

Buckie Community Council



A MEETING TOOK PLACE IN THE TOWN HOUSE BUCKIE ON TUESDAY 15TH JANUARY, 2013 AT 7PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT - James Smith (Chairman) Gordon Cowie (Secretary) Heather Innes (Minute Secretary) Allan Fraser Janet Cowie

IN ATTENDANCE - Councillors Gordon McDonald Joe Mackay Anne McKay Alan Beresford (Banffshire Advertiser) Andrew Mackie (Community Warden) Duncan Falconer (Moray Council Waste Management)

APOLOGIES - John Cowie (Treasurer) Ian McPherson (Vice Chair) Stephen Grant Moira Stickle

CHAIRMAN - The meeting was opened by Mr Smith who welcomed all present and invited Duncan Falconer, Moray Council Waste Management to give a talk. He stated all new bins for plastic will be provided in all of Moray by the end of May, with plenty information being provided before then to all householders.

Andrew Mackie, Community Warden was then invited give a short update. He hopes to get the Green Dog Walker Scheme started in Buckie with volunteer dog owners taking part.

Both Duncan Falconer and Andrew Mackie were thanked by the Chairman before leaving.

Minutes of December Meeting. The proposal that they be adopted as a True Recording was moved by Gordon Cowie and seconded by James Smith.

Matters Arising.

1. Allan Fraser produced an old photograph (approx. 1906-1907) of the ground on which the Victoria Bowling Green was formed. It showed the site had been used as a dump for coke etc. Moray Council have done test borings, going down as far as 3metres, and have found in the cores retrieved a considerable amount of coke and such material but also empty spaces inbetween suggesting perhaps that the ground had not been sufficiently compacted from the beginning. The photograph of the area had shown the site had been far from ideal, and a fair amount of infill material must have had to be driven in to bring it up to the level the green has today. Subsidence has been a problem over the years, with repairs being done piecemeal, but the state of the green today suggested a major repair job seemed necessary. Councillor Gordon McDonald said he understood that to overcome the problem of subsidence was a fairly mammoth and expensive task and where the money to finance the project would come from still had to be decided.
2. The potholes had been repaired at the New Cemetery.

Correspondence.

1. 1 Planning Application noted.
2. Monthly Police Report was made available.
3. Letter from Innes Community Council regarding Coastal Erosion and Kingston. Secretary to write informing them that BCC feel elected members are looking into matters.

A.O.C.B.

1. It was decided to leave the date of the Tennis Court meeting until more Community Council members were present.
2. Chairman commented on the £1million fund set up by Scottish Government for the up-keep of the war memorials. Stating Buckie has a lovely memorial, he asked who was responsible for the up-keep. Councillor McDonald informed the meeting it was Moray Council.
3. It was reported there was seepage of water from the salt bins, Moray Council yard into the Pot o'Linn. Secretary to look into this.
4. Continual complaints about Well Road/High Street junction.
5. Main Street/East wall of Buckpool Harbour and steps require repair. Secretary to write regarding this.
6. Queen Street – kerb high for mobility buggies. Also, pavement outside Cruickshanks shop East Church Street. Secretary to write regarding these matters.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 19th February, 2013 in the Town House Buckie at 7pm.

With no further business the Chairman brought the meeting to a close at 7.55pm. He thanked all present for their contributions in the various discussions that took place.

Chairman

Proposed

Seconded

John Hogg
Alan Fraser
John Cowie