

Burghead and Cummingston Community Council



Minute of regular meeting held at Burghead Harbour Office on Thursday 2nd May 2013

Present: Abbey Main, Molly Fraser, Les Taylor, Hilary Gloyer, John Gordon

Apologies: Billy Davidson, Jennifer Walker, Jim Patterson, Tim Betts, Community Warden

In Attendance: Councillor Chris Tuke, Constables Jamie Walker and Andrew Kerr

Adoption of minute of previous meeting

Proposed by: Molly Fraser

Seconded by: Hilary Gloyer

Abbey Main agreed to Chair the meeting in the absence of Billy Davidson

The meeting agreed to suspend standing orders to allow discussion of the Police report which was presented by Constable Jamie Walker.

Ongoing Investigations in Burghead

This report covers the period from 3 April until 30 April 2013. Burghead and Cummingston saw 5 reported crimes. Enquiries are being progressed into the following crimes.

Overnight on 17 April 2013, entry was gained to a motor vehicle on Cromarty View, Burghead.

About noon on 18 April 2013, machinery was stolen from an insecure vehicle parked on Grant Lane, Burghead.

Overnight on 18 April 2013, damage was caused to a door of retail premises in Burghead.

Between 21 and 26 April 2013, entry was gained to two vehicles parked on Forteach Street and Station Road, Burghead and property stolen.

Anyone with any information of the above crimes or any other crimes in the Lossiemouth Policing Area should contact the Police Scotland on 101, Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or call in person at the Lossiemouth Police Office.

A copy of the complete report will be displayed in the Community Council notice board.

Community Warden Report

The following report had been received from our Community Warden, Tim Betts who was unable to attend the meeting.

Community Issues in Burghead and Cummingston 5th April – 1st May

Anti social behaviour

- Anti social behaviour and its causes are continuing to be targeted along with Police Scotland and other partners.

Dog fouling:

- One anonymous complaint of dog fouling was made to the Anti Social Behaviour Team in this period. The information provided was followed up however, no offender could be traced.
- Dog fouling remains a concern in Burghead. Notable hot spots include Salmon Green, the north beach and coastal path area. These areas have been targeted with leaflet drops and continue to be patrolled.

Fly tipping and Litter:

- No complaints of litter or fly tipping were made to the Anti Social Behaviour Team in this period.
- A number of children have been educated on the matter of dropping litter. On the whole, litter and fly tipping issues in Burghead are minimal at this time.

Neighbour disputes and noise complaints:

- One dispute between neighbours has been reported and resolved in this period.
- No noise complaints have been received in this period.

Feedback on matters arising from previous meeting

Dog fouling:

The issue of dog fouling was discussed at the previous meeting. In response plain clothes patrols have been conducted to crack down on offenders.

Ongoing Moray wide engagement / activities

Dog fouling:

Dog fouling remains a priority for the Warden Service throughout Moray. In conjunction with the Northern Scot campaign we are actively targeting dog fouling offenders; dog fouling complaints have doubled this quarter as a result. However many of these complaints remain anonymous. We would encourage people to provide contact details and be prepared to give a statement against offenders; depending on the strength of evidence, fixed penalty notices can be issued. To date 17 dogs fouling fixed penalty notices have been issued Moray wide, with 10 being issued in the last quarter. This is a significant increase on last year.

Facebook:

To help keep people up to date with community initiatives and activities we have set up a Facebook page; search Community Safety Moray.

Reporting community issues:

Anti-Social Behaviour can be reported to the Anti Social Behaviour Team on 0800 58 77 197, directly to the Community Warden on 07800 670665 or via the online Antisocial Behaviour Reporting Form accessed through The Moray Council website, www.moray.gov.uk

Matters arising from minute of previous meeting

Impending Closure of Burghead Library

Abbey Main questioned Councillor Tuke whether the information, as he understood it, received from Councillor Eric McGillivray at our March meeting, that the books and equipment would be left in situ following any handover to volunteers who were willing to run the library was in fact correct.

Abbey said that Councillor McGillivray, in his efforts to dissuade any protests against the closure of the library, had painted a rosy picture of a seamless transition from being staffed by Council employees to being manned by volunteers without any additional burdens.

Councillor Tuke advised the meeting that any such suggestions were speculation and that that no clear policy regarding the equipping and staffing by volunteers of the library was in place.

Councillor Tuke advised the meeting that his vote to close Burghead Library had always been dependant on the results of the forthcoming Equalities Impact Assessment which would be published in due course.

Abbey advised the meeting that the Save Burghead Library action group were continuing their efforts to save Burghead Library and proposed that the Community Council continued to support them in their efforts.

Abbey's proposal received the unanimous support of the members present.

Building the Broch

The meeting noted that the Moray Council Community Services Unit was investigating the formation of a development trust to further their vision for Burghead.

They had organised for specialists in the field of Development Trusts to be in attendance at a public meeting to be held in the Harbour Offices on 7th May.

Chemical Works

The meeting noted that long awaited tidy of the site had commenced.

New Bus Shelter for Fraser Road

The secretary advised the meeting that Moray Council had agreed to erect a bus Shelter on Fraser road as requested.

They were also to erect bus stop signs at the entrance to the Red Craig development.

Burghead Cemetery

Abbey Main advised the meeting that he had held a very constructive meeting with Ken Kennedy of the Moray Council at which Mr Kennedy had given assurances that remedial works to the verges and paths would be starting in the near future.

Dangerous Footpath on Grant Street in front of Fountain Court

The secretary had received confirmation from Moray Council that they had acknowledged its poor condition and would be lifting the broken concrete paving and replacing it with a tar macadam footpath in the near future.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Upgraded Burghead to Hopeman footpath

The meeting noted that the long awaited upgrade had been completed and was judged to be a great success by all you used it.

Uneven Footpath at Red Craig

Abbey Main advised that he had received adverse comments about the unfinished state of the footpath which runs on the north side of the Hopeman road from its junction with Siguard Street to the turn down to the Red Craig entrance. He said mothers were having difficulty pushing prams along it when out walking and were forced to walk on what was considered a dangerous part of the road.

The meeting agreed that the secretary write to the developer of the Red Craig site expressing the concerns received and asking for his cooperation in reaching a solution to the perceived problems.

Being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 6th June at 7.30pm.

To be held at the Harbour Office, Burghead