

Burghead and Cummington Community Council

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

Present: Billy Davidson, Jim Patterson, Joan Megson, Gilbert Farquhar, Les Taylor and Jennifer Walker

In attendance: Councillors Dennis Slater and Chris Tuke, and Sandra Milne.

Apologies: Community Warden Tim Betts, Hilary Gloyer, Kelly Croudace, and John Gordon.

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.30

The following police report had been provided beforehand. The police were not present at the meeting.

1. LOCAL INTEREST INFORMATION

During the period from 3 June to 4 August 2016, there have been 6 reported crimes within the Community Council area. The following is a synopsis of some of the crimes that have been detected.

In June, an 18 year old male was charged and reported in relation to an Assault and Vandalism which occurred at an address in Cummington. The male was arrested and put to court the following day.

Throughout July officers from the Community Policing Team have been carrying out speed checks along the B9040. On 21 July a vehicle was detected being driven in excess of the 30 mph limit. The driver failed to stop for Police however has been identified and enquiries are ongoing to trace the individual.

Anyone with any information on the crimes mentioned above and any crimes in the Community Policing Area should contact the Police Scotland on 101, Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or call in person at the Lossiemouth Police Office.

2. FEEDBACK ON POLICE ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO MATTERS RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING

No additional matters were identified.

3. ONGOING LOCAL/FORCEWIDE ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

CRIMESTOPPERS

If anyone has any information relating to controlled drugs or drug dealing, please call the Police Scotland on 101. Alternatively, contact can be made with Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Crimestoppers allow information to be passed in relation to any crime or criminal activity anonymously. They can be contacted via the website at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

PARENTLINE SCOTLAND

ParentLine Scotland is a free helpline (0800 28 22 33) and email service parentlinescotland@children1st.org.uk for anyone with concern about a child. www.parentlinescotland.org.uk

POLICE SCOTLAND

The Police Scotland are keen to highlight their use of social media and advise the public that our latest news can be found at www.scotland.