

Burghead and Cummingston Community Council



**DRAFT Minutes of regular meeting held in Burghead Community Hall
on Thursday 11 April 2023**

Present: Liz McKnockiter (LM), Jim Paterson (Chair), Abbey Main (AM), Joan Megson (JM)

In Attendance: Councillors: Neil Cameron (NC)

Apologies: James Allan (JA), Ryan Moore (RM)

Presentation: Defibrillators in Burghead and Cummingston: Kieran's Legacy

The Chair welcomed Sandra McKandie to the meeting as a representative of Kieran's Legacy, the Moray-based charity working to support communities and organisations to obtain and service life-saving defibrillators. Ms McKandie explained that there were currently 4 defibrillators in Burghead which needed to be serviced on a regular basis to ensure they were ready for use, and that if used, the defibrillator pads were replaced. Kieran's Legacy had brought the defibrillators up to a proper standard and were now asking the BCC if they would be prepared to source funding to pay for the maintenance of the defibrillators on an ongoing basis. The cost would be £125 p.a. per defibrillator, for a total of £500 p.a. The meeting agreed that the provision of this potentially life-saving equipment that could be quickly accessed was vital, particularly in rural communities such as Burghead where ambulance response times could be very long. It was therefore AGREED that the BCC would be responsible for providing the funds for this (possibly through a fund-raising coffee morning), and for liaising with Kieran's Legacy to make the appropriate arrangements. The Chair thanked Ms McKandie for the excellent presentation and for the work that the charity continued to do to save lives throughout Moray.

1. Police Update: no representatives from Police Scotland were available to attend the meeting.

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 continuing activity with respect to the future of the Burghead and Hopeman branch surgeries of the Moray Coast Medical Practice. There had been a very good turn out at demonstration against the continued closure of the Burghead and Hopeman branch surgeries on 11 April, although it was noted how disappointing it was that no representative from the Medical Practice was prepared to talk to the demonstrators. It was planned that activity would be continued and escalated where possible;

ii. Path and steps at Headland:

A work order had been requested some time ago 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. There was no update to report, and Mr Cameron advised that he would try to progress this.

iii. Spring Clean Scotland 2023 : it had been suggested that the beach at Burghead would be a good location for the local community to participate in this. Ms Megson was looking into organising this event, and would provide an update to a later meeting.

iv. Burghead Harbour meeting: there was no update on a date for the next meeting

v.50 years of the Moray Community Councils: there was no update on this item

6. Treasurers Report

The delays experienced with the Bank of Scotland in relation to the changeover in the mandate to the new Treasurer continued. Efforts were ongoing to complete this as soon as possible.

6.Reports

Councillor Cameron had advised the previous meeting that the Moray Council would be making available £15,000 for each ward (in this case, Hebden) for applications for funding community projects. Applications were encouraged for this funding.

7. Planning Issues

The meeting noted the planning application currently lodged with the Moray Council in relation to the Millie Bothy had not been progressed but was due to be reviewed by the Council shortly. There was some discussion about a number of current building projects in the community, noting that some Burghead residents had expressed concern over a new dwelling being erected at Billy Lyons yard which was significantly higher than the previous building on that site, and blocking the light from some surrounding houses. Mr Cameron offered to look into this issue and report to the next meeting.

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. There was no update on this.

11. AOCB

- (i) The Chair commented that her intention was to step down from this position in August 2023, and that a replacement would need to be identified by then.
- (ii) Coronation Day: no event had been organised by the Council, but there would be some local activity organised by the churches.

- (iii) Parking in the entrance to the Community Gardens: Moray Council had advised that as this was not land owned by them, they would be unable to provide signage to prevent parking.
- (iv) Facebook page: this was being looked into by Mr Moore with a view to updating the information there.
- (v) Coffee truck: the Council discussed the possibility of there being a coffee truck located on the seafront. It was agreed that this was a good idea, and it was hoped that a private provider of this amenity could be found.
- (vi) Paddleboarding training: an application to use one of the units located on the harbour for a paddleboarding school had been rejected, for reasons that were unclear. Councillor Cameron agreed to look into this.
- (vii) Stagecoach buses; there had been a number of concerns raised about the standard of service, which was particularly important for those reliant on public transport to access medical services. A letter of complaint had been written to the company.

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

Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting: 4 May 2023 7.00pm – 9.00pm in Burghead Community Hall.

Secretary
Rhona Sim

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