

# Burghead and Cummingston Community Council



**Minute of regular meeting held at Burghead Harbour Office on  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

**Present:** Billy Davidson, Chris Tuke, Gilbert Farquhar, Kelly Croudace, Jennifer Walker, Mollie Fraser, Hilary Gloyer, Joan Megson

**Apologies:** Shirley Munn, John Gordon and Les Taylor

**Adoption of minute of previous meeting**

**Proposed by:** Billy Davidson

**Seconded by:** Mollie Fraser

**Accounts:**

Copies of the audited accounts were presented by Jennifer Walker and agreed by all present.

**Police Report**

For the period 2<sup>nd</sup> February until 6<sup>th</sup> March 2014, a total of 1 crime was reported.

Between the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014, damage occurred to a trailer at farm premises at Roseisle.

**Driving Offences**

During the reporting period, Roads Policing Officers and micro beat officers have carried out speed checks on B9089, St Aethans Road and within Cummingston. Two drivers have been reported for exceeding the speed limit.

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

**Feedback on Police Actions in response to matters raised at the previous meeting**

Concerns were expressed regarding motorbikes being used on the back shore in Burghead. Patrols have been made around the area. One male has been seen in response to information received as to him using a trails bike on tracks. Further enquiry is being made with the landowner to confirm authorisation has been received to use the land for this purpose although presumed unlikely. A further complaint had been made to Kelly regarding this matter as it continues to be an issue for residents especially if on nightshift and for those with small children. It is recommended that this is reported by ringing **101**.

## **Details of actions I response to local priorities**

### **1 Anti-Social Behaviour**

We have worked with the Community Warden, Tim Betts and ran multi agency events called Operation Avon to address underage drinking. We have ensured a strong police presence outside those licensed premises that attract the largest crowds to reduce disruption

### **2 Drugs**

We have acted on intelligence received to stop and search persons suspected of being involved in the use and supply of controlled drugs and searched houses under warrant.

### **3 Theft**

We have periodically run events known as Operation Moravia to address any emerging crime trends. We have carried out vehicle security awareness in areas where cars have been entered or property stolen.

### **4 Driving Offences**

We have trained some of your Local Community Policing Team to use speed detection equipment and regularly assist Roads Policing Officers to carry out checks in areas where speeding occurs.

## **Ongoing Local/Forcewide engagement activities**

### **Community Policing Team – Community Meeting**

At 1430 hours on Friday 21 March 2014, Constable Mairi Page will be in attendance with Community Warden Tim Betts at Burghead Library, Burghead. Any members of the local community wishing to discuss any concerns or get advice from the local community officer are encouraged to attend.

### **OPERATION AVON**

On Friday 14 February 2014, Police Scotland attended with partners from Youth Justice and Community Wardens to carry out Operation Avon patrols in the Lossiemouth beat area. No youngsters were found to be intoxicated or in possession of alcohol in the Burghead area.

## **Community Warden Report**

### **Abandoned Vehicles**

One vehicle was reported abandoned in this period, enquires are currently ongoing.

### **Antisocial behaviour**

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

## **Dog Fouling**

In response to concerns raised regarding dog fouling over the last couple of months, the following actions are ongoing

Poster installation at hotspots areas

Leaflet drops in hotspot areas

More robust advertising of free dog bag locations

Increased plain clothes patrols to catch offenders

One complaint in regards to dog fouling was received during this period, enquires are ongoing. We continue to urge people who witness dog fouling to report it on **07800 670665**.

Moray Council are writing to the Scottish Government asking for larger fines for fouling.

## **Fly tipping, Litter and Graffiti**

Two complaints of fly tipping were made to the Antisocial Behaviour Team in this period; unfortunately the offenders could not be traced.

## **Ongoing Moray wide engagement/activities**

Burghead Community surgery

A community surgery will be held on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 2pm at Burghead Library with a representative from Police Scotland and Community Warden Tim Betts in attendance. People seeking advice or wishing to discuss local concerns are encouraged to attend.

## **Beach Clean**

Pupils from Lossiemouth High and Burghead Primary Schools will be conducting a beach clean at Burghead on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March to highlight litter and dog fouling issues in the local area.

## **Noisy/Nuisance Neighbours Initiative**

To help raise awareness of noise nuisance within communities and promote responsible and respectful neighbours, a noise initiative was conducted throughout January and February. This involved Community Wardens visiting all identified offenders within 24 hours of the offence being committed to deliver suitable advice on further action that can be taken should there be repeat offences. If you are suffering from a noise nuisance then complaints can be reported to the Antisocial Behaviour team on **0800 587 7197** or Police Scotland on **101**

## **Matters arising from minute of previous meeting**

### **Station Yard**

Further to a small meeting of those interested a visit to the Forres Transition Gardens gave lots of ideas as to what could be achieved at the Station Yard site. Possible raised beds, poly tunnels and benched seating areas were some of many. John to go ahead and arrange a meeting with Burghead Amenities Association with the view of some from the community council joining their team to move forward with a project and fundraising. It was noted that the Yard had been tidied somewhat and that SEPA had visited also.

