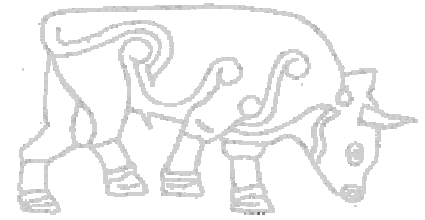


# Burghead and Cummingston Community Council



**Minute of regular meeting held at Burghead Harbour Office on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

**Present:** John Main (Chair), Mollie Fraser, Johnny Gordon, Les Taylor, Chris Tuke, Jennifer Walker, Ken Ward.

**Apologies:** Alastair Mackenzie, Jim Patterson, Marie Slater.

**In Attendance:** Moray Councillor Allan Wright, Kenneth Ross (Burghead Boat Club), Tish Richford & Mike McRitchie (Community Justice Services).

**Adoption of minute of previous meeting:**

**Proposed by:** Johnny Gordon.

**Seconded by:** Mollie Fraser.

## Community Service.

The chairman suspended proceeding so that Tish Richford and Mike McRitchie could give a presentation on the role of the community justice service.

The Community Council was informed that the community justice department was working with many criminals that were undergoing community punishment as an alternative to custodial sentences. Awards were between 80 and 300 hours of unpaid work with the average being 180 hours. Offenders were offered varied employment including assisting in charity shops, activities in pensioners' residential facilities and outdoor work. All the work should be of benefit to the community and completed within 12 months. When questioned on the attendance rate, the Community Council was informed that it was in the region of 30% but breaches were referred back to the sheriff for possible prison sentences. The punishments were not tailored to the offences but were determined by availability of work.

The Community Council asked if "clients" of the community justice system could be used for work in the local area and were informed that any reasonable request would be considered. Initial applications will be made for repainting the hanging basket supports at the playing fields, path clearance and general litter clearance through the woods.

If any individual or community group would require any other work done they are requested to contact any member of the Community Council.

Tish and Mike were thanked for their attendance by the chairman and left the meeting.

## Burghead Harbour.

Kenneth Ross updated the meeting regarding developments, led by the Burghead Boat Club, for the redevelopment of the harbour. Kenny has put a great deal of effort into contacting the relevant agencies in an attempt to make the harbour more profitable. Recently, he has been in consultation with Councillor Allan Wright and the meeting was described as positive. Hopefully, further developments will be forthcoming as there is interest from shore-side handling firms and companies which may want to use the facilities at the harbour for transporting materials. Kenny said that he would be writing to Richard Lochhead, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment.

Kenny left the meeting being wished well and offered the support of the Community Council in any future ventures.

## **Matters Arising**

### Litter Bins.

It was noted that one out of the original three litter bins had been replaced at the playing fields after the new lamp posts had been installed. Further representation to The Moray Council would be made for more bins. It was also appreciated that the bucket at the old grave yard had been replaced.

### Car Park at Playing Field.

The secretary had been in contact with the Forestry Commission but not further update was available.

### Bus Shelters.

A partial repair to the bus shelter at the school has been completed and parts are awaited for the final fix which should hopefully be completed shortly.

### Right of Way to Cemetery.

Tulloch's of Cummington had been contacted with regard to reopening the access to the cemetery from St. Aethan's Road. The meeting was informed that the company hopes to allow access via this route at its earliest opportunity after completion of the building work.

### Wind Turbine at Rowanbank, Cummington.

Apparently, the initial advertisement for the departure from planning policy for the windmill at Cummington had typographical errors and would need to be re-advertised. Any objections already entered need not be resubmitted.

### Lighting for Football Pitch.

After the estimate of £6,500 to reinstate the light at the 5-a-side football pitch at the old station yard, John Main had spoken to John Foster, the new chairman of the Burghead Amenities Association, who had contacted David Millar, Community Learning & Development Worker. Mr. Millar said that he was positive on the idea of lighting the football pitch by the bowling green and that funding could be available. A meeting would be arranged.

## **AOCB**

### Burghead Amenities Association.

The Community Council was informed that the Burghead Amenities Association was to hold a public meeting to explain the latest appraisal study and its conclusions. This will be held in the **Burghead Community Hall on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm.**

### Traffic Speed Along Grant Street and St. Aethan's Road, Burghead.

Members of the Community Council had received numerous complaints regarding the speed of traffic along the main street. It was noted that the automated warning signs were triggered well below the legal limit and were therefore being fairly regularly ignored.

As this problem has been highlighted many times before, it was deemed necessary to write to Superintendent Smailes to attempt a solution to the problem.

### Danger of School Children Alighting from Transport.

John Main had noticed that the school bus was dropping off passengers at the bowling green. As this site is right on the busiest junction in the town, it was decided to highlight our concerns to Alistair Farquhar, Head of Educational Resource Services.

### Damage to Seating at Play Park, Cummington.

Mollie Fraser informed the meeting that the bench at the play area, Cummington had become damaged. This had been reported to The Moray Council and repaired in good time.

#### Parking at Cummington.

Mollie Fraser also told the meeting of her concerns regarding traffic parking on the pavement in Cummington. It was understood that the drivers were trying to assist the free movement of road traffic but, in doing so, were creating a hazard for wheelchairs and pushchairs. It was suggested that polite notes could be left and that the community warden could be asked to intervene.

#### Sewage Pipe along Coast.

It was noted that repairs were currently in progress on the sewage pipes along the old railway line between Burghead and Hopeman.

#### Public Toilets at Cummington.

The meeting was informed that it was highly likely that the public conveniences in Cummington would remain open throughout the year. As these facilities are heavily used by climbers and walkers visiting the area, this news well much appreciated.

#### Disturbance at Boys' Brigade Meetings.

Jennifer Walker told of regular rowdy behaviour in the vicinity of the school during Boys' Brigade meetings. The community warden was to be asked to investigate.

#### Burghead Town Sign, St. Aethan's Road.

The 'Welcome to Burghead' sign was damaged in the recent gales and has been taken away for safety reasons until a repair can be made.

#### Buses Turning at Church Street, Dunbar Street and Bath Street.

Concern was raised of buses turning around at the Burghead terminus. With many more cars now parked along the narrower back streets, it was agreed to contact the bus operator to see if drivers could be instructed to turn at the top of Grant Street. Some minor damage has, allegedly been attributed to buses and some newer drivers have taken wrong turns along the back streets.

#### Rabbits at Cemetery.

Johnny Gordon raised the point that floral tributes placed at the cemetery were rapidly being destroyed by rabbits. It was agreed to contact Ken Kennedy, land & parks officer to try to resolve the matter.

#### Clavie.

Councillor Allan Wright informed the meeting that he and Moray Councillor Eric McGillivray had been contacted by Dan Ralph, Clavie King, with regard to association with the Community Council. Research would be done as to whether Dan could be appointed as an associate member or a Clavie representative should be appointed.

The Clavie would still be run in the same fashion as previously but the relationship with the Community Council would make administrative matters easier.

Being no further business the meeting was closed.

**Date of next meeting Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm.**

Chris Tuke  
Secretary

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**Community Warden - Dave Haytack - 07800 670666**

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there are implications with regard to police staffing levels.

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