

Burghead and Cummington **Community Council**



**DRAFT Minutes of regular meeting held in Burghead Community Hall
on Thursday 2nd July 2026, 7pm, Burghead Community Hall.**

Present: Abbey Main (Chair) AM, Jamie Campbell (Secretary) JC, Katie Lyons KL, Billy Davidson BD, Jane Benson JB

In Attendance: Cllr John Cowe, Cllr Bridget Mustard, Cllr Neil Cameron, Dan Ralph, Karen Greaves (CEO Moray Council) Debra Duke (CCLO), Thomas Ross, Kenneth Ross, John Cantlie, Mark Jones, Donna Skelly (Grigor & Young), Barry Lumsden (Chivas), Rob Muir (Diageo)

Apologies: John Hogg JH, Myra Kingscott MK, Keith Kingscott KK, Cllr James Allan, Ryan More RM

1. Police Update:

Due next month

2. Minutes of Last Meeting:

Proposed by KL and seconded by BD

3. Matters Arising

AM reported that the stone chips had been delivered to the Memorial Garden and the gate had been promised by the end of this month.

4. Defco TransMoray Pipeline Odour

AM thanked the representatives from Grigor & Young, Chivas and Diageo who had attended the meeting, he expressed that the situation had now become unbearable for many residents and this could not continue, that the smell had been the worst ever. He then handed over to the representatives to update all. Donna updated the meeting going into detail about the history of the pipeline and what action has been taken since this was reported over the past few years, which included a complete reskimming of the entire pipe, changes to access at the pumping station, more monitoring and a new tank. They are at a loss as to why this keeps happening without notice or any explanation. Rob from Diageo went into detail about what is being done and the investigations which were taking place, and then Barry from Chivas again went into detail about what they are doing. Donna reiterated that they will not walk away but will do all they can to try and find the cause of this and come up with a solution, all agreed that the communication and work being done was greatly appreciated and we will all keep in touch.

5. Clavie

Members of the crew and interested parties were able to feed back directly to the CEO of Moray Council, Karen Greaves, about the issue we have had with the licensing department

and poor communication. They were able to express how important this was not just to Burghead and Moray, but to Scotland and that this was a part of our heritage and culture. Karen replied that she totally understood the strength of feeling and would be picking this up with the relevant people upon her return from Annual Leave. She insisted the council would work with all involved, and though could not give any promises at this stage, it was clear that this is something that needs careful consideration and should be supported. The Chair thanked her for her response and thanked all of those who spoke with such passion.

6. War Memorials

JC gave an update on where we were with the memorials and announced that the rededication ceremony will go ahead at 12.30pm on Sunday 23rd August 2026. It was hoped all community councillors will be present and invitations will be extended to dignitaries and serving personnel at both RAF Lossie and Kinloss Barracks. The community hall has very kindly offered to provide all refreshments after the service. Dan Ralph then updated on the casings being made for the memorials which were well under way. The Chair wished to put on record sincere thanks on behalf of the whole community for the fantastic care, attention and quality of work being done by Dan. It is a fitting tribute to all of those who sacrificed their lives for us all, more details to follow at the next meeting. The gate is currently being fabricated and there is a dent in the railings to be repaired.

7. Correspondence Received

Nothing to note.

8. Reports

(i) Local Councillor(s)

Nothing to report

(ii) Community Council Sub Group(s) Sub committees Christmas Lights

Nothing to report

(iii) Finance - transactions since last meeting

All community councilors unanimously approved the appointment of an independent examiner to examine the community council accounts, these are to be done by Crinan Dunbar, Pitgaveny Farms, Elgin.

9. Planning Issues

Nothing to report

10. The Joint Community Council (JCC) of Moray

The next meeting of the JCC will take place on 13th August 2026 at Elgin Community Centre, all councillors welcome to attend.

11. AOCB

It was mentioned to Cllr Cameron that the Clarkly Circular path which was reported to be overgrown, he will look into this and get back to us.

It was agreed that the 20mph on the whole was going well regarding speeding but the signs were not consistent across road areas, it is to be expected that as funding allows more will be replaced.

BD asked about the Macintosh Fund, JC said that there had been positive movement and will be able to update once there is more to share.

JB mentioned that the gardens had applied for Moray CAN funding and will let us know how they get on, other funding streams also being looked into.

Cllr Cowe congratulated all who had been involved with the memorial rededication, that it had been a true community effort and also wished to thank Moray Council planners who had put the condition of sale on the building so that they could not sell without allowing us to remove them, the Chair and Secretary backed up this vote of thanks to all involved and Moray Council.

JC announced that the Boxing Day Swim is celebrating its 40th Swim this year and so are holding a weekend of community events on the 7th, 8th and 9th August in Burghead. He expressed thanks to the chair for offering to do the BBQ food and the Chair wished them well on their fundraising efforts.

There being no other business, the Chair declared the meeting to be closed.

Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting: 6 August 2026 7.00pm – 9.00pm in Burghead Community Hall.

Secretary
Jamie Campbell

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