Burghead and Cummingston Community Council

DRAFT Minutes of regular meeting held in Burghead Community Hall on Thursday 3rd September 2026, 7pm, Burghead Community Hall.

Present: Abbey Main (Chair) AM, Jamie Campbell (Secretary) JC, Katie Lyons KL, Myra Kingscott MK, Keith Kingscott KK, Ryan More RM

In Attendance: Cllr Neil Cameron, Cllr James Allan

Apologies: Cllr Bridget Mustard, Jane Benson JB, Debra Duke CCLO, Billy Davidson BD, Cllr John Cowe

1. Police Update:

Still no update as of yet.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting:

Proposed by KL and seconded by AM

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3. Matters Arising
Cllr Cameron updated that the Clarkly Circular had been identified as needing work done but all came down to funding, suggestion of a possible working group. However members felt that was not an option due to the possible legal ramifications of taking this on and if scrub was to be cut and left for uplifting and there was an accident, would the working group be liable.

4. Defco TransMoray Pipeline Odour
AM called Donna at Grigor and Young, she passed on that the final areas of sleeving are being completed and there has been no further complaints since they were last raised. There is also due to be a big flush of the pipe too.

5. Clavie
Nothing further to report at the moment.

6. War Memorials
JC updated on the success of the event and thanked all who turned out and made it such a memorable and historic day including: all councillors, Burghead Community Hall for the fantastic teas they put on, Dan Ralph for his care and dedication, Rosemary Davidson for her care and commitment, Brian Smith, Rev. Andrew Wakeham-Dawson, all families, all who laid something in remembrance and all who turned out on the day. The fantastic sum of £500 was raised which will go between the hall and Burghead in Bloom for the upkeep of the memorial area. Cllr Cameron also proposed a vote of thanks to all community councillors who assisted and helped on the day. JC also mentioned the lovely letter from Cllr Cowe thanking everyone and many others who had said the day was a huge success.

7. Cemetry
AM updated the meeting on the cemetery, that the state of it was not acceptable and it is clear it has been neglected. The edging is all over the place and in the old part, the paths are covered and graves left in disgrace. This is not acceptable and it seems due to the high wall that as it is not seen from the road it is not cared about - out of sight out of mind. It was made clear that this will not be accepted by Community Councillors and AM has requested a meeting with any councillors available and the responsible department to get this sorted out.

8. Resilience Planning
All agreed to add this as an agenda item at each meeting and to try and move forward with this in more detail. A discussion was had about what constitutes resilience and how the money could be spent.

9. Burghead Primary
JC updated that he had been asked by the Headmaster at Burghead Primary if the CC could donate money to cover the costs of new planter brackets at £1000, any amount would be gratefully received. It was discussed what was possible as we are not able to donate council funds for this purpose so it was agreed to look at possible funding and see if we could help in that way.

10. Correspondence Received

Nothing to note.

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11. 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

Statements were circulated to all present. All agreed to pay £50 to the young lady who played the last post at the rededication ceremony, AM to organise.

12. Planning Issues

It was discussed that there had been rumours that the chip shop proposed for the old post office building was now not happening due to the length of time the owner had to wait, this was disappointing and disheartening at a time when Burghead needs more businesses in the town.

13. The Joint Community Council (JCC) of Moray

No update as JB not present, hope to have one at the next meeting.

14. AOCB

The LPP was discussed, specifically the solar farm proposed for Burghead and which had been picked up by the Council as a project to look more into. AM updated the meeting on conversations he had engaged with which proved this had not been agreed with the land owner and is unlikely to go ahead. All agreed that the plan needed to be looked at again as we need to ensure that plans are thoroughly scrutinised and agreements in principle had been sought before we endure some of the abuse we got last year when these were published. AM updated the meeting on the spraying of the weeds, he would check in 1 week to see if they had died down as Lands and Parks has said they are supposed to have been sprayed. JC had completed the request to the CCLO for a laptop as at the moment BCCC does not have any IT equipment to complete the minutes etc. It was also mentioned about the Roseisle crossroads and comments that had been circulated about it not being discussed at our meetings and people not aware of what we are discussing as we do not publish the minutes. JC disputed this as all minutes are published on the council website and he had asked over a year ago for someone to show him how to add them to facebook and no one came forward. AM also stated that the Roseielse crossroads are outside our area but we would fully support anything that would stop the bad accidents that had been happening though not one person had come forward to raise this particular issue. It was noted that for over a year we have been addressing the issue of speeding in Cummingston with no success in our area. KK mentioned there was a monitor near his property and he would like to see the results as they will no doubt prove the ridiculous speeds people come through at which causes vibrations and issues when trying to get out of the drive. The Education Report on the School Estate was discussed and all present were reassured that there had been no decision taken at this time and this had been done before. It was made clear that BCCC and the people of Burghead would oppose any suggestion that Burghead be closed if this was ever suggested and would fight as hard as we have done for other things in the past to stop it. MK raised two issues - firstly she had been approached about the back street road of Cummingston in which one area had become a turning place for cars which thought it led somewhere else, it was stated that this should be raised with Tullochs as the road has not yet been adopted but there was little other than a ‘No through Road’ sign that could be erected. Secondly an access issue with the old steps rotting through on the way down to the cove.

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

Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting: 5th November 2026 7.00pm – 9.00pm in Burghead Community Hall.

Secretary
Jamie Campbell

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