

Burghead and Cummington Community Council



Minute of regular meeting held at Burghead Harbour Office on Thursday 3rd March 2016

Present: Billy Davidson, Jim Patterson, Kelly Croudace, Hilary Gloyer, Molly Fraser, Jennifer Walker and John Gordon

In attendance: Councillor Chris Tuke and Sergeant Stephen Carmichael, Police Scotland

Apologies: Les Taylor, Joan Megson, Gilbert Farquhar, Councillor Dennis Slater, Community Warden Tim Betts.

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.30

The Chair welcomed Sergeant Carmichael to the meeting and invited him to present the following police report.

Standing orders were suspended until the report was delivered.

Police Report

This report covers the period 4 February to 2 March 2016. During this time, only two crimes and offences have been recorded in the Burghead and Cummington areas.

Sometime between 1000 hours on Thursday 11 and 1000 hours on Friday 12 February, the front window of a flat in Granary Lane was smashed after an item was thrown through it.

A 56-year-old male has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for driving at 51 miles per hour within a 30 miles per hour limit zone at College Of Roseisle on the morning of Monday 22 February.

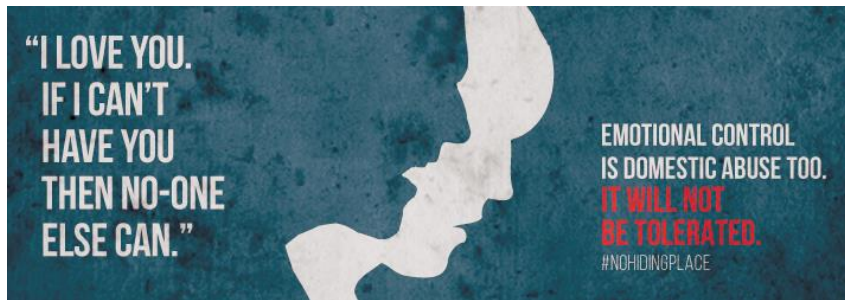
Several motorists have been charged and issued fixed penalty notices for speeding offences as a result of checks carried out in the area by local officers.

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.

The meeting voiced their appreciation of Sergeant Carmichael and his colleagues in Police Scotland's efforts and their invaluable contribution to maintaining our community as a safe place to live.

Sergeant Jamieson had included this article on the scourge of domestic abuse and we urge you to give this the zero-tolerance it deserves.



What is domestic abuse?

Domestic abuse exists in all sections of our communities. Domestic abuse can exist in all types of relationships between partners and ex partners. Abusers and victims can be male or female, any race or religion and from all different types of background.

Police Scotland works to a nationally agreed definition of domestic abuse which has been adopted by the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service.

This is:

“Any form of physical, sexual or mental and emotional abuse which might amount to criminal conduct and which takes place within the context of a relationship.

“The relationship will be between partners (married, co-habiting, civil partnership or otherwise) or ex-partners. The abuse can be committed in the home or elsewhere.”

There is a common misconception that domestic abuse is just physical abuse. This is not the case. Domestic abuse can be physical, sexual, emotional or mental abuse.

Physical abuse includes: All types of assault and physical attacks like hitting (including with objects), punching, kicking and burning.

Sexual abuse includes: Forcing you to have sexual intercourse or forcing you to engage in sexual acts.

Mental/emotional abuse includes: Threats (including threats of violence); criticism and name calling; coercive control, controlling what you do, where you go and who you speak to; threatening your children, isolating you from friends and family; accusing you of being unfaithful; threatening to 'out' your sexual orientation to family, friends or work colleagues; sharing or threatening to share intimate images of you with family, friends or work colleagues (commonly known as 'Revenge Porn').

What do I do if this is happening to me and how do I report domestic abuse?

Advice on reporting mechanisms for domestic abuse, what to do in an emergency and what you can do if you suspect someone you know is a victim of domestic abuse can be found by visiting www.scotland.police.uk

Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland

The scheme provides a mechanism to share relevant information about a partner's abusive past with their potential victims. It gives people at risk of domestic abuse the information to assist in making an informed decision on whether to continue in the relationship.

Disclosures through the scheme can be triggered by members of the public, who have concerns about their partner, or others i.e. friends, family or work colleagues who are concerned about an individual's safety. Professional bodies, such as the police and social work can also trigger applications into the scheme.

The decision to disclose information lies with a multi-agency forum and those individuals receiving information through the scheme will be fully supported.

Effects of domestic abuse on children

Children are often described as the 'forgotten victims' of domestic abuse. They are affected not only by being assaulted or abused by the perpetrator, but also by directly witnessing abuse and also living in an environment where someone, usually their mother, is being repeatedly victimised.

Domestic abuse in young relationships

Domestic abuse isn't just something that happens to adults.

Five percent of all domestic abuse incidents reported involve girls aged between 16-18 years old. Many more are going unreported.

Are you an abuser?

If you are an abuser you should be aware that you will be held accountable for your behaviour.

The following written report had been received from our Community Warden, Tim Betts

Community Issues in Burghead and Cummington 4th February – 2nd March 2016
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Anti social behaviour:

- Anti social behaviour and its causes are continuing to be targeted along with Police Scotland and other partners.

Dog fouling:

- 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.

Seagulls:

- We continue to advise people not to feed seagulls as the noise, mess and swooping behaviour of the gulls can cause distress and nuisance to neighbours.

Ongoing Moray wide engagement / activities

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

Standing Orders were resumed

Adoption of minute of previous meeting:

Proposed by: Jim Patterson

Seconded by: Kelly Croudace

Matters arising from previous minutes

Maltings Fencing

The meeting noted that Diageo had made application to change the fencing materials to recycled plastic.

Spotlight on Burghead

An open day has been arranged to be held in the Burghead Community Hall on Saturday 7th May

Hotmail Account

The secretary advised that Moray council had been asked to copy all communications to his address.

Any other competent business

Community Garden

Hilary advised the meeting that they were hopeful of obtaining funding from a Tesco initiative and that an action day attended by 30 volunteers from the distillery company Chivas was to be held on Wednesday 16th March.

Application to construct house at Fraser Road Burghead

The secretary advised that he had queried Moray Council whether this was an application for a house in the countryside as it was outside the community boundary.

Bins Problems

Kelly advised that she had received complaints about rubbish bins and their contents being aloud to blow down King Street.

The Secretary advised that he was aware of the problem and would have a word with the culprit, his neighbour, in an effort to solve the problem.

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

Date of next meeting: Thursday 7th April 2016 at 7.30pm

To be held at the Harbour Office, Burghead