

# Burghead and Cummingston Community Council



**Minute of regular meeting held at Burghead Harbour Office on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015**

**Present:** Billy Davidson, Jennifer Walker, Hilary Gloyer, Jim Patterson, Mollie Fraser, Kelly Croudace, Gilbert Farquhar and John Gordon

**In attendance:** Councillor Chris Tuke, Tim Betts, Community Warden

**Apologies:** Joan Megson, Les Taylor, Police Scotland

## **Adoption of minute of previous meeting**

**Proposed by:** Hilary Gloyer

**Seconded by:** Jim Patterson

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed all present.

## **Matters arising from minute of previous meeting**

The chair suspended standing orders to allow a brief question and answer session with Tim Betts, Community Warden.

Tim continues to be active in the community and is available for advice on neighbour disputes, nuisance seagulls and dog fouling. He is keen to engage with all sections of the community.

## **Bus Stops on Grant Street**

The following update had been received from Moray Council; "The lack of progress is due to funding issues and concerns re blocking shop frontages".

"We are discussing the option of applying for funding to build out bus loading platforms which will take less space, as soon as I have any news I will let you know"

## **Moray Council Consultation on the Harbour**

Councillor Tuke advised that he was still not aware of any further information available on this subject.

## **War Memorial in Grant Street**

Councillor Tuke advised that the railings were to be painted by a work group under the criminal justice system.

Billy Davidson, Chair, expressed his outrage about this latest development in a long running saga of broken promises and false information he felt the Community Council had been fed over the past years. He was frustrated and disgusted that the efforts of the Community Council to have the war memorial railings brought up to a standard befitting the men who had given their lives to protect their community and country were being thwarted by the inaction of Moray Council.

Billy said that it was obvious that the railings were beyond repair and that a quick clart of paint by unskilled brush hands was an insult.

The meeting agreed that it would renew its efforts to have the railings replaced, and would consider enlisting the help of their local MSP and MP.

### **Shetland Bus Memorial**

Hilary reported that the Norwegian Weekend had went very well and that the Dedication of the memorial stone was very well supported by the community and visitors from further afield.

The meeting expressed its appreciation of the members of The Headland Trust, admirably led by Hilary Gloyer, who had, by a mixture of grants, raffles, donations, a considerable contribution from their own funds and sheer hard work, had provided a fitting and memorable tribute to the heroes of the Shetland Bus. A balance sheet depicting the income and expenditure of the event is displayed for public awareness in the Community Council Noticeboard.

Hilary advised the meeting that the Headland Trust were happy that the income generated from their efforts at the headland information centre was being used to sponsor such worthwhile community causes.

### **Cummingston busy**

Molly and Jim advised the meeting that the play and climbing areas continued to play host to considerable amounts of visitors.

The Secretary advised that the request to Moray Council for maintenance to the verges of the cycle track between Burghead and Cummingston, and the path between Cummingston and the Clarkly Hill had not been acknowledged and no action had been taken to date.

Molly asked that reminders be sent to Moray Council.

### **Bridge Street not suitable for Caravan Transporters**

The secretary advised that he had written Moray Council and awaited a reply from them.

**Being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9pm**

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015 at 7.30pm.**

**To be held at the Harbour Office, Burghead**