Burghead and Cummingston Community Council



DRAFT Minutes of regular meeting held in Burghead Community Hall on Thursday 2 February 2023

Present: Jim Patterson (JP) (Chairman), Abbey Main (AM), Ryan More (RM). Jamie

Campbell (JC), Hanna Morris (HM)

In Attendance: Councillors: Bridget Mustard (BM), Jane Benson (JB), Rhona Sim (RS)

Apologies: Danielle Slater (DS), Liz McKnockiter (LM), Neil Cameron (NC), John Cowe

(JC), Joan Megson (JM),

1. Presentation by the Burghead Youth Club

Four members attended the meeting, together with Sue Hopkinson, to provide an update on their activities and future plans. All were regular attendees at the weekly meeting of the Youth Club and outlined to the meeting the wide range of activities they took part in, with the support of a committed group of adult leaders. The aim of the Youth Club was both to provide opportunities for enjoyment and socialising, and to help members to explore different ways in which they could enjoy living in Burghead and be responsible members of the village community. There were currently 54 registered Club members who had attended 9 sessions, and a further 20 members who had attended a lower number of meetings.

The Youth Club discussed their plans for forthcoming activities involving the community. These included a Film Night which would be family-friendly and free to attend, to be held on 17 February. This would be followed by an Afternoon Tea on 11 March, open to all but to which Senior Citizens would be especially welcome to join Youth Club members for a chat and to be served a delicious tea. Funding had been secured for this event.

The Committee thanked the Youth Club members for their excellent presentation and commended them for their positive contribution to the community in Burghead.

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:

Mr Main reported on the outcome of the meeting on 26 January of the Moray Integration Joint Board (MIJB) with respect to the future of the Burghead and Hopeman branch surgeries of the Moray Coast Medical Practice. The decision made was to keep the surgeries closed; however, the MIJB amended the original recommendation to permanently shut the surgeries, instead approving their closure for the foreseeable future with a review planned to take place in six months.

The Save our Surgeries group felt strongly that the communities of Burghead and Hopeman had not had their concerns properly listened to, and that the decision-making process was badly flawed. Local councillors had spoken up in favour of the local surgeries, and the local MP and MSP would continue to be engaged with to secure as much support as possible. The campaign to save the surgeries would continue with a number of events and engagement activities under consideration.

ii. Path and steps at Headland:

A work order had been requested to get a survey done as part of the quote for any repairs deemed necessary to make safe the access for the public at all times.

iii Caravan parked to the North of Maltings

The caravan had now been removed. Some rubbish had been left behind, and the Chair reported that an email had been sent to Moray Council requesting its removal.

5. Treasurers Report

The handover to the new Treasurer was nearer completion with the updated mandate in place with the Bank of Scotland.

6.Reports

Reports on the ramp and promenade, and on the Democracy Day event were deferred until the following meeting.

7. Planning Issues

There was no update on the progress of the planning application currently lodged with the Moray Council in relation to the Millie Bothy.

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. There was no further update on this.

11. AOCB

The Chair advised that after careful consideration, he had decided to step down from the Chair position, preferably from the following meeting at 2 March but would continue as a Community Council member until the next election, having now served for a period of 27 years. The Committee thanked Mr Patterson for his dedicated service to the Community Council.

The Committee noted the resignation of Les Taylor from the Council.

The Committee approved a donation of £100 from BCCC funds to support the 'Warm Rooms' initiative in Burghead whereby the

It was agreed that following the removal of funding from the BCCC to the Harbour Hut, this would no longer be the responsibility of the BCCC.

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

Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting 2 March 2023 7.30pm – 9.30pm in Burghead Community Hall.

Secretary Rhona Sim

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