

Burghead and Cummington Community Council



DRAFT Minutes of regular meeting held in Burghead Community Hall on Thursday 6 October 2022

Present: Jim Patterson (JP) (Chairman), Abbey Main (AM), Ryan More (RM), Jennifer Walker (JW), Hannah Morris (HM) Liz McKnockiter (LM)

In Attendance: Councillors: Neil Cameron (NC), Bridget Mustard (BM), Debra Duke (DD) (CCLO Community Council Liaison Officer), Jane Benson (JB) OTB, Nikki Howard (Scottish Orienteering), Douglas Gallagher (Hopeman Golf Club).

Apologies: Danielle Slater (DS), Les Taylor (LT) Joan Megson (JM) James Allan (JA) Jane Benson (JB), John Cowe (JC),

1. Police Update

No representatives of Police Scotland were present at the meeting. Where possible, the Police would attend future meetings; however, they had advised their current focus was on patrolling the area.

2. Guest Presentations

The Chairman welcomed Nikki Howard (Events and Operations Manager, Scottish Orienteering) and Douglas Gallagher (Hopeman Golf Club) to the meeting.

1. Hopeman Golf Club – Mr Gallagher shared with the meeting plans to build a Halfway House on the golf course, comprised of a toilet block and kitchen facility. Efforts were underway to raise the estimated £50,000 building cost. Mr Gallagher also outlined plans for the development of a Junior Academy as part of the club, noting that this was intended to be a facility for the whole area, and that assistance would be provided for children from low income backgrounds who wished to attend. A variety of funding sources for the Academy were being explored, including the Paul Laurie Foundation, and Mr Gallagher asked those present to consider whether they may be aware of any additional funding which the Club may be able to access.

2. Scottish Orienteering – Ms Howard outlined plans for the Moray 2023 orienteering event which would be held during summer 2023 in a number of venues, including the Roseisle Forest with the starting point being Burghead. The event was expected to attract 3,000 competitors and their families, creating opportunities for local businesses to benefit economically. The challenge would be to organise suitable car parking facilities. Parking for cars on a field adjacent to the village had been organised, and it was hoped that parking for camper vans would be available within the village. The meeting discussed possible sites for parking, and it was agreed that these were likely to be limited due to a number of factors. Ms Howard noted this, and suggested further consultation with the community closer to the date of the event, which all agreed to

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

4. Matters Arising from minutes

i. Closure of doctors' surgery:

The meeting noted that the next meeting being held by Health and Social Care Moray to consider the permanent closure of the Burghead and Hopeman branch surgeries was due to be held on 21 October. A public consultation meeting was planned to take place in Burghead Community Hall on 14th November from 18.00- 20.00.

ii. Path and steps at Headland:

The work order for the repairs deemed necessary to make the path safe for public access at all times had now been placed. It was expected to be a number of months before the work was completed.

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 consider how best local communities could play an active part in this delivery. The proposed meeting had been cancelled and rescheduled for the 16 November. Councillors were invited to advise the Chairman if they wish to attend the rescheduled meeting, and LM, HM and JP indicated that they would be interested in attending.

6. Community Feedback

i. Traveller Caravans

The meeting discussed the incident over the summer whereby a number of caravans from the Traveller community had been illegally parked on the playing field. Consideration had been given to how to prevent any recurrence of this, including putting a gate on the entrance, or putting in place pop-up bollards (which could be lowered and raised as desired) and these would be discussed with Moray Council. It was agreed that the situation would be monitored for the time being before any action was taken. The meeting agreed that the underlying problem was a lack of suitable sites within Moray for the Traveller community; without some solution to this being created, it was likely that there would be further incidents of this nature. However, the playing field was an important community resource and needed to be protected.

7. Treasurers Report

The Chairman advised that this will be made available at the next meeting.

8. Local Councillors Report

Councillor Neal Cameron advised that the Council Housing Department was investigating the situation regarding the actions of the new owners of the caravan parks at Burghead and Lossiemouth, whereby attempts were being made to evict a number of long-standing residents due to a change in company policy. Discussions were ongoing with the new management to ensure that the residents' legal rights were being respected.

There had been a recent incident of vandalism as Lossiemouth High School. The culprits had been identified.

With regards to the upcoming meetings on the proposed closures of the Burghead and Hopeman branch doctor surgeries, an online petition was in place and communities were being

are encouraged to promote the attendance of as many people as possible at the forthcoming consultation meeting on 14th November in Burghhead Village Hall.

Ahead of the meeting, Joan Megson had advised that a temporary ramp was going to be built to allow access to the beach for machinery which will repair the groyne. An email had been received from the Council to advise that a meeting had been set up with the contractor for the repairs in order to get an update on the schedule for the works and to enquire about the possibility of making the access ramp permanent.

Preparations for the planned Information Day, involving schools and local community groups, were being progressed and were being led by Joan Megson.

In view of the current cost of living crisis, some communities were looking at plans to open 'warm rooms,' as places which would be heated and where any member of the community would be welcomed. Plans were under discussion to open Spynie Kirk, initially for one day a week. The meeting noted the earlier communication from Joan Megson to the Chairman, advising that there may be funding available for two pilot warm days within Burghhead which the Free Church was interested in taking up.

9. Planning Issues

i Millie Bothy development

The meeting discussed the planning application which had been submitted for holiday accommodation by the conversion of the Millie Bothy within Roseisle Forest. All agreed that this development would be to the detriment of a valuable and well used community facility and that the Community Council should lodge an objection, in addition to those that a number of councillors noted they had submitted on an individual basis. It was further noted that a number of alterations had been made to the site in recent months, some of which potentially contravened planning regulations.

10. Community Council Sub Group(s)

i. The Joint Community Council (JCC) of Moray

Speeding in the Communities

Carried over: 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.

11. AOCB

The Chairman advised that preparations for this year's Remembrance Day on Sunday 13th November were underway, with a piper booked and plans in place for the roads to be appropriately cordoned off. As he may be attending the Remembrance Day ceremony in London this year, the Chairman requested LM lay the wreath on his behalf, which she agreed to.

LM noted the recent rise in anti-social behaviour within the village by a small number of youths, and the distress this was causing to some residents, including the elderly. It was agreed it would be helpful if the Police could attend a subsequent meeting to discuss the measures that could be put in place to combat this.

The meeting discussed the problems reported by LM in relation to a resident whose health had been adversely affected by the severe difficulties they had experienced in getting a doctor's appointment in a timely manner. Subsequent treatment had all been organised within the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, which was difficult and expensive to get to. All agreed that this situation this was unacceptable, and that these problems were widely experience within the community. It was requested that the Chairman should send an email to Moray Council setting out these issues and asking for a response.

It was noted that a request for filming in and around the Burghead area had in the past been submitted to the BCCC at a previous time. The Chairman agreed to find out further information about this and to provide an update to the next meeting.

Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting 3 November 2022 7pm – 9pm in Burghead Community Hall.

Secretary
Rhona Sim

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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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**Antisocial Behaviour - 01343 563134
antisocialbehaviour@moray.gov.uk**

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