

Burghead and Cummingston Community Council



**Minute of regular meeting held at Burghead Harbour Office on
Thursday 5th March 2015**

Present: Billy Davidson, John Gordon, Gilbert Farquhar, Jennifer Walker, Les Taylor, Hilary Gloyer, Joan Megson, Chris Tuke, Constable Keith Munro and Constable Joanne Ellis.

Apologies: Mollie Fraser, Shirley Munn, Tim Betts

Adoption of minute of previous meeting

Proposed by: Les Taylor

Seconded by: Gilbert Farquhar

Police Report

For the period 2nd February to 2nd March 2015, only one crime in the Burghead and Cummingston area was reported to Police.

The incident in question happened on St Aethan's Road about 0145 on Thursday 9th February and consisted of a male standing on the bonnet of a taxi he had just got out of, and then repeatedly kicking the side of it. He also conducted himself in a disorderly manner towards the driver. Fortunately the taxi did not sustain any significant damage. Enquires are ongoing to identify the offender.

Anyone with information on the incident mentioned above and any crimes in the Lossiemouth Policing area is asked to contact Police Scotland on 101. Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 or call in person at the Lossiemouth Police Office.

Night Patrols in the Lossiemouth and Burghead areas have continued and residents are encouraged to immediately report any suspicious persons or vehicles, particularly in rural locations.

Matters arising from minute of previous meeting

Station Yard

Due to the continuing problem of dog fouling the use of normal waste bins being allowed for disposal of used bags will be publicised.

Coastal Tourism

A new website is being made moraycoast.org and a new Facebook page is up and running. Local businesses and North 58° are being approached to become involved with the Laich Coast Tourism group. There will be a number of music events around the coast being organised and a cycling event. These events will be publicised.

Bus Stops

Outside 30mph zones buses can be flagged down. John has made drawings of proposed bus stop markings and has sent it to the Transport Department via the Roads Department. He has also offered to meet with them to discuss the matter further.

Libraries

There was a great meeting on the 27th February with lots of ideas discussed. It was felt though that due to the new railings and the gate opposite the library door was unable to be opened this made the library less visible. Chris told Joan that he thought the problem with this gate had been fixed so should be able to be used now. Joan will check up on this.

Potential Hazard at Newton

We have been assured by the Forestry Commission that the lower lying branch is not at risk at the moment of falling but they are keeping an eye on it. It was thought it might be an idea to keep an eye on how high sided vehicles get on passing it.

Any Other Competent Business

Keith Community Radio

John Calder from KCR would like to attend Community Council meetings taking each one in turn and publicising and broadcasting information from them. Everyone agreed this is a great idea to encourage involvement from the community. John will email out interest in participating and let him know when our meetings are.

Moray Council Consultation on the Harbour

John passed round questionnaires regarding future thoughts and ideas for improvement and development of our harbours. There is also an open meeting on Saturday 21st arch launching the chiller and ice machine. Discussions of the lack of fuel bunkering and what is required will also be discussed with all who attend.

Rowing Club

The club felt the rates were high at about £285/year. I was asked if there would be any help available towards this. Chris said they may be able to get small business relief and will pass on details

War Memorial

Correspondence will be sent to Allannah Hughs at the War Memorial Trust of the disappointment at the lack of help and support at what is being suggested. They wish it to be replaced like for like with each part being inspected, this was felt to be unrealistic and that the railings as they are, are beyond maintenance and repair.

Harvest Reaper

There is a possibility of moving it towards the rotten rock. There were mixed feeling with regards to the project but ways of preserving it are being looked at for keeping it as a piece of fishing history.

Being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.35pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday 2nd April 2015 at 7.30pm.

To be held at the Harbour Office, Burghead