

Burghead and Cummington Community Council

Minute of regular meeting held at Burghead Harbour Office on 3rd September 2009

Present: John Main (Chair), Molly Fraser, John Gordon, Alistair Mackenzie and Jennifer Walker

In Attendance: Councillor Allan Wright and Fiona Rolt, Community Support Officer

Apologies: Chris Tuke and Inspector Robertson, Grampian Police

John Main introduced Fiona Rolt to the meeting and invited her to address the meeting. Fiona declined and expressed her interest in sitting in on the meeting with an opportunity to speak at its conclusion.

Adoption of minute previous meeting

Proposed by Molly Fraser, Seconded by Jennifer Walker

Matters Arising

Harbour improvements

John main advised that there had been no further developments reported regarding the initiative presented by Mr Kenneth Ross at a previous meeting.

Fencing by Burghead Maltings

No action to make safe or to remove the fencing had been to date. The meeting agreed to pursue the matter as it considered the fencing to be a danger to members of the public and representations would be made to the appropriate authority on Health and Safety grounds.

Visibility at the Elgin/Forres Road junction adjacent Forest Park, Burghead

The meeting noted that the visibility for car drivers coming on to the Elgin road from the Forres road was now greatly improved by the grass cutting on the visibility splay.

AOCB

Proposed Floodlighting for field sports at the playing fields

John Main reported that there had been no further developments with this proposal.

Harbour Shelter

John Main advised the meeting that representatives of the National Lottery were to visit the shelter on September 16th to see the finished project and to inspect the accounts for it. The Treasurer was instructed to have accounts available for inspection. John Main to meet and show them round.

Community Council Boundary

Molly Fraser asked Councillor Alan Wright why the last property on the north side of the road at the east end of Cummington had been removed from the Burghead and Cummington Community Council area and included in the Hopeman ward without any consultation. Molly asserted that she had been in the Community Council for as long as she cared to remember and that until this unannounced change the boundary had always been deemed to extend eastwards to the property known as Pharelands. Councillor Wright agreed to investigate the matter.

Molly also advised the meeting that the popularity of Cummington as a venue for cliff climbing and abseiling had continued unabated throughout the whole year.

Proposed Conservation Area

John Main expressed his concerns that the announcement of the intention of The Moray Council to introduce a Conservation area in Burghead was made in the press with no advance warning to the Community Council from the Moray Council or any of its elected members.

Councillor Wright advised the meeting that he hadn't received any prior notice of the announcement either.

John Main said that he had immediately contacted the planning department on seeing the press release and that the impression he got from the planning official dealing with the Conservation proposal, was, that they considered it a foregone conclusion that it would take effect as they had planned. John said that he had then contacted Councillor Wright who had since arranged for members of the Community Council to meet the appropriate members of the planning department at the County Buildings to learn the details of their proposals prior to the Community Council giving their considered opinion of the proposals.

Community Support Officer

Fiona Rolt advised the meeting that she was employed by The Moray Council as a Community Support Officer, and that her duties included offering advice and support to Community Councils.

Last Meeting of Current Community Council

John Main reminded the members that their term of office had come to an end and that any members wishing to continue as Community Councillors would have to stand for re-election at the forthcoming elections.

John thanked the members for their support and efforts to maintain and enhance their Community throughout his eight years as Chairman.

Being no further business the meeting was closed.

Date of next meeting to be advised