

# Burghead and Cummingston Community Council



**Minute of regular meeting held at Sellar Street Hall on Thursday, 5 August 2021**

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

**In Attendance:** Moray Councillor John Cowe

**Apologies:** Jennifer Walker (Treasurer), Abbey Main, Gilbert Farquhar, Rosie Craig  
Moray Councillors James Allen, Ryan Edwards & Amy Taylor

**Adoption of minute of previous meeting:**

**Proposed by:** Les Taylor

**Seconded by:** Liz McKnockiter

Police Report

No representatives of Police Scotland were present

**Matters Arising.**

Camper Van Facilities

Following concerns raised in public comments, the Community Council has decided to accept Moray Council's offer to resurface the road from the Station Garage to the south-western end of Park Street and also to have the track, from there, to the Caravan Site, filled and levelled. No action with the grass below the Salmon Green will take place and "no overnight parking" signs are to be erected. The waste disposal point will be by the public toilets, at the Harbour and work is expected to start in September.

"Storm"

A 10m-tall puppet will be visiting Burghead on Saturday, 11 September providing 3 shows at 12 noon, 2:00pm & 4:00pm.

There is no charge for this event but people are strongly advised to register as places are limited.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/findhorn-bay-arts>



## **AOCB**

### Burghead & Hopeman Medical Surgeries

Evidence is building that both Burghead and Hopeman Surgeries are not to reopen following their closure due to Covid regulations. It is being stated that the current facilities are “not fit for purpose” and that “other options are being investigated.”

The Community Council has not yet been officially informed but find these suggestions highly unacceptable, particularly for residents without their own transport. It is expected that a “consultation” will be held prior to a final decision and everyone is strongly encouraged to participate.

### Local Resilience Plan

A team of Community Councillors and representatives from other agencies have been preparing draft resilience plans which would eventually be delivered to every household. The booklet would contain emergency contacts and advice on actions to take in the event of certain emergencies. An Open Day is to be held, in Elgin Town Hall on 26 March, next year.

### Covid

With the Covid restriction eventually winding down, the Community Council is advising residents to remove any Covid status posters from their windows. We are most grateful to everyone who played a part in the response and anyone who still is in need of assistance, in any form, is welcome to contact us if they get less than acceptable results from the statutory agencies.

### Community Council Elections – October 2021

This term of the Community Council is coming to an end and finishes on 3 October 2021 when it will be dissolved. Several Members are standing down, for various reasons, some after many years of service.

Burghead has 8 Councillors and Cummingston 2. If these numbers are not exceeded, then applicants are elected, unopposed. If there were, say, 7 candidates from Burghead and 3 from Cummingston, they would all be elected.

If there are more applicants than seats then there is a postal ballot.

If you are interested in your community and want to be involved in making a difference, then this is the way to do it.

Thanks go to the departing Members and good wishes, for the future, to those who continue in post and to the new Members that join them.

More details will follow once the “Notice of Election” is published on 23 August 2021.

# Community Council Elections 2021



Last date for application to the Electoral Register	Monday 12 July 2021
Notice of Election - Publication of public notice calling for Nomination of candidates	Monday 23 August 2021
First time for candidate to lodge nomination papers	Tuesday 24 August 2021
<b>Latest time for candidates lodging nomination papers</b>	<b>Not later than 4pm on Thursday 30 September 2021</b>
Final date for the withdrawal of nominations	Not later than 4pm on Thursday 30 September 2021
<b>Declaration of Community Council established, if uncontested</b>	<b>5pm on Thursday 30 September 2021</b>
<b>Start of new term for uncontested Community Councils</b>	<b>Monday 4 October 2021</b>
Publication of Notice of Poll for contested seats/Community Councils ( <i>if required</i> )	Thursday 30 September 2021
<i>Postal votes for all contested areas prepared and printed</i>	
Last day for Postal Votes to be issued for Contested Seats*	Wednesday 13 October 2021
<b>Close of Poll (<i>if required</i>)</b>	<b>Thursday 28 October 2021</b>
Counting of Votes	By Thursday 4 November 2021
Declaration of Community Council established (contested) (Election Results)	<b>By Thursday 4 November 2021</b>

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Web: [www.moray.gov.uk/communitycouncils](http://www.moray.gov.uk/communitycouncils)



Being no further business, the meeting was closed.

**Date of next meeting:**

**Thursday, 2 September 2021 at 7.00pm in Sellar Street Hall.**

Chris Tuke  
Minutes Secretary.

Copies of previous minutes and information regarding Burghead available on-line at:

The Moray Council Website [www.moray.gov.uk](http://www.moray.gov.uk) > 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.