

BUCKIE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

A MEETING TOOK PLACE IN THE TOWN HOUSE BUCKIE ON TUESDAY 21ST JANUARY, 2014 AT 7PM.

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

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

APOLOGIES – Trish Greenwood

CHAIRMAN – The meeting was opened by Mr Smith who welcomed all present. As there was no Police Officers at meeting and no Police Report available Mr Smith invited Community Warden to give his update.

There have been 2 anti-social behaviour incidents – this includes 1 noise complaint and 1 noisy dog complaint (barking).

There have been 2 complaints to Moray Council re dog fouling and 4 complaints to the community warden. No FPN have been issued. The Community Warden has carried out dog fouling leaflet drops around the areas reported and displayed posters in some of the areas.

There have been 2 incidents involving litter/fly-tipping and these have been addressed. Warnings have been issued but no FPN.

There has been 1 abandoned vehicle incident and this has been investigated.

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.

Noise Initiative 2014. Community Wardens are carrying out home visits to all noise complaints made to Moray Council and Police Scotland. The community wardens attend the address of the offenders and issue a verbal warning advising that their actions may result in them being reported to the Procurator Fiscal under terms of Civic Government (Scotland) Act or action taken under the Antisocial Behaviour Legislation or if appropriate affect their tenancy.

A number of dog fouling complaints have been made re walks on the outskirts of the town. The community warden is looking at initiatives to focus on displaying posters and dog bags along these routes.

Rubbish at skatepark – this will be monitored.

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

Minutes of the December, 2013 meeting. The proposal that they be adopted as a True Recording was moved by Morag Stewart and Seconded by Christine Allan.

Matters Arising.

1. A considerable amount of time was spent discussing St Andrew's Square again.
2. The Chairman informed the CC of proper procedure regarding complaints – to be made through the CC and not direct to Moray Council

Correspondence.

1. Taxis using car parks – Legal Service to look into this.
2. Overgrown weeds North High Street – Moray Council to do nothing meantime.
3. Merson Street/Barhill Road – looked into and nothing found.
4. Well Road trees – letter delivered to occupier – trees have been pruned.
5. Milton Drive pot holes – been repaired.
6. Merson Park pot holes – been repaired.
7. Chancellor Road pot holes – no feed back yet.
8. CC constitution had been approved, signed and returned back to us.
9. Well Road traffic lights to start 21st April and be completed by 13th June.
10. Joint CC Meeting in Elgin 13th February at 7pm.
11. Scottish Fire & Rescue consultation.
12. Scottish Fire & Rescue survey – Secretary to reply.
13. Bin Collection – there will be no second collection for bins that have been missed.
14. Letter from John Thain 51 Linn Crescent Buckie offering his services as a youth member.
15. St Andrew's Square – letter from Moray Council stating they had no knowledge of ownership.

A.O.C.B.

1. Bin Collection – Chairman said "It is fair enough as the majority of people know when the collections are and to have them out by 0730 as requested by Moray Council Cleansing Dept on the day of collection.

2. Youth member – the CC discussed this matter. The secretary to invite Mr Thain along to the meetings on 18th February, 2014.
3. Chairman thanked those who put their names forward for the forthcoming elections and hoped that they would work for the good of Buckie & District. Whoever was successful the CC would have to work with them.
4. Chairman – complaints from residents beside Haldanes, also members of the public, regarding the barriers. Secretary said this was in hand.
5. Sewage Treatment Plant – complaints regarding terrible smell. Secretary to look into this.
6. Public Toilets, Town House – Chairman said he had numerous complaints from members of the public regarding the closure by Moray Council of these toilets. They are in good condition and well used. Have it on good authority that between 50 – 100 people a day use these toilets. Moray Council gave no notice of closure and now try to say they are seasonal. They never have been seasonal. Last year Buckie CC took a stand against Moray Council to keep them open – this was agreed, there was no word of them being made seasonal at that time. Councillor McDonald said he would look into this and Secretary to write to Moray Council.
7. Light at Harbour Head – in need of repair.
8. Complaints of cars speeding in various streets – Highfield Road, Netherha Road, Mackenzie Road and Main Street. Police to be informed.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 18th February, 2014 in the Town House at 7pm.

With no further business the Chairman brought the meeting to a close at 8.35pm. He thanked all present for their contributions in the various discussions that took place. He reminded the CC that Tracey Rae, Community Liason Officer would be present at the next meeting.

Chairman

Proposed

Seconded