



Burghead and Cummingston Community Council

DRAFT Minutes of regular meeting held on Thursday 4th December 2025, 7pm, Burghead Community Hall.

Present: Abbey Main (Chair) AM, Jamie Campbell (Secretary) JC, Billy Davidson, Keith Kingscott KK, Ryan More (RM), Myra Kingscott (MK), Katie Lyons (KL)

In Attendance: Councillors: Cllr Bridget Mustard, Cllr Neil Cameron, Cllr John Cowe, John Hogg

Apologies: Jane Benson, Cllr James Allan

1. Police Update:

Update was circulated via email

2. Minutes of Last Meeting:

Proposed by KK and seconded by BD.

3. Matters arising from minutes

- (i) AM expressed his thanks to all involved in the Remembrance Sunday commemorations and all those who laid a wreath and paid their respects, thanks also to the piper and John Hogg who sourced him, and the Revd. Peter for the poignant service.
- (ii) Signage to go up where the new campervan trial area will be, hoping to have a representative at the next meeting to go into this in more detail, it is hoped it will still attract people to the town but encourage everyone to use the facilities and avoid the dumping of waste which has been an issue.
- (iii) We were joined by the incoming Head of St. Aethans Masonic Lodge, Bob, who told us about what they do and what they would like to do moving forward. The Lodge is very keen to be involved much more in the community and to help where they can, all agreed this was a welcome introduction and we will do what we can to keep communication going. Bob was invited back to any meeting in the future.
- (iv) War memorials update - There has been no further communication from the church but great communication with Scotmid. We are hopeful that members of Scotmid can join us for a meeting sometime in the new year, updates to be circulated when available.
- (v) World Masters Mountain Bike Orienteering Championships - This is to be held in Burghead in September 2026, this is a huge event for the town to host and we would like to support it as much as we can as there is likely to be a lot of passing trade for local businesses. There was a discussion on parking and a potential food offering and this is to be discussed further once AM confirms with the event holders we are happy for it to go ahead and support it.

5. Moray flow park

A meeting was held in Findhorn during which hundreds turned out and opposition voices were made known. Since then the company has dropped the plans for the Nairn phases but still want to continue with the Burghead one, we all agreed to discuss at the next meeting the way forward once some of us had been to a meeting organised in Findhorn which takes place at the James Milne Institute on 13th December between 11am and 1pm, those at the meeting will then update the rest of the CCs.

6. Clavie

It was very disappointing to learn that Moray Council has hit the Clavie Crew with a request for more licenses and costs so close to it taking place. This is not acceptable and does not support the community, this is not an event, it is part of our culture and heritage, something which Moray Council seems keen to destroy when it comes to the small towns and villages. All CCs made it clear they would fully support the Clavie Crew and will fight with them to stop this stupid and unnecessary costs being forced upon us, it was agreed that AM, JC and BD should have a meeting with the department in question to discuss further and it was also suggested that far from obstructing us they should do everything they can do to support us to put on this event which as has been said, is part of our culture and heritage.

7. Reports

• (i) Local Councillor(s)

Quiet at the moment with nothing substantial to report upon, other than to make everyone aware of the newly launched Moray Engage platform which is now live and can be used for many things such as surveys and consultations etc.

(ii) Community Council Sub Group(s) Sub committees Christmas Lights

Nothing to report, the switch on was approaching this weekend and the CC wished to pass on their thanks and appreciation to the organisers for their fantastic efforts this year as every year.

(iii) Community amenities and discussion about Development Trust options

Nothing to report.

(iv) Finance - transactions since last meeting

Discussion was had over the Harbour Shelter, the cheque has now been deposited and all thanked Sandra for her great work managing the accounts and Myra who has taken over as Treasurer.

12. Planning Issues

Nothing to report.

13. The Joint Community Council (JCC) of Moray

The next meeting will be held in December.

14. AOCB

AM expressed his hope that we could work with Burghead Thistle who have had an initial chat about their plans for the future and they are very keen to get us involved, more on this in the new year. KK raised the issue of speeding again in Cummingston, it seems like there is no easy or cheap solution to this problem, the councillors have been asked to look into this again. AM expressed that we give a vote of thanks to Debra Duke, our CCLO for all her hard work not just lately but throughout the year, it is greatly appreciated. JC raised that he had been contacted before the meeting by a journalist who had raised several worrying points about the water supply fed from Clarkly Hill to the town, after reading all present the report he agreed to write a letter to Scottish Water for clarification and what they are going to do to fix the issues. It was very concerning to note that nobody present knew anything of the issues despite them being very serious health risks to the population, including any of our councillors. The water supply had to be switched due to the risks posed by unmaintained tanks and the regulator stated that Scottish Water had put the town at risk.

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

Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting: 5 November 2026 7.00pm – 9.00pm in Burghead Community Hall.

Secretary
Jamie Campbell

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