

# Buckie Community Council



## Minutes of Meeting

Held on Tuesday 16th June, 2009 at 7.00pm

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

**In Attendance:** Cllrs G McDonald, J Mackay.

**Apologies:** John Grant.

### Chairman

The Chairman welcomed all to the June meeting of the Buckie Community Council.

### Minutes of the May Meeting

The minutes of the May meeting were adopted. This was proposed by Mr Moir and seconded by Mr Smith.

### Matters Arising

**Town Clock.** The matter is in hand and the necessary time correction will be undertaken.

**Hamilton Path.** There has been no response from Moray Council. Cllrs McKay and Mackay are looking into the matter.

**Roundabout on High Street.** Moray Council reported that the weeds in the middle of the roundabout have been sprayed.

**St Andrews Hotel Development.** Letter received from Langstane Housing Association stating that the development is finished but admitting that the final completion had not gone smoothly. The letter also said that potential tenants for the flats had been identified.

**Other Issues.** Replies are still awaited.

### Correspondence

#### 1. From Moray Council

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

- (i) **Acknowledgement.** This has been received regarding issues raised at the May meeting.
- (ii) **Registrar, Hours of Opening.** The Community Council have been notified that there is a proposal that the Registrar be available only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Concern was expressed about the restriction of days of opening and the problem of Monday holidays. Mr Moir proposed that the Registrar be available in Buckie either every morning or every afternoon, and be shared with another centre with similar arrangements. The secretary would write to Moray Council accordingly.

- (iii) **Local Licensing Forum.** Minutes received of meeting of 22 May.
- (iv) **Alcohol Responsibilities.** Information received relating to the Safe, Sensible, and Social Selling of Alcohol.
- (v) **Community Planning.** Latest e-bulletin has been received.
- (vi) **Dog Fouling.** A copy of the procedures to be followed regarding the reporting of incidence of dog fouling has been received.
- (vii) **Joint Community Council.** Draft copy of the JCC Minutes has been received.
- (viii) **Change of Telephone Number.** Details received of the new address and telephone number for Tracey Rae, Community Council Liaison Officer.
- (b) **From John Ferguson.** A consultation document on the Community Engagement Fund has been received. See AOCB.
- (c) **From Moira Patrick, Principal Committee Services Officer.** Documents received regarding proposed revisions of the Moray Council Community Council Scheme 2009-13. See AOCB.

## 2. Correspondence had also been received from the following

- (a) **Les Morgan, Moray Area Representative ASCC.** Additional information received concerning (i) proposals for future funding Community Councils and Area Forums and (ii) details about the Moray Community Council Pilot. The Scottish Government Public Service Reform Directorate sent similar information relating to this latter matter. See AOCB.
- (b) **Northern Textiles.** The Community Council had received a cheque for material uplifted in April.
- (c) **Buckie Area Forum.** Minutes of the meeting held on 20th May have been received, along with agenda for the next meeting.
- (d) **ENQUIRE.** Information received from the Scottish Advice Service for Additional Support for Learning.
- (e) **Scottish Natural Heritage.** Their Spring Booklet – The Nature of Scotland - has been received.
- (f) **Forestry Commission Scotland.** Information received relating to district changes in Scotland.

## Planning Applications

There have been applications of a domestic nature. There has also been an application for the mobile snack bar off Newlands Lane.

Cllr McDonald informed the Community Council that there had been an alteration in the statutory rights of community councils in the terms of objections to developments.

### A.O.C.B.

**1. Coat of Arms.** Mr Moir reported that he had obtained quotes for coat of arms flags which could be hung from the flagpole every summer. It was agreed that the flags be purchased. This was proposed by Mr Smith and seconded by Mr Ali. With regard to the display cabinet in the Library a meeting has been scheduled for the 8<sup>th</sup> July to further discuss this matter.

**2. Ivy on North High Street.** Mr Grant had observed that there was ivy growing over the railings beside the bowling green. He added that it needed to be cut back. The secretary was asked to write to Moray Council.

**3. Victoria Bridge.** Mr Fraser reported that the wire mesh which was regularly clogging with leaves and rubbish had been removed from the drain holes on the bridge. The Moray Council has said that more drainage holes are to be cut. Cllr Mackay said that on the south side of the bridge the eight holes on either side of the walkway were often choked with leaves.

**4. Drinking Water Taste.** Mr Ali said that he had made a complaint to Scottish Water about the quality of drinking water in parts of Buckie, the drinking water having a different taste. This complaint was made some time ago. Scottish Water took samples for testing at the time. So far Mr Ali said that he had not received a reply. The secretary would write to Scottish Water.

**5. New Cemetery Extension.** It has been reported that there are in that part of the cemetery a number of graves where the grass has sunk.

**6. Data Protection.** It was decided to go ahead and register the Community Council with the Official Commissioner for Data Protection. The treasurer would send the £35 charge with the registration form.

**7. Community Council Elections.**

**(a) Community Council Boundaries.** The boundaries of the Buckie Community Council area have been adjusted to include new housing developments, completed and under construction, on the edge of the town. Any resident on the electoral roll and living in the added areas would be eligible to stand in the election. After discussion it was agreed that the secretary write to Moray Council requesting that the area between the Gollachy Burn/Achintae Road, the A98 and the March Road also be included in the Buckie Community Council area.

**(b) Promotion.** The Community Council were asked if they wished to take part in a promotion for the forthcoming elections. After discussion it was agreed that the Community Council contribute to this promotion, proposed by Mr Smith and seconded by Mr Ali. To this end Mr Smith and Mr Fraser would attend the special meeting of the JCC on Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

**8. Community Engagement Fund.** A paper has been received from Moray Council detailing proposals for the future funding of community councils and area forums. It included various options for the redistribution of the present resources. The community council expressed reservations about the proposal. Taken in the light of other information regarding this proposal, it was decided to have a further discussion at the August meeting. The August meeting of the JCC will hopefully provide up to date information.

**9. Dentistry in Buckie.** Mr Fraser reported that the new dental suite, which had been built in Buckie, was being used only by school pupils.

**10. Disabled Parking Spaces.** Mr Moir reported that the refurbished car park in the North Church quadrant had had two disabled parking spaces created. The result of this change meant that the total number of disabled spaces were the same as previously.

**11. Gollachy Road.** Mr Fraser reported that there was a large hole at the entrance to the recycling depot.

### **Close of Meeting**

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

**The next meetings of Buckie Community Council will be on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> August and Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2009. The September one will be the last meeting before the new community council is elected. The first meeting of the new council should be on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2009.**

**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 .....

Minute Secretary: Mr Ian Moir