

Burghead and Cummington Community Council



Minutes of regular meeting held in Burghead Community Hall, Thursday 2 December 2021

Present: Jim Patterson (Chairman), Billy Davidson,
Jennifer Walker (Treasurer), Liz McKnockiter, Ryan More, Danielle Slater

In Attendance: Moray Councillors John Cowe and Ryan Edwards
Debra Duke Community Council Liaison Officer

Apologies: Julia Law and Abbey Main and Councillor James Allan

1. Police Update

No representatives of Police Scotland were present. Report to be circulated once received.

2. Guest Presentation and Apologies

No guest presentation.

Apologies received and noted from Julia Law and Abbey Main.

3. Minutes of meeting held on 4 November 2021

The minutes were approved as a correct record. Jim Patterson mentioned that the approval of the minutes can be done through email in preference to waiting until the next monthly meeting. This would facilitate a speedier publication to the community. All agreed with his proposal.

4. Matters Arising from minutes

- a) NHS Grampian community engagement. Dates had been set for the community engagement regarding medical service in Burghead - Tuesday 30th November 2-4pm Community Hall and Tuesday 7th Burghead Free Church 6-8 pm.
- Liz attended drop in on the 30th and provided some feedback:
 - The session had seemed to be well attended. At the Hopeman session 21 had attended; at Burghead 43 had attended.
 - Turning the dental rooms at Moray Coast Practice into clinical rooms will cost £170,000. The display boards at the meeting had been crowded.
 - There was no information about Hopeman surgery provided at the Burghead session. There were structural issues with the Hopeman surgery building.
 - There had been some confusion with some attendees expecting a presentation and a question and answer session.
 - Had asked for an exit survey to be completed. 29 were returned. Of these 21 were not happy with the consultation event; 4 were happy and 4 were not sure. The results of these would be shared with the CC in more detail.
 - When the Burghead surgery had been open there had been 57 appointments each week. The surgery had only opened for 3 mornings each week.
 - A list of reasons why the Burghead surgery was not fit for purpose was provided.
 - The surgery was in a rented building. The lease was due for renewal in 2023.
 - The requirement to comply with the Disability Discrimination Act 2005 was listed. This was the first time that the issues had been raised and the act was 16 years old.
 - Were there options for remodelling the premises? Could the freeholder of the building extend it?

- General feeling was that the decisions to close the surgeries in Burghead and Hopeman had been made and that the consultation was to justify the closures.
 - Closing the surgeries would exacerbate health inequalities. Rural Wisdom had found that elderly persons in this area were not accessing health services because it was difficult. *Reference required*
 - The Scottish Government had just published the fourth National Planning Framework; position statement. This included a concept of 20-minute neighbourhoods. Removing these surgeries would be in direct conflict with this idea. NPF4 will be redesigned to support the population's health and wellbeing and address longstanding health inequalities.
 - The biggest issue was the lack of transport to Lossiemouth to access GP services. It was not a long-term solution to rely on the Community Minibus. This was run by volunteers.
 - Talks were ongoing with Stagecoach. This could cost £150,000. Was this option feasible? Concerns were raised about the reliability of bus services.
 - Current service at Moray Coast is difficult to access as the surgery is regularly short staffed.
 - Thanks to Ryan More for doing a live video for Facebook of the event.
- b) Clavie event: insurance (This year is paid for follow up for with Zurich on year) need Risk assessments for Zurich to view.
- The Clavie has risk assessments in place. These can be shared with Zurich.
- c) Community council members need to agree that the Clavie committee can be a sub group of the community council? This needs to be included in the minutes.
- If a sub-group was approved it should have a member of the community council on it.
 - A standing agenda item should be considered at each community council meeting. The sub-group should report to the community council when relevant.
 - Contact to be made with Zurich in 2022 to address insurance for 2023 event.

RESOLVED:

1. That a Clavie Sub-Group of Burghead and Cummingston Community Council be established.
 2. That Community Councillor Billy Davidson be a member of the sub-group.
- d) Pipes at back shore, been removed?
- Need to confirm if these had been removed.
- e) Poverty in Moray (Liz McKnockiter)
- Liz McKnockiter had attended a series of talks with TSI Moray about Poverty and Resilience in Moray.
 - Moray is a low wage economy.
 - Poverty, particularly child poverty is hidden.
 - Need to influence policy makers.
 - Possible role for JCC
- f) The Queens Platinum Jubilee – Sunday 5th June 2022
- Danielle Slater would start to get a group together in Jan 2022 to plan events.
- g) Stay warm, stay well Training.
- Not attended.
- h) JCC Community Energy Moray
- Note Joan Megson chairing this group
- i) JCC Inaugural meeting attended by Jim Patterson and Billy Davidson.
- Most community councils had sent at least one representative.
 - Jim Patterson re-elected Deputy Chair and also gave a presentation on Resilience Plan.

- JP had offered training to every CC on resilience plans.
 - Each CC would be given guide to generate their own resilience plan and the household plans.
- j) Burghhead Resilience Plan- no progress report.
- Community resilience plans would enable communities to help themselves until other services arrived and then to be able to assist those services.
 - For example, identifying buildings that could be used for evacuation points. SSEN could provide plugs on public buildings for generators.
 - A post would be added to Facebook asking for volunteers to help on a resilience group.
 - The resilience group could also help after an event, such as the recent Storm Arwen.
 - Members of this group do not have to be community councillors.
- k) Positions of secretary and scribe for the minutes are still to be filled.
- Someone could be paid/contracted to take minutes at meetings. CCLLO to check about the best way for the CC to manage this.

5. Correspondence Received

None

6. Community Feedback

Report about erosion of the headland paths. Need to confirm who the landowner was for the area affected.

ACTION: Moray Councillor Cowe said he would check with estates about this issue.

The “No overnight parking” signs had arrived but they had not been erected. Reply had not been received about when they would be put up.

Benches along promenade were in a poor state. Need to look at maintaining these.

There had been some fly tipping at the back of the Maltings.

7. Treasurers Report

Common Good fund solely for repairs to the shelter as it cannot be insured.

Accounts for year 2020/21 were presented.

Payment made for the Blessings Box was from a donation.

Accounts had been independently examined.

8. Reports

a. Local Councillor(s)

Councillor Edwards reported that Moray Council are still meeting remotely. In Jan 2022 budget preparation will commence.

Councillor Cowe reported that there had been a poor turnout in Lossiemouth for the NHSG consultation. See comments earlier in minutes.

b. Community Council Sub Group(s)

None

c. A N Other(s)

None

9. Planning Issues

None

10. The Joint Community Council of Moray

As discussed earlier in meeting suggest that JCC considers issues about poverty in Moray.

11. AOCB

None

12. Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

Thursday 3 February 2022 at 7pm in Burghead Community Hall

TBD

Minutes Secretary.

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

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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Crimestoppers – 0800 555 111

Antisocial Behaviour – 01343 563134

antisocialbehaviour@moray.gov.uk

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