

Burghead and Cummington Community Council



**DRAFT Minutes of regular meeting held in Burghead Community Hall
Thursday 9th June 2022**

Present: Jim Patterson (JP) (Chairman), Abbey Main (AM),
Ryan More (RM), Danielle Slater (DS), Les Taylor (LT) Joan Megson (JM)

In Attendance:
Councillors: Neil Cameron (NC)

Apologies: Jennifer Walker (JW) Debra Duke (CCLO) Community Council Liaison Officer,
Councillors John Cowe (JC), Bridget Mustard (BM) and James Allan (JA)

1. Police Update

No representatives of Police Scotland were present. Report was circulated prior to the meeting.

2. Guest Presentation

No guest presentation.

3. Minutes of meeting held on 7th May 2022

The minutes were approved as a correct record. (AM) (RM)

4. Matters Arising from minutes

Closure of doctors' surgery:

The Moray Council Integration Joint Board (IJB) meeting had taken place on the 26th May. Conclusion: 8 recommendations that were approved unanimously will now go to consultation for ratification.

The Queens Platinum Jubilee: –

Community Councillor Danielle Slater and the Jubilee committee gave the residents of Burghead and those that attended from Cummington a fantastic and colourful day coupled with events for children and adults. Residents brought their own picnics and Children that attended were given a gift of a Jubilee coin to remember this once in a life time occasion. The Jubilee Beacon positioned at the headland was set alight, many villagers were in attendance. The sound of music and singing was enjoyed by all as we watch the sun go down over the Moray Firth. Congratulation and thank you to all those that made this occasion a very special one.

Burghead & Cummington Resilience Group:

A grant application has been completed and forwarded to SSE for a range of equipment and for the electrical cabling and associated equipment so that the Burghead village hall can be used during power outages. If successful we should know towards the end of July 2022.

Path and steps at Headland:

Moray Council have been requested to carry out a safety evaluation of the steps and path, the location has been identified as Council land. Awaiting conclusion (JP) will request feedback on results. Councillor John Cowe and Neil Cameron will chase up.

Position of secretary and scribe for minutes are still to be filled.

An honorarium could be provided for someone to undertake this position. The amount paid was to recompense for some of the costs of undertaking the work. It was not meant to be a wage and the community council would not employ the person undertaking the work. Amount to be discussed and agreed. Advertise this role on Facebook (DS)

5. Correspondence Received

6. Community Feedback

Caravan parked to the North of the Maltings: Caravan has been there for several weeks then changed out for another. It is believed to be associated with Gypsy/Travellers. Moray Council to be informed. (JP) Post this BCCC meeting the Gypsy/Travellers have moved location to the village sports field. Moray Council officers along with police have visited the site, actions are currently being taken to resolve the issue.

Scottish Land Fund (SLF): (LT) mention several initiatives that had been support by SLF, he then put forward an idea regarding an alternative Doctors Surgery. (LT)

(LT) Mention that he had reported to BEAR damage to the road surface on the A96 junction to Burghead. Surface has been made good by BEAR.

(LT) Said there were concerns regarding large lorries and sometimes artic sized with trailer entering the village side road. He said that consideration for specific signage should be looked at. (LT) (JP)

7. Reports

a. Local Councillor(s)

After discussion on recruiting of new members for the Community Council (NC) mentioned bring a friend or friends to the next meeting, all current member thought this would be a good way of introducing potential members. To be discussed further.

b. Community Council Sub Group(s) (Nil)

8. Planning Issues (Nil)

9. The Joint Community Council of Moray

Energy Fair

Information regarding “Energy Fair” on the **25th June in Elgin Town Hall 10am -5pm.** Under the current climate of high fuel and living costs all are encouraged to attend, help and information reference: Saving Energy, Grants for insulation and heating, Renewable energy, Green Jobs and Community Renewable Energy Schemes.

Speeding in the Communities

Following the last Joint Community Council (JCC) meeting it was agreed that it would be useful if the speeding in the communities Sub Group could be re-established as this is a problem in most areas of Moray and beyond. (AM) & (JM) agreed to look into this with reference to being part of the Sub Group.

10. AOCB

(LT) Mentioned the possibility of enlarging the platform that enables swimmers and canoeist and similar sporting activities into and exiting from the sea. Also mentioned was the possibility positioning 3 benches on the grassed area close to Station Garage, the reason being is that the elderly and those with mobility aids/problems cannot access the current seats on the esplanade due to the height difference between the grass and the walkway. The cobbled walkway is also difficult for some due to its uneven surface.

This topic led the discussion into the esplanade in general and what was needed to enhance the area generally for the public. It was suggested maybe asking the community for suggestions and maybe looking into a 5-year plan. Questions were asked around which group should do this and also liaise with the authorities and others to get funding was considered. To be continued:

(JP) mentioned that: Effective from the 12th April, Moray Council is to allocate a Dial M for Moray bus to serve the **communities around Burghead, Hopeman and Lossiemouth exclusively.** The bus will run from **10:00 to 14:30 Monday to Friday.** Dial M for Moray is an accessible door to door bus service (public roads only) for those unable to use existing forms of transport or do not have a regular bus service. This service is for everyone regardless of age or disability. Registration is free, Fares will be similar to regular bus fares and customers will pay the driver.
National concessionary travel card holders travel free.

All Dial M for Moray journeys must be booked ahead by calling the **booking line on 0300 1234565 between 08:45 and 17:00 Monday to Friday.** Booking can be taken up to **14 days** in advance but must be made no later than **15:00 the day before** you intend to travel. **Please tell the call handler if you are attending a medical appointment at Moray Coast Practice and the service will get you there 10 minutes before your appointment time**

This will run for the next 3 months starting on the 12th April, the findings on its usage during this period will be used to justify a permanent service being provided.
Basically, use it or loose it.

Councillor Neil Cameron mentioned that the next meeting maybe a bring a friend would be a good initiative with regarding recruiting more members onto the BCCC, all agreed with this initiative.

Liz McKnockiter decided to resign from the Community Council. Liz has been a valuable member over many years, she has been instrumental in providing support to the Burghead and Cummington communities and fellow councillors, she will be greatly missed by the BCCC members. However, Liz is still very active within the community and so will focus her energy on the community garden and other groups she has dealings with. All members of the BCCC say thank you and wish all the best for Liz in the future.

11. Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting (voting is on the 7th July) 7pm – 9pm in Burghead Community Hall.

TBD
Stand in Minutes
Secretary.
Jim Patterson

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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all non-emergency issues.**

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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.