

Burghead and Cummingston Community Council



Minute of regular meeting held at Burghead Harbour Office on Thursday

Present: Billy Davidson (Chair), John Gordon (Secretary) Les Taylor, Hilary Gloyer, Mollie Fraser, Kelly, Croudace, Shirley Munn, Joan Megson,

Apologies: Gilbert Farquhar and Jennifer Walker

In Attendance: Cllr Chris Tuke and Linda Francis

Adoption of minute of previous meeting

Proposed by: Mollie Fraser

Seconded by: Les Taylor

The meeting agreed to suspend standing orders to allow PC Kevin Kilgower and PC Martin Donnelly to present the following report:

Ongoing Investigations in Burghead

This report covers the extended period from 5 November until 4 December 2013, where Burghead and Cummingston saw 5 reported crimes. To date 4 crimes have been detected.

These crimes relate to offences including Theft by OLP, Drugs, Speeding, No Insurance and a contravention of the Communications Act.

Overnight on 13 November 2013, a Theft occurred at garage premises in Burghead. This was one of several garage premises across the Division entered. Residents are encouraged to immediately report anything which they believe to be suspicious.

During this period numerous patrols were carried out by Roads Policing Officers and micro beat officers in the Roseisle, Burghead and Cummingston area and one driver reported for excessively contravening the speed limit.

Anyone 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.

Lossiemouth Local Policing Team

Sergeant Angela McCarthy is the Local Policing Sergeant for Lossiemouth. Her team of Local Policing Constables are all directly involved in contributing towards Community Focus and they have all been allocated "micro beats" encouraging them to take a personal ownership of issues in these areas and get to know their residents better. Members of the local community are encouraged to contact Constable Donnelly to discuss issues affecting their area, either through the Police Scotland Service Centre, by attending personally at Lossiemouth Police Office or by talking to them during the course of their patrols.

Where issues are identified which affect communities, such as anti social driving depending on the circumstances a task will be allocated to one of the Beat officers for that particular area to address the problem. This has recently proved very effective and officers have initiated Operations to deal with offenders.

It should be noted however that members of the public should still continue to report incidents to the Police Scotland on the **101** telephone number rather than attempt to directly report incidents to officers who have responsibility for the above beats. Only once the incident has been properly reported and recorded will a decision be made as to which officer is best placed to deal with the matter.

Community Policing issues can also be highlighted to your local micro beat officers using the e-mail address AberdeenshireMorayCPTHeldonLaichCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk.

COMMUNITY SURGERY

On Wednesday 27 November, Constable Donnelly accompanied by Community Warden Betts attended in Burghead. They spoke to several members of the public. The main issues raised were speeding, driving whilst using a mobile telephone and parking within the local community. All these concerns are being addressed by the local Policing Team assisted by our Roads Policing colleagues

LOSSIEMOUTH LOCAL POLICING TEAM

In the New Year, Sergeant Alistair Bruce, Sergeant Angela McCarthy's counterpart at Fochabers will be varying his shift pattern to afford us full 7 days coverage for supervision of the Lossiemouth and Fochabers Policing Team. Sergeant McCarthy will continue to maintain responsibility for the Community Councils in this area. Sergeant Bruce will be operating from the Lossiemouth Police Office.

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Antisocial Behaviour and its causes are continuing to be targeted by Officers from Lossiemouth along with the Community Warden Tim Betts, Moray Council and other partners.

GET READY FOR WINTER CAMPAIGN

Police Scotland is supporting the Scottish Government's Ready for Winter campaign on winter resilience. This year's campaign will encourage individuals, families, businesses and communities to 'take an hour' - using the extra hour when the clocks change - to get ready for winter. The key message is: take an hour to prepare now...and save yourself a lot of trouble later.

Get Ready for Winter has four campaign themes:

home (including food, health, heat, power and rapid thaws);
travel (equipment, essential travel plans, journey information);
community (schools, neighbours);
workplace (businesses, employers, suppliers).

Alongside Police Scotland, partners involved include British Red Cross and a range of public, voluntary and private sector bodies. There will be 64 national roadshows visiting all local authority areas in Scotland to spread the campaign's messages.

Research has shown that most people in Scotland are still unprepared for severe weather, but are particularly concerned about power cuts and loss of vital services. Stats also show that most car owners think they are doing enough to prepare for poor driving conditions with an ice-scraper and de-icer spray.

Officers in Lossiemouth and Fochabers Policing team will be joining forces to work closely together in a local initiative relating to winter road safety during the month of December. This will include all aspects of Road Traffic issues including motor vehicle defects, drink driving and speeding.

To find out more about winter preparations, visit the www.readyscotland.org or www.transportscotland.gov.uk/winter/Driving-in-bad-weather

POLICE SCOTLAND

The Police Scotland are keen to highlight their use of social media and advise the public that our latest news can be found at www.scotland.police.uk and using the <http://www.twitter.com/policescotland> or <http://www.facebook.com/policescotland>

CRIMESTOPPERS

If anyone has any information relating to controlled drugs or drug dealing, please call Police Scotland on 101. Alternatively, contact can be made with Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Crimestoppers allow information to be passed in relation to any crime or criminal activity anonymously. They can also be contacted via the website at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

PARENTLINE SCOTLAND

ParentLine Scotland is a free helpline (08000 28 22 33) and email service parentlinescotland@children1st.org.uk for anyone with concern about a child. www.parentlinescotland.org.uk

Further to this PC Donnelly informed that his traffic colleagues would be instigating speed checks etc in the near future, they are fully aware of the problem of speeding in the area. Mollie stated that Cummingston was greatly affected by speeding traffic. Mollie requested that there be a regular police drop by at the Headland Trust. Kelly asked if the surgery could be communicated through the school to parents prior to it taking place in future. Sgt Alistair Bruce is now stationed at Lossiemouth Police Station and it will be manned seven days a week. Billy thanked PC's Donnelly and Kilgower for attending.

