

## **BUCKIE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL.**

**A MEETING TOOK PLACE IN THE TOWN HOUSE BUCKIE ON TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2013 AT 7PM.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT** – James Smith (Chairman) Gordon Cowie (Secretary) John Cowie (Treasurer) Christine Allan Heather Innes (Minute Secretary) Morag Stewart Sonia Ritchie Jane Murray Ann Mitchell

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

**APOLOGIES** – Trish Greenwood Ian MacPherson Councillor Joe Mackay

**CHAIRMAN** – The meeting was opened by Mr Smith who welcomed all present. He then invited Sergeant Crawford Reay to give the Police Report.

47 crimes reported, 17 cases being reported to the Procurator Fiscal – being domestic assaults, assaults, thefts for shoplifting, theft and several road traffic offences. The road traffic offences were recorded for driving in a careless manner, driving without a driving license and no insurance and driving while drunk.

A trailer worth £2000 was stolen in the Buckie area on 25<sup>th</sup> November. Members of the public are requested to pay attention to the security around trailers or small plant equipment.

Heating oil and commercial diesel continue to be a target, also scrap metal.

The Police Office, Buckie front desk is open Monday to Thursday 0800 hours to 2300 hours and 0800 hours to 2030 hours on a Friday. At the weekends and for the rest of the time the office will be open to the public when there are Police Officers within the building.

No reports circulating of dog attacks on people happening within the Buckie area over the last 5 months.

The Safer Streets campaign was launched in Moray on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Officers will be working alongside partner agencies including Moray Safety Community Partnership and Moray Alcohol and Drug Partnership. The operation will target anti-social behaviour and violence.

The "Festive Drink/Drug Drive Initiative was launched Force wide on Friday 6 December, 2013 and will run for 4 week period until Friday 3 January, 2014.

The Chairman spoke of his delight the Police Office Hours in Buckie were not cut, and he also said that someone had been stripping wire along the old railway line.

Councillor McDonald spoke about the break-ins and the Co-op, Buckie and Sergeant Reay said 1 male and 1 female suspects were due in court that week.

The Chairman thanked Sergeant Reay for his update and contribution before he left the meeting. He then invited Community Warden Andrew Mackie to give his update.

There have been 7 anti-social behaviour incidents. This includes 2 neighbour disputes, 1 noise complaint, 2 noisy dog complaints and 2 for feeding seagulls.

There has been 1 complaint for dog fouling, this was a repeat offender.

There has been 1 incident recorded involving litter/fly tipping and this has been addressed.

2 abandoned vehicle incidents had been resolved.

There are regular meetings between various partners to discuss anti-social behaviour and persons identified as problem tenants/homeowners are discussed and appropriate action taken.

School lunchtime litter patrols have continued.

Road safety advice talk to Cluny Primary School was carried out.

Community Warden was advised there was excrement on the seat at the bus shelter outside Moray Council Office, West Church Street also often sickness on the pavements there and also outside Sandisons. The Community Warden is to check on these matters.

The Chairman thanked Andrew Mackie for his update and contribution before leaving the meeting.

Minutes of the Inaugural meeting. The proposal that they be adopted as a True Recording was moved by Gordon Cowie and seconded by Christine Allan.

Adopt a Constitution. Moved by Morag Stewart and seconded by Heather Innes.

Correspondence.

1. Dog Poo Quiz handed back by Community Warden for the prizes to go to 2 winners from Millbank Primary School and 2 from Portessie Primary School.
2. Street lighting – carbon footprint – part night time dipping of switching off. CC do not promote this.
3. Digital Inclusive Work. Tutors for internet required in Inverness, Buckie and Forres areas, pay will be in line with Highland Council standard rate.
4. Review of Sports Leisure – meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 7-8.30pm. James Smith and Gordon Cowie will attend.
5. Licensing Fee proposed increases.

A.O.C.B.

1. Sonia Ritchie spoke about the car park area outside the old St Andrew's Hotel, Buckpool there being holes. She was advised that there have been various discussions about this previously an enquiries into it as regard the ownership of this ground. It has never been a Moray Council car park and therefore Moray Council are not liable to repair it. Councillor McDonald will try to find out about it, also Gordon Cowie will look into it.
2. Chairman spoke of a former CC member who had sadly passed away. Bruce Guy died at young age and he was a dedicated member of the BCC and was very aware of the town. The chairman attended his funeral.
3. Chairman spoke about the resignation from the Moray Council of Anne McKay, and how it would be nice if the CC sent her a "thank you" card and wish her all the best. Secretary to attend to this.
4. Well Road – "Ballantrae" . Had reports re trees/bushes protruding onto pavement and obstructing people walking past. Merson Street and corner Barhill Road towards Golf Course had also problems.
5. Ground at the back of Chancellor Road and back of St Peters Road – complaints re condition of roads/paths. Secretary to look into this.
6. Big hole in road start of Milton Drive before The Well.
7. Weeds/roots coming from the Buckie Bowling Green / North High Street.
8. Traffic Lights Well Road/High Street entrance/exit – Chairman spoke of their eventually being a date 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 .
9. Chairman congratulated the Christmas Kracker and Christmas Lights . The CC hope to get involved next year.
10. Marchmont Crescent – markings on road no longer there. Secretary to look into this.
11. Jane Murray spoke about taxis using car parks as taxi ranks. She was advised they are quite entitled to park there as they pay their road tax as well as everyone else.
12. Jane Murray spoke about the residents beside Craigenroan/Great Eastern Road that they didn't get sandbags until Friday (the time of the flooding) and Moray Council workers just put down pallets with sandbags on and no one knew, Moray Council workers not putting them at everyones door. Gordon Cowie informed her the sandbags were there Thursday NOT Friday and workers have not time to put bags at residents doors as they have a wide area too attend to, but that the people of that area know themselves to go and pick up sandbags. CC produce leaflets advising what to do?
13. Books to go too Tracey Rae to get finalised, so new bank account can be arranged.
14. CC to give British Legion £70 for wreath and Christmas Lights £40 for new light.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2014 in the Town House at 7pm.

With no further business the Chairman brought the meeting to a close at 8.20pm. He thanked all present for their contributions in the various discussions that took place and wished all a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Chairman *James Smith.*

Proposed *Mary Stewart*

Seconded *Christie Allan,*