

Buckie Community Council



Minutes of Meeting

Held on Tuesday 17th March, 2009 at 7.00pm

Present: James Smith (Chairman), Ian Moir (Vice Chairman), Allan Fraser (Secretary), James Grieve, John Grant and Howard Cartwright.

In Attendance: Cllr G McDonald, Alan Beresford (Banffshire Advertiser), Leanne Carter (Northern Scot), Con. K McPherson representing the police, and a deputation about the Citizen of the Year.

Apologies: Zafar Ali, Cllrs A McKay and J Mackay and Sgt H Gordon.

Chairman

The Chairman welcomed all to the March meeting of the Community Council.

Suspension of Standing Orders

The Chairman asked for the suspension of Standing Orders so that the Community Council members could deal with the deputation and with questions to the police. This was agreed.

Citizen of the Year

Members of the deputation raised concerns about the delay by and the conduct of the Community Council regarding the nomination of the Citizen of the Year. The Chairman said that a final decision would be made at the end of the meeting. Further discussion ensued, after which the Chairman promised that a final decision would be reached at the end of the meeting and all relevant persons would be notified the next day.

Questions to the Police

Mr Moir congratulated the police on the successful identification and prosecution of the recent crimes in Brodie Avenue and adjacent areas. Con McPherson added that this investigation had led to the solving of a number of related crimes.

In reply to the previous month's questions, Con McPherson said that the recent Avon operation had resulted in the identification of one supplier of drinks to underage children. He also added that the spray painting at the St Andrews site was being investigated. With regard to CCTV he said there were no details kept of the direct connection between evidence collected from the cameras and arrests.

Minutes of the February Meeting

The minutes of the February meeting were adopted. This was proposed by Mr Fraser and seconded by Mr Cartwright.

Matters Arising

These were dealt with under correspondence.

Correspondence

1. From Moray Council

(a) From Tracey Rae, Community Council Liaison Officer.

- (i) **Acknowledgement.** This has been received regarding issues raised at the February meeting.
 - (ii) **Overflow at Old Cluny Hotel.** This has now been attended to.
 - (iii) **Notice Board at Buckpool Harbour.** The Buckpool Harbour Group is responsible for the notice board there.
 - (iv) **Damaged Bollards.** These have been reported.
 - (v) **Posts and Chain on Dougal's Brae.** This matter will be dealt with as money allows.
 - (vi) **Well Road / High Street Junction.** A traffic survey will be undertaken at the junction. A decision will then be made and any resulting improvements deemed necessary will be put into the improvement scheme.
 - (vii) **Cluny Square: Disabled Parking Bays.** In reply to the query regarding the reduction in the number of disabled parking bays, it was pointed out that the requirement is a minimum of one disabled parking bay per 25 bays. The present situation satisfies the regulations and it would not be possible to create more disabled spaces.
 - (viii) **Cluny Square: Two Hour Parking.** In reply to the Community Council's latest request, the Moray Council said that two hour parking limit signs in the Square without the means of enforcement would be ignored. It therefore could not be justified. The provision of new signage for the other car parks in Buckie awaits future funding.
 - (ix) **Pigeons on Commercial Road.** The Environmental Department of Moray Council will write to the owners of the property requesting that the property be boarded up to prevent pigeon access. The Environmental Department has also been asked to monitor and clean up the area as necessary.
- (b) **From Environmental Protection per Craig McIntosh.** There has been a change in service provider for textile recycling. It is now Northern Textiles from Peterhead.
- (c) **From Education Services.** Request received for an update to Buckie Community Council entry for Morinfo data base. The secretary has updated information.

2. Correspondence had also been received from the following

- (a) **Buckie Area Forum.** Minute of last meeting and agenda for March 18th meeting has been received.
- (b) **Grampian Police per Community Engagement Coordinator.** A thank you note has been received for the Community Council's participation in a recent survey.
- (c) **Mrs E Cowie.** A copy of her letter sent to Moray Council has been received. The letter detailed her accident on a slippery pavement and her request for more effective gritting in the vicinity of bus stops and sheltered housing.
- (d) **NHS Grampian.** A consultation paper has been received on the Draft Tobacco Policy (2009). A request was also made for the Community Council to reply to the questions. The paper is proposing banning smoking within the hospital buildings and in the surrounding hospital grounds.

3. Reports, Booklets, Newsletters, etc. Moray Local Plan 2008, Community Planning e-bulletins, Changes to Scottish Planning Systems and Sepa View have all been received.

Planning Applications

There have been applications of a domestic nature. Approval has been granted for a house on Wilson's Land.

A.O.C.B.

1. Parking on Commercial Road. This is causing problems with lorries turning. It was thought that the most of the cars belonged to Forsyths' employees. Cllr McDonald said that the planning department may think that the parking is sufficient. He also added that no action can be taken against cars parked legally. Mr Fraser said that Forsyths provided welcome work for Buckie. It was agreed that the secretary write to Forsyths regarding the problem.

2. Gollachy Road. Mr Moir commented on the great improvement in the road to the recycling centre. Mr Smith added that the visibility had been greatly improved. Mr Fraser said that there is room for more improvement by tarring a wider area of road.

3. Cluny Square Car Park: North-east Quadrant. Mr Moir said that there had been yet another leak in the car park. He also said that the area was in need of retarring. However he also pointed out that the water pipes under the car park probably required replacing before the area was tarred. If the pipes are not replaced any subsequent leak would result in damage to a newly tarred area.

4. Citizen of the Year. The Community Council decided to nominate Mr Peter Pitt as Citizen of the Year for 2008. Mr Smith and Mr Fraser would communicate the decision to all relevant parties. [Mr Pitt subsequently declined the nomination.]

5. Overflow at the Buckie Thistle Social Club. The secretary will write to the Social Club regarding this matter.

Close of Meeting

The Chairman thanked all those who attended for their contributions. The meeting was closed at 9.00pm

The next two meetings of Buckie Community Council will be on Tuesday, 21st April, 2009 and on Tuesday 19th May, 2009.

Previous minutes can be found on the Moray Council website at 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

Minute Secretary: Mr Ian Moir