Matters arising from minute of previous meeting

Ongoing Parking problems

Mollie questioned the disabled parking layout on Sellar Street and Forteach Street. Chris assured everyone that there was progress being made to resolve this but any changes in layout would not take place until March when line marking would commence.

Burghead Cemetery & Burghead War Memorial

Billy expressed his dismay at the lack of maintenance of the cemetery and its uneven edging and asked Chris who was responsible at the Council for this. Similarly Molly asked the same of the war memorial and in both instances it was determined that Ken Kennedy was the person to contact. Billy will write to Mr Kennedy to resolve this issue. John stated that an email had been received on the 7th of June, 2013, from Mr Kennedy intimating repairs would be initiated on the War Memorial but as yet no action has been taken.

St Aethans Well

Hillary had contacted Mr Gavin Strathdee and a letter received stated the Mr Strathdee would clean up the area, lay a sub-base path at the entrance and supply 2 seats at his own expense with the proviso that the Community Council and members of the public keep the area clean and tidy. Everyone expressed their thanks for the generosity of Mr Strathdee

Library Closures

A general consensus of gratitude to all who campaigned to save the Burghead Library, but it was acknowledged that Hopeman's closure was a blow to the area. Joan invited all the committee to attend a morning of celebration at the library which would also act as a sounding ground for new ideas to expand its usage and secure its future. It is hoped to extend the services provided and encourage users from Hopeman. Joan is in communication with Mr Alistair Campbell, Library & Museums manager, and is to ask him to attend a Community Council meeting. John will send a formal invite in due course. Joan intimated that it was hoped a core group of volunteers was to be attained to facilitate new ideas for the Library, Chris agreed this would be a good idea.

Cumminston – Burghead New Path

Hilary had verified the ownership of the path from the Registry of Scotland. The area from the gate to the end of the Maltings belongs to Diageo, the initial part of the path and the sidings belong to Mr Strathdee. A letter is being sent to Diageo requesting they take their stanchions down, repair and resurface the area in front of the Maltings and perhaps allowing the children of the town to create a mural on the building. It is hoped that the coastal route be completed, Mollie mentioned the fact that it contributes partly to The North Sea Trail; (Link)

<http://www.northseatrail.org/index.php?/en/content/view/full/531> therefore it would be of great benefit to the town to complete the path and encourage walkers into Burghead

Station Yard

Linda Frances addressed the meeting on her concerns of the station yard area being cleared. As a meadow it was abundant in nutrients for wildlife. It had been cleared to tidy the area, and Ms Frances was informed of the ideas of the CC to hopefully turn the area into a community garden, perhaps including a meadow area, which she appreciated. An invitation to the Chairman of the Burghead Amenities Association will be sent to informally talk about ideas with a view to working together to improve this area of the village.

School Heating

Chris was asked to talk to Cllr John Cowe to see if he had any contact re the hot water supply to the school from Diageo.

Any Other Competent Business

Planning Consultation

John pointed out that he had received correspondence re the change in planning consultation. We now have 7 days to request a consultation which would then require a response within 14 days.

Review of Licence Fees

Chris brought to the attention of the committee a review of the current licence fees. There are ongoing discussions with regards to the use of Community Halls. It is hoped at the end of the review that the fees will make it easier for communities to utilise their halls.

Park Services

There is to be a reduction in grass cutting in the coming year. Various areas will see at least a third less cutting and the cemetery view point to be removed from the parks schedule. The Chairman criticised the disarray of the cemetery and again asked that it be addressed. Chris asked if the three blade mower in the station yard could be overhauled and put into use by the community. Billy offered to take a look at it to see if he would be able to get the mower up and running again.

Joint Community Council

Kelly had recently attended the Joint Community Council meeting on Thursday 14th November 2013. This was the first meeting held since all the new Community Councils were formed. Kelly felt that this would be of great benefit to our own Community Council. Issues concerning all areas are discussed and each CC talks of the issues that are ongoing within their area with ideas and thoughts being shared and assistance given where required. It was agreed that our CC would attend future meetings.

Coastal Erosion

Mollie pointed out that the recent storm had further eroded the sea path at Cummingston, Mollie will keep an eye on it and contact the relevant services should it need further repair.

Town Signage

Hilary had recently visited the Braemou Well and admired the signage and is looking to purchase similar for the attractions of Burghead and along the coastal trail. Everyone fully supported this idea.

Bowling Championships

Congratulations to Andrew Barker and Mike Stepney who are to take in World Indoor Bowling Championships and the committee wish them every success in their endeavours.

Bath Street Problem

The Chairman pointed out that someone is feeding seagulls which are causing problems. An email is to be sent to Community Warden Tim Betts to try and address the problem.

Lights at the Harbour

Mollie asked if anything had been actioned by the Council about the dangerous condition of the lighting. As yet nothing has been done so she will contact them again.

Criminal Justice

Billy is to contact Mr Michael McRitchie to enquire as to what duties can be carried out by the Criminal Justice team within the town

Christmas Lights

Billy thanked Chris for his help, once again, in the erecting of the Christmas lights and the committee with their continued fundraising to ensure the whole village can continue to enjoy them.

Red Craig/Masonhaugh Bus Stop

Billy is to ask that a bus stop be placed by the new houses at Red Craig Drive and Masonhaugh Rise. It was brought up that the pavement is not yet complete but this does not have to be completed until the end of the final phase of building.

Pigeons entering the Bank

Gilbert had been in touch with the Bank of Scotland over a continuing problem with pigeons entering the bank premises.

Being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.35pm

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

To be held at the Harbour Office, Burghead