### **War Memorial/Cemetery**

Mr Kennedy is looking for more funding to replace rather than fix the current railings. Mollie asked if the memorial at Cummingston would be painted and cleaned and Chris said all

memorials were being looked at. We are waiting to hear from Mr Kennedy with regards to the cemetery but as yet we have had nothing back.

### **St Aethans Well and Signage**

Well Done again to Hilary for the opening of the St Aethans Well. All agreed it was fantastic. The next phase is signage for other points of interest along the coast walk which is going ahead. Proofs for the six signs were passed around, all agreed they were very impressive. Total cost is around £1500 to be shared between the Headland Trust and Community Council in the promotion of the area.

Leaflets promoting Burghead have been distributed around Moray. Soon A3 versions with maps will be available with local businesses offered advertising space to cover the costs. Joan said that if the advertising doesn't cover the costs, the matter will be raised before any printing goes ahead. Congratulations to Joan Megson and John Gaynor for all their work on this.

### **Libraries**

Billy reported on the constructive meeting with Alistair Campbell on the subject of how Burghead and Cummingston Community Council can help improve Burghead Library. Joan has since been in contact with the Librarian and will follow up on action items. There will be a change in how the books are distributed so people should see more choice available to them. The library is open to any suggestions or group who wish to use the library and there are lots of ideas and actions which are already being looked into to maximise its use. It is also hoped that Storytime will return soon.

### **Cummingston-Burghead Path**

Shortly after the last meeting Hilary received correspondence from Diageo with regard to their upgrading the path on their land to a better standard this year. They will look at improvements to the paths and asked for contacts to Strathdee Properties to liaise with this. Hilary has already given them details for this. Unfortunately there is no intention of brightening up the building.

### **School Heating**

Chris had hoped to have a fully costed benefit analysis back from Chris Goodchild as requested but at the time of the meeting had not yet received it.

### **Public Entertainment License**

Chris reported that new fees had been set. Unfortunately, these new fees are high and can make events in small halls etc impossible to hold. Chris said the ways of setting the bar high for the requirements to the a license were being looked at.

### **Joint Community Council Meeting**

Joan and Kelly will plan attend the next meeting set for 8<sup>th</sup> May 2014

### **Hotmail Account**

It was agreed that all Community Council mail would go via the secretary and for John to forward information to the relevant people accordingly. The BCCC hotmail account will be kept as a point of contact for the public.

## **Any Other Competent Business**

### **Lights at the Harbour**

Mollie has been in touch with several people about the lights at the harbour. It was noted that the bench had been fixed.

### **Red Craig Bus Stop**

We are waiting response with regards to a new bus stop. The pavement on the way up to the cemetery is in bad condition. Chris will find out the status of planning permission.

### **Housing Vents**

Gilbert brought up the problem that had been brought to his attention of a resident in Forteach Street. The vents are now right at pavement level and in bad weather can leak. This is a problem for other residents too. However as this is a privately owned house it would be a matter that would have to be repaired by the owner.

### **Letter received**

Kelly received a letter addressed to the Community Council from a young resident who will be one of two people in Scotland and Northern Ireland chosen to take part in an exchange to Canada. The letter asked for help towards funds required to enable him to participate in this. Although a very impressive achievement the Community Council do not have the ability or funds to help in this way. Kelly will respond to the letter.

### **Restoration of Burghead Painting**

Janet and Patrick Glendinning kindly got in touch with art restorers with a painting of Burghead looking back from the sea. Unfortunately due to the glass being so close to the painting and its age it would be impossible to restore although they have been able to get amazing prints made. Chris stated that copies will be available for purchase.

### **Bank Building**

Gilbert has been in touch with the family in ownership with regards to the problem of the pigeons nesting within the building. He is waiting for a response.

### **Cummingston Car Parking**

To be addressed. John suggests mediation between parties in the hope of resolving this matter.

### **Community Council Facebook Page**

This is now set up and Joan will post past minutes on the page.

### **Boats in Burghead**

The weekend of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> July The Reaper will be in in the Harbour as well as some coastal rowing boats and the Findhorn skiff.

**Being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.15pm**

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.30pm.**

**To be held at the Harbour Office, Burghead**