

Burghead and Cummingston Community Council



Minute of regular meeting held at Burghead Harbour Office on Thursday 4th February 2016

Present: Billy Davidson, Jim Patterson, Kelly Croudace, Joan Megson, Gilbert Farquhar, Hilary Gloyer

In attendance: Councillors Chris Tuke and Dennis Slater, Community Warden Tim Betts, Police Scotland Constables Steve Armour and David Bell

Apologies: Mollie Fraser, John Gordon, Jennifer Walker, Les Taylor

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.30

Police Report

This report covers the period 29 November 2015 to 3 February 2016. During this time, only five crimes and offences have been recorded in the Burghead and Cummingston areas. These include Theft, Road Traffic Offences, Possession of drugs and an offensive weapon and sending sexually offensive images by social media.

Sometime between 0130 hours and 1330 hours on Sunday (Saturday night) 6 December 2015, the Harbour Bar, Granary Street, Burghead, was entered through an insecure door and a large three figure sum of cash was stolen.

A 32 year old local female has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for driving in Burghead during the late evening of 18 January 2016 whilst being only the holder of a Provisional Drivers Licence without being accompanied by a suitably qualified driver.

Several motorists have been charged and issued fixed penalty notices for speeding offences as a result of checks carried out in the area by local officers.

Nightshift patrols in the Lossiemouth and Burghead areas continue and residents are encouraged to immediately report any suspicious persons or vehicles, particularly in rural locations.

Anyone with any information on incidents and unusual activity in the Lossiemouth Policing Area is asked to contact Police Scotland on 101, Crimestoppers on 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

Local Policing Team officers, in conjunction with Moray Council Community Wardens, have been operating speed checks in the vicinity of Burghead Primary School, along with P6/7 pupils to raise awareness of the issue of speeding motorists in the area.

There was discussion about the severity of the drug problem in Burghead. Reassurance was given that there was no evidence of a serious problem or crime relating to it.

Community Warden Report

Community Issues in Burghead and Cummington 1st December 2015 – 4th February 2016

Anti social behaviour:

- Anti social behaviour and its causes are continuing to be targeted along with Police Scotland and other partners.
- On Friday 11th December an Operation Avon was undertaken with Police Scotland, Moray Youth Justice and Community Wardens engaging with young people in the Lossiemouth, Hopeman and Burghead areas in a bid to deter underage drinking and antisocial behaviour.

Abandoned vehicles:

- The vehicle opposite the Scot-Mid on Grant St has now been uplifted.
- One vehicle was reported at Station Park; after enquiries the vehicle has now been moved the registered keeper.

Dog fouling:

- Two complaints regarding dog fouling were received in this period; as a result one resident has been spoken to and enquiries have been made in the Siguard Street and Siguard Way area with residents spoken to and given advice.
- We continue to urge people who witness dog fouling to report it on 07800 670 665; information provided by members of the public is invaluable when it comes to identifying and dealing with dog foulers.

Tim Betts explained about the difficulties of dealing with dog fouling with reference to disabled people. It is impractical to issue penalty notices, but he can advise individuals if it is brought to his attention.

Initiatives:

Speed checks:

After concerns were raised about vehicles speeding along Grant Street, the P6/7 pupils have been operating speed checks on Grant St in conjunction with PCs Fraser and McGettrick from Police Scotland. There are plans for further checks in the next fortnight.

Facebook:

To help keep people up to date with community initiatives and activities we have set up a Facebook page; search Community Safety Moray.

Reporting community issues:

Anti-Social Behaviour can be reported to the Anti Social Behaviour Team on 0800 58 77 197, directly to the Community Warden on 07800 670665 or tim.betts@moray.gov.uk, and via the online Antisocial Behaviour Reporting Form accessed through The Moray Council website; www.moray.gov.uk

Police and Community Warden then left the meeting.

Adoption of minute of previous meeting:

Proposed by: Jim Patterson

Seconded by: Joan Megson

Bus Stops

It was confirmed that there will be no action taken by Moray Council on Grant Street stops. The moving of the Red Craig stop will be when money permits.

War Memorial

John Gordon had obtained a quote for new railings at £6,385 + VAT. Funding would be sought from the Lottery Fund

Moray Coast Tourism

Joan Megson reported on the recent meeting. A new Chairman and vice-Chair have been elected and new ideas mooted.

Maltings Fencing

There was no news about this

Spotlight on Burghead

Hilary Gloyer had made up a list of clubs and organisations in Burghead and asked members to add on any that had been missed out. It was hoped to stage a get-together of these clubs in April/May to be followed by a beach clean. Hilary, Joan and Kelly to organise

Community Council Insurance

Billy Davidson commented on the usefulness of the insurance in the organisation of the Clavie and the Christmas lights.

Any other competent business

Boxing Day swim

A new committee had been formed. 2015 swim raised over £13,000.

Ship-to-ship oil transfer proposal for Cromarty Firth

After much discussion, it was agreed that a letter of objection should be sent to the relevant authorities from Burghead and Cummington Community Council, emphasising the importance of fishing (particularly prawn-fishing) to Burghead and the danger to fishing vessels from changes to the seabed caused by heavy anchors. Billy Davidson and John Gordon to write.

Cemetery and Funeral parlour

The new funeral parlour will be started as soon as possible. The new cemetery will come on stream in due course. The old cemetery is missing seats, but is looking very tidy.

Hotmail account

Joan Megson was concerned that a lot of information on the Hotmail account was not reaching members. Asked if the Secretary would filter any relevant information and pass it on to members via their own e-mail accounts.

Being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday 3rd Mach 2016 at 7.30pm

To be held at the Harbour Office, Burghead

