

Burghead and Cummington Community Council Draft Minutes

Date: 7th September 2023

Time: 7:00pm

Venue: Burghead Community Hall

Present: Abbey Main (AM), Jamie Campbell (JAC), Jim Patterson (JP), Ryan More (RM), Joan Megson (JM), Colin Sutherland (CS) Cllr Neil Cameron (NC), Cllr Bridget Mustard (BM), Cllr John Cowe (JC)

Apologies: Cllr James Allan

Welcome

Treasurers Update

The treasurer gave a run through of the accounts to be submitted by the end of the month, no questions raised.

Previous Minutes

Minutes of the last meeting were discussed and amendments were agreed to be made by JM before they can be approved

Secretary Post

Rhona has informed the Council that she is no longer able to attend the meetings nor take minutes, discussion had over next steps, it was agreed to send Rhona a bunch of flowers as thanks for her help, AM to action. There is a possibility for the post being paid for to be decided by the councillors.

Police Update – No Update

Signatories

Jim still waiting for Ryan's form and then they can be sent.

DEFIBS

Discussion on Defibs as two members present could not remember agreeing to Keiran's Legacy maintaining the defibs with agreement the BCCC would help organise fundraising days. A majority confirmed it had been agreed and the matter was closed.

Save Our Surgeries

The group was due to meet the Health Secretary last week however this meeting was postponed with a rescheduled date offered so no further news at the moment.

Burghead Harbour Meeting

This is the meeting regarding the Harbour Board. JM raised that she had spoken with a gentleman at the council who is still very keen to engage with the community. JM stated we also need to engage with Keiran's Legacy in regards to the defibs as at the last meeting it was agreed that they would conduct regular maintenance of the machines so long as the Community Council fundraised to cover the cost of the Maintenance. There was some discussion over whether this had been voted on with several members saying it had and two more being unable to recall this. It was agreed to proceed with a coffee morning to be held in late October/Early November time, JM to coordinate. JM also plans to hold the community engagement day on the same day as the coffee morning to get a better perspective of community needs.

New Members

Colin and Jennifer are due to join us but we are still short, 1 for Cummington and 2 short for Burghead.

Reports

Local Councillor(s) – Nothing to report

PLANNING ISSUES

Millie Bothy – There is concern that the owners may appeal to the Scottish government and a feeling that they just are not going to give up. All agreed to watch this carefully for an outcome.

The Joint Community Council of Moray.

Meeting discussed allocation of various funding's, Jim to confirm what is available and amounts. Meeting was informed the community minibus just missed out so please could we encourage everyone to vote the next time. There was also a discussion about the community resilience programme and the list of items that would need storage as the hall are now not able to store it, this is ongoing.

Facebook Page

Questions are being raised on Facebook which are not being actioned which is not acceptable, all agreed we must be answering promptly and using it to its full potential, including trying to recruit new members. RM to try and update the page so others can be added as admin by the next meeting.

Maltings Smell

Men had been seen working on various manhole covers during the past week, so there is a hope that this is them trying to fox the smell or at least investigate it. Councillors were asked to investigate at the council what is actually being pumped into the sea from the pipe and why, is there a gas pipe there too?

Harbour Office

Meeting discussed if it was possible to move back into the Harbour Meeting Room which would save money and give us access to where the archives are stored, Chairman to enquire.

AOCB

It was mentioned that thanks should be made to Burghead in Bloom for the lovely displays of flowers which are seen all over the town.

Chairman to organise a bunch of flowers for previous Chair Liz Mcknocitor as thanks for her dedication. Discussion on whether there should be a box for donations at Station Car Park because of the amount of Motor Homes using the area, concern if the Council would allow this, JM to enquire if this is possible. JM raised the prospect of funding for buying and renovating the Station Hotel for the community, some expressed thoughts that the Post Office building would be better, JM to further investigate with a sub group of interested parties.

Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

Burghead Community Hall, 5th October 2023 at 7pm.