

Buckie Community Council



A MEETING TOOK PLACE IN THE TOWN HOUSE BUCKIE ON TUESDAY 16TH APRIL, 2013 AT 7PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT - James Smith (Chairman) Ian McPherson (Vice chair) Gordon Cowie (Secretary) John Cowie (Treasurer) Heather Innes (Minute Secretary) Allan Fraser Janet Cowie

IN ATTENDANCE – Councillor Gordon McDonald Andrew Mackie (Community Warden) Alan Beresford (Banffshire Advertiser)

APOLOGIES – Sandy MacIntosh

CHAIRMAN – The meeting was opened by Mr Smith who welcomed all present. No Police Officers attended the meeting and no Police Report was available. Andrew Mackie (Community Warden) was invited to give an update.

DOG FOULING.

1. There have been 2 incidents created for persons reporting dog fouling to Moray Council.
2. There have been a further 3 complaints made directly to the community warden reporting dog fouling.
3. The community warden has issued 3 FPNs, 1 in Buckie and 2 in Portknockie.
4. Hotspot areas targeted for patrols to deter dog fouling are Strathlene, Buckpool children's park, Cemetery, Raffan Road and Golf View Drive leading to recycle centre.

LITTER/FLY TIPPING. – There has been 1 incident created relating to litter. This is in the Burn of Buckie area and was created by the community warden. The only other reports for litter are complaint of school children at lunchtimes.

INITIATIVES.

1. A newspaper article has been produced to request the assistance of community groups or individuals to volunteer their assistance in addressing the litter issue at Burn of Buckie. It is hoped that this can fit in with Keep Scotland Tidy cleanup campaign in May.
2. A dog poo quiz has been compiled for distribution to all primary schools in Buckie. This quiz is designed for parents interaction and will educate on the results dog fouling has on an individual and their community.

Members of Buckie Community Council said they would help to clean up the litter at the Burn of Buckie. It is also hoped to involve the local schools. Andrew Mackie to organise this.

Buckie Community Council will donate 3 vouchers of £20 each to winners of the dog poo quiz in local schools.

Andrew Mackie was made aware of wheelie bins being left on pavements in the Wallace Avenue area, being a danger to pedestrians and motorists. He is going to look into this.

He was also made aware of broken glass on the paths to Craigbo. Members of the public reported at least 2 dogs required vet treatment to their paws. He will also look into this.

Minutes of the March Meeting. The proposal that they be adopted as a True Recording was moved by John Cowie and seconded by Allan Fraser.

Matters Arising.

1. Chairman reported he is still getting many complaints about the possible closure of the public toilets. The Secretary produced figures of the running costs of the individual toilets in Buckie which face closure. There was unanimous agreement among the members that the sum was so small as being infinitesimal in the great scheme of things. If Moray was serious about encouraging tourism, members said toilets are an absolute necessity, and are much used. The closure of the toilets was a monumental mistake, causing a great deal of hassle.

Correspondence.

1. Joint Community Council Meeting, Elgin on 9th May, 2013 at 7pm.
2. 3 Planning Applications noted.

A.O.C.B.

1. Chairman reported Janet, Heather and himself were at Linn Coort open day and all three were impressed with the premises and level of care provided.
2. Chairman reported Town clock on blink again. Secretary to look into this.
3. Allan Fraser reported the war memorial east facing side plaque in need of repair.
4. Question has arisen regarding the responsibility of cleaning and upkeep of the steps from the former railway station to East Church Street. Councillor McDonald to look into this.
5. Steps from Buckpool Golf Club to Great Western Road have been cleaned.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 21st May 2013 in Town House at 7pm.

With no further business the chairman brought the meeting to a close at 8.15pm. He thanked all present for their contributions in the various discussions that took place.

Chairman



Proposer



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