

Burghead and Cummington **Community Council**



DRAFT Minutes of regular meeting held in Burghead Community Hall on Thursday 1 June 2023

Present: Liz McKnockiter - Chair (LM), Jim Paterson (JP), Jaimie Allen (JA), Hannah Morris (HM), Ryan More (RM)

In Attendance: Councillors: Neil Cameron (NC), Bridget Mustard (BM).

Apologies: Councillor John Cowe (JC), Joan Megson (JM).

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

2. Minutes of Last Meeting: The minutes of the previous two meetings on 4 May and 6 April were approved and adopted as a correct record of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising from minutes

i. Closure of doctors' surgery:

It was noted that the Save our Surgeries ('SoS') campaign group were continuing their activities to protest against the closure of the Burghead and Hopeman GP surgeries, with a protest march having been held in Hopeman on 17 May. The Moray Integration Joint Board was due to meet on June 26 to make a final decision on the issue, and efforts to influence the outcome in favour of keeping the surgeries would continue, including co-operation with local councillors, MP, and MSPs.

ii. Grass cutting:

The grass in the public spaces by the Back Shore where the picnic benches stood was in need of cutting, but it was unclear who had responsibility for the upkeep of this area. The Moray Council had been approached for assistance but had advised they had no capacity to assist at this time. The meeting discussed whether it might be possible to ask local residents to assist with this.

iii. Vandalism of Public Toilets:

Due to incidences of vandalism, the public toilets located by the Harbour had not been working for 3 months. The Moray Council had been informed and had ordered an anti-vandalism flush system which would be installed once delivered to the Council.

iv. Slappy Progress

There was no update provided to the meeting.

v. Coffee meeting – defibrillator

Following the presentation by a representative from Kieran's Legacy at an earlier meeting, it had been agreed that a coffee morning should be arranged to fund the provision of defibrillators in the village but a date had yet to be agreed.

vi. New BCC members:

It was noted that a number of members had resigned or had advised of their intention to resign over the coming months, and that there was therefore a need to recruit new members. The meeting discussed how to better publicise the activities of the BCC in an effort to attract new members, including representation at local functions where appropriate to explain what was entailed in becoming a member. Ms McKnockiter explained that it was possible to join as an Associate Member for a period of time before formally becoming a Council Member and that this might be a good introduction for potential new recruits. The need to attract younger people to the Council was discussed, and the possibility of approaching the local High Schools to determine if there was a route to raising the profile of the Community Council was also discussed. Efforts to improve visibility through a refreshed Facebook site were also discussed.

vii. Moray Local Development Plan meeting – 27 May.

Mr Paterson reported that he had attended the meeting, noting that attendance had been low. He provided an update to the meeting on Moray Council's plan to develop digital medical services. It was agreed that this would be a good initiative, although it would not remove the need for local GP provision in the communities.

4. Treasurers Report

The delays experienced with the Bank of Scotland in relation to the changeover in the mandate to the new Treasurer continued. An additional signatory for the account was required, and Jamie Allen agreed to undertake this.

5. Reports

No reports were submitted to the meeting.

6. Planning Issues

The meeting noted the planning application lodged with the Moray Council in relation to the Millie Bothy had been refused. It was noted that it was possible for a further application to be submitted in future, should the land owners wish to do so. Mr Cameron had confirmed that the development at 60 Grant Street was in compliance with the planning permissions granted.

7. Community Council Sub Group(s)

The Joint Community Council (JCC) of Moray

Mr Paterson advised the meeting that applications were open for the Just Transition Fund, a £500 million ten-year commitment that will support projects in the North East and Moray which contribute towards the region's transition to net zero. The deadline for applications was sometime in September 2023.

11. AOCB

(i) Ms Morris raised the issue of the unpleasant smell along the Back Shore. Ms McKnockiter advised that a meeting was being organised with the manager of the Maltings and other interested parties to discuss this, and that Moray Council was also planning to investigate this.

(ii) The Council thanked Chris Morris for the provision of a new notice board for the BCC to be displayed in the former Post Office window.

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

Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting: 6 July 2023 7.00pm – 9.00pm in Burghead Community Hall.

Secretary
Rhona Sim

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