

Burghead and Cummington Community Council



DRAFT Minutes of regular meeting held in Burghead Community Hall on Thursday 3 November 2022

Present: Jim Patterson (JP) (Chairman), Abbey Main (AM), Jennifer Walker (JW), Hannah Morris (HM) Joan Megson (JM) Les Taylor (LT)

In Attendance: Councillors: Bridget Mustard (BM), Neil Campbell (NC) Jane Benson (JB) (OTB) and PC McDonald.

Apologies: Danielle Slater (DS), Liz McKnockiter (LM) Debra Duke (CCLO Community Council Liaison Officer) Councillors John Cowe (JC), and James Allan (JA).

1. Police Update

A representative from Police Scotland (PC McDonald) attended the meeting. Members outlined their concerns in regard to a growing number of incidents of anti-social behaviour being experienced in Burghead. These included the throwing of apples and other objects at both homes and moving vehicles, aggressive behaviour to people on the street, the deliberate destruction of donated food items stored in the 'blessing boxes,' and disturbances at the Burghead library. PC McDonald advised this was part of a wider trend being experienced in a number of rural communities, and urged everyone to report these incidents through the 111-telephone number, or through the 999 channel if the incident involved threatening behaviour or threats of violence. He commented that although patrol cars could be sent following reports, those responsible for the behaviour were likely to have left the area and be difficult to identify. 999 calls would continue to receive an immediate response.

The meeting discussed the link between this behaviour and the limited leisure opportunities available to young people in Burghead, although it was noted that the local Youth Club was well-attended.

The Chair thanked PC McDonald for attending.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting: The minutes were approved and adopted as a correct record of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising from minutes

i. Closure of doctors' surgery:

The meeting noted that the meeting held by Health and Social Care Moray to consider the permanent closure of the Burghead and Hopeman branch surgeries on 21 October had been attended by about 60 residents. A strong case for retaining the surgeries had been presented, including potential solutions to the issues with premises raised by the Moray Coast Medical Practice. There followed a discussion concerning whether the consultation exercise was likely to result in a decision to keep the Hopeman and Burghead surgeries open, given the concerns expressed by the Practice in terms of doctors' unwillingness to travel and the suitability of the premises, or whether the decision had already been made.

A public consultation meeting was planned to take place in Burghead Community Hall on 14th November from 18.00- 20.00. This had been well publicised in the village and it was hoped there would be a good turnout. Local councillors and MSPs had been invited to the meeting, and the Chairman urged all those with views on the matter to make them known to their representatives.

ii. Path and steps at Headland:

There was no further information on progress to report.

iii Remembrance Sunday

The ceremony at the Memorial would take place on Sunday 13 November, and the Police would be on hand to direct traffic during the ceremony. The piper had been booked.

5. Correspondence Received

A letter from the Chief Executive had been received. including an invitation to discussions on the Moray Council Draft Corporation Plan to determine what the priorities should be and to consider how best local communities could play an active part in this delivery. Councillors were invited to advise the Chairman if they wish to attend the meeting on 16 November.

6. Community Feedback

i. Caravan parked to the North of Maltings

The Chair advised that no action had been taken that the caravan remained in place. He had received an email regarding the occupants using the beach as a toilet and had been in touch with Moray Council again to press for action, and would follow up with an approach to Environmental Health. A representative from Moray Council had been invited to attend the Council meeting but there had been no response to date.

7. Treasurers Report

The meeting noted the Treasurers Report submitted by Jennifer Walker and audited by Kathleen Main. Following a payment from Scottish and Southern Electricity of £17,368 in September 2022, the closing balance for the year ending 30 September 2022 was £21,118.83. Other sources of income through the year were two payments from Moray Council in the amount of £323.84 each. Expenditure totalling £275.50 had been on the hire of the Community Hall, the Poppy Wreath and the Queens Jubilee.

The Chair advised that the payment from Scottish and Southern was for the purpose of the Resilience Group, and that it would be spend on items including power packs, torches and walkie-talkies.

The Committee recorded their thanks to Jennifer Walker and Kathleen Main who was standing down as Treasurer at this meeting. The new Treasurer would be Sandra Milne.

8. Local Councillors Report

There was a further discussion of the consultation regarding the doctors surgeries in Burghead and Hopeman. Several options for further publicising the strength of local feeling on the matter were discussed, including publicity through newspapers, local radio and local television. All agreed that it would be vital to get the local MSP involved ahead of the meeting where Moray Councillors would take a vote on a decision in January 2020. The lack of transport to the main

surgery in Lossiemouth was highlighted as a key issue. The question was raised over whether either an Elgin or Forres surgery might be prepared to take on the responsibility of running services in Hopeman and Burghead; however, it was agreed that they were unlikely to have capacity.

9. Planning Issues

i Millie Bothy development

There was no further information on the status of the planning application.

ii Ramp

JM provided a short update, noting that council funding was unlikely to be available for this project as the buildings belong to the Harbour Board. It was noted that there was an increasing problem with rats in the area and that this represented a potential health hazard to those accessing the sea at this point.

10. Community Council Sub Group(s)

i. The Joint Community Council (JCC) of Moray

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. The meeting noted that there was a particular problem with speeding on the road heading down to Roseisle from Burghead, and that there was a need for improved signage in Roseisle to make clear the boundaries of the 30 mph zone.

Democracy Day

JM informed the meeting that planning for the forthcoming Democracy Day on 16 November was progressing well and that the many local organisations had expressed an interest in being represented. The Community Council would have a table in the hall. A number of local initiatives would be under discussion including the Community Bus and a Warm Room scheme for the winter months. The Police had been invited to attend but it was not yet clear if they would be able to do so.

11. AOCB

The Chair advised that a £295 profit had been realised from the sale of Jubilee coins. The Jubilee Committee which was formed as a subgroup of the BCCC had requested that the moneys be donated to the Burghead School to the PTA account to be used to part fund the Christmas Party. This was approved.

The initial meeting of the Moray Access Panel (Disability Scotland) had taken place on first November and the Chair asked if any one present would be interested in joining the group, which was focused on ensuring that access arrangements within the area were appropriate for those with either a physical or mental disability, or those with a neurodiversity condition.

A meeting had been held by the Money for Moray (M4M) Just Transition participate ore at budgeting Fund supporting Scotland's North-East economy in a just transition to net zero. Funding for assets which would assist in the transition to net zero was available but the timeframe for applications was very short.

The chair requested that future meetings of the Council should begin at 7:30 pm rather than 7 pm, which the meeting agreed to.

There being no other business, the Chair declared the meeting to be closed.

Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting 1 December 2022 7.30pm – 9.30pm in Burghead Community Hall.

Secretary
Rhona Sim

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http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_60801.html

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