

# Buckie Community Council



## Minutes of Meeting

Held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 at 7.00pm

**Present:** James Smith (Chairman), Ian Moir (Vice Chairman), Allan Fraser (Secretary), John Grant, James Newlands, Howard Cartwright, Jimmy Grieve, Zafar Ali.

**In Attendance:** Cllr Anne McKay and Cllr G McDonald.

**Others Present:** Leanne Carter (Northern Scot), Alan Beresford (Banffshire Advertiser), PC Jennifer Smith, Grampian Police

**Apologies:** Bruce Guy

### Chairman

The Chairman James Smith welcomed everyone to the February meeting of the Community Council

### Minutes of the January Meeting

The minutes of the January meeting were approved by Howard Cartwright and seconded by James Grieve

### Police Items

Pc Jennifer Smith informed the community council that she was new to the area and new to the council. She said that would try and answer questions but would probably have to refer back for answers, but would answer to the best of her ability.

Mr Moir enquired about operation Avon an operation targeted at underage drinking PC Smith said it had been received well and the mainly offending group was 12-14 year olds. Mr Moir asked about success rate in prosecution of suppliers PC Smith replied that she did not know but would find out. Mr Moir asked if the alcohol supplied was mostly from home. Again PC Smith said she would find out.

Mr Newlands asked about the vandalism surrounding the new builds at St Andrews Court and Mr Cartwright commented on the spray painting.

Mr Moir enquired as to the way drivers had driven during the stormy winter; also stating that drivers under the age of forty had little experience of driving in snow. Again PC Smith said she would find out.

Mr Fraser expressed the view that CCTV was working but was not getting enough recognition or reporting

## **Matters Arising**

### **1. Litter in the Buckie Area**

A discussion revolved around the litter situation in Buckie, especially at the Pot o' Linn. The secretary had made contact with Mr Mike McRitchie of Moray Council community scheme and was meeting him on the 19<sup>th</sup> February to assess the area and report back.

### **2. Disabled Car Parking Spaces & Parking in the Cluny Square**

The chairman informed the council that he had been made aware by a member of the public that since the retarring of Cluny Square the quadrant with the access point had only one disabled parking space where there were two before. The secretary was asked to write to Moray Council asking for the disabled space to be reinstated and to also ask if there was a specific formula for the number of such places.

Mr Moir suggested in the letter that a two hour parking restriction be imposed in all three quadrants. Mr Cartwright also asked if there could be signs in the square directing people or making them aware that there were other car parking facilities available.

### **3. Traffic Problems at High Street/Well Road Junction**

Problems relating to traffic freely flowing and problems with visibility were pointed out. Cllr Anne McKay stated that there was an ongoing feasibility study but suggested the community council write a letter to Moray Council to again point out this problem. Cllr McKay also pointed out that part of the problem were high vehicles belonging to residents on High Street but as some of these residents had applied for planning for garages that the issue might go away. The secretary asked what the criteria for getting traffic lights would be.

Concern was also raised that the new Tesco store would lead to an increase in traffic and concerns were expressed regarding the crossing, in particular of schoolchildren at break times, across the High Street.

### **4. Obsolete Letter Boxes**

Mr Fraser asked whether letter boxes had become obsolete, since mail not of the correct size for the normal stamp had to be sent via the post office one of which had been closed: Buckpool. People sending incorrectly stamped letters because they could not manage to get to the post office resulted in the people getting the mail paying over the odds because of surcharges. This was duly noted and it was suggested that a letter be written to the Royal Mail stating these points.

## **Correspondence**

Re: Gollachy Road Pegs in Road re resurfacing

Affordable Housing

Police meeting Sat 21<sup>st</sup> March

St Andrews Square not yet let; problem with client & planning regulations

## **Planning Applications**

**Applications:** Domestic only

## **A.O.C.B.**

### **1. Water leak at The Pits/High Street**

The chairman noted that a water leak had appeared from a pipe overflow from the pits bar this was onto the pavement onto high street and given the current freezing weather would present a danger to the public .The secretary was asked to write to Moray Council Health and Safety to point this out.

### **2. Re-election of Community councils**

Mr Moir stated that the community councils would be up for re-election in September of this year. The question of boundaries would be revisited by Moray Council beginning Jan 09. The various members were asked what their interpretation of the Buckie boundary was. Discussion followed everyone agreed that this are should be to the toll road from March Road along the A98 to Buckpool and to include the Mill of Buckie area.

### **3. Notice Board in Cluny Square & Buckpool Speyside Way**

Mr Moir informed the community council that the ‘Welcome to Buckie’ sign had been taken out of the notice board in the square for maintenance .It was felt that a new plastic cover was needed for the notice board at the square. There was also a need to repair the notice board in Buckpool on the Speyside Way. The secretary was asked to write to Mark Cross at Moray Council.

### **4. Update on Coat Of Arms Booklet**

Mr Moir updated the community council on the sale of the booklets and stated that to date £190 had been sold.

### **5. Display Required for Buckie Coat of Arms Flag**

Mr Moir stated the need to display the coat of arms flag within the library for the public to view .A cheaper version of the original flag was proposed this was seconded by Mr Ali. It was suggested a letter be written to the Libraries & Museums section of Moray Council asking permission to display the flag and an area to be set aside in the library.

### **6. Paving stones at St Peter’s Road**

The Secretary pointed out that there was missing kerbstones below the tar opposite the manse and asked if Mr Cartwright who lived opposite had also spotted this.

### **7. White Bollards at Buckie RNLI**

Concern was expressed by Mr Newlands that the white bollards were unsafe and that they needed urgent attention as they posed a potential danger to passers by and unaware pedestrians. The Secretary was asked to write to Moray Council to point out the issue.

### **8. Chains at Dougal’s Brae**

Concern was also raised regarding the chains on Dougal’s Brae on the way from New Street to the Yardie. This too was noted and again a further letter is to be written to Moray Council.

**9. Former FMA Building/Harbour Taxis**

Mr Newlands spoke of the aforementioned area and how the area looked derelict and full of seagull droppings Mr Grieve stated that the droppings had been power washed away but agreed the area looked very much derelict.

**10. Citizen of the Year**

With time running out it was decided to leave this to a later meeting.

**11. Close of Meeting**

The Chairman thanked all those who attended for their contributions. .

The meeting was closed at 8.45pm

**The next meetings of Buckie Community Council will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March and on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2009 at 7.00pm.**

**Previous minutes can be found on the Moray Council website at [http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray\\_standard/page\\_49776.html](http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_49776.html).**

**Meetings of the Buckie Community Council are held in Room 1 of Buckie Town House at 7.00pm on the third Tuesday of each month, except July. All members of the public are welcome to attend. If any members of the community wish to raise any community matter, they should in the first instance contact the Secretary or any other member of the Community Council.**

Signed as a correct minute ..... Chairman

Proposed by .....

Seconded by .....

Temporary Minute Secretary: Mr Zafar Ali