conditions that would be found on removal of the surface plaster. These ranged from £8,000 to £14,000.

Cllr. Cowe offered several potential funders and suggested that quotations were sought from at least 3 different companies.

The Chairman thanked the members of the Hall Committee for their attendance. They, in turn, thanked Cllr. Cowe and the Community Council for the warm welcome and helpful advice.

The members of the Hall Committee left the meeting.

Matters Arising

Police Report

The Secretary had received a message regarding the Police Report. Unfortunately, no report was attached. An e-mail explaining the omission gained no response.

Cemetery Car Park

Cllr. Cowe confirmed that disabled parking bays would be marked out, in the car park, next to the pedestrian gate. There was discussion on improving the path between the 2 areas. It was suggested that this should be done to assist disabled access. If this was not forthcoming then another option would be to contact the Criminal Justice Department.

Tree at Grant Lane/Sellar Street

Billy Davidson and Tim Betts, Community Warden, are to visit on Monday, 6 November.

Rubbish at Harbour

An e-mail received from Duncan Brown, Harbours Manager, confirmed that the £20/qtr per boat was for use of the green bins only and not for uplift of oils, discarded fishing gear etc.

The bins at the Harbour are for boat users only and not for use by the general public.

Future Plan

It was agreed that Billy Davidson, Jim Patterson and Joan Megson would meet, informally, to discuss ideas.

Burghead and Cummington Community Council Constitution

Once again, the staff at the Moray Council rejected our easy-to-read Constitution. Rather than go through protracted negotiations with Moray Council, (for a second time), members unanimously decided, (by e-mail between meetings), to accept the inferior and jargon-filled, one-size-fits -all “model” constitution.

However, one important clause was included to allow the Community Council to own property. This is important as it holds title to the Harbour Shelter. Also included was a clause emphasising a previous decision that, should the Community Council dissolve, then all efforts should be made to transfer the property to another similar body or into the ownership of the community thereby avoiding any assets falling to Moray Council.

Les Taylor stated that the revised Constitution had been accepted by Moray Council.

Cemetery

All previous suggestions regarding the cemetery had been actioned satisfactorily.

Remembrance Sunday 2017

Wreath laying ceremonies will take place in both Burghead and Cummington at 11am on Sunday, 12th November at the respective war memorials. It is the first time for many years that an event has been held in Cummington and the Community Council was pleased to see its return.

Glass Recycling in Burghead

Following the enquiry made through Cllr. Edwards for glass collection bins to be returned to Burghead, an e-mail response was received. The message stated that all residents now have “kerb-side collection” containers, there is, therefore no requirement for bulk receptacles.

If residents require additional recycling containers they can be delivered free of charge within 10 days by contacting Moray Council – waste@moray.gov.uk

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Moray Councillor Attendance

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Cowe and Cllr. Edwards for their attendance at the meeting but, again, voiced his extreme displeasure at the absence of Cllr. Patience. Cllr. Patience attended to first Community Council meeting following Local Government elections in May and has not been seen since. He suggested that the Community Council write to the Moray Council and her Political Party Office on this matter. Chris Tuke suggested that it would be better to send an e-mail, to the Councillor in question, requesting an explanation, this course of action was agreed.

Parking Charges at Elgin Railway Station

Jim Patterson raised the question of proposed parking charges at the station. Some members were of a mind to object in the current consultation, others thought that the fees were reasonable, It was agreed that the Community Council would not submit a formal response but Members were free to lodge individual comments.

Antisocial Behaviour

Rosie Craig said that there had been incidents outside the Station Garage, Burghead with cars being walked over and damage caused. Fortunately, the garage owner was able to effect repairs and the owner of the vehicle was advised to contact the police.

Parking on King Street and Fraser Road, Burghead

Les Taylor said that he had received complaints regarding parking on King Street. This is a regular problem throughout the old town as there is insufficient off-street parking available because development was long before the number of cars increased to the present number.

Gilbert Farquhar had also received complaints regarding residents parking outwith the designated parking bays on Fraser Road.

Residents are requested to park thoughtfully and any incidences of dangerous or obstructive parking should be reported to the police.

Domestic Waste Bins

Reports of wheelie-bins being left on pavements for extended periods were received. Householders are requested to remove bins from the street as soon as practically possible.

Traffic Safety

Les Taylor had also received concern over the “shine” opposite Roseisle Maltings Pumping Station. The complainant was concerned that lighting could distract motorists. Some members agreed, others thought that it may be unsympathetic to raise a complaint and that if the lighting was mistaken for a vehicle, it would only act to slow traffic. It was agreed that Les would advise the Moray Council Roads Department, in the first instance, if they felt strongly enough.

Other Meetings

Jim Patterson and Abbey Main will attend a workshop on the future of Community Councils on 28 Nov 17 and Billy Davidson and Jim will attend the forthcoming meeting of the Joint Community Council.

Harbour Shelter

Gilbert Farquhar had received a request from regular users of the Harbour Shelter for a replacement window with opening vents. This was agreed and would be paid out of funds held for maintenance of the facility. As portable gas heating is used, the extra ventilation would enhance safety.

Being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Date of next meeting Thursday 7th December 2017 at 7.30pm.

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_110610.html

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

0845 600 5 700

Community Warden - Tim Betts- 07800 670665

Tim.Betts@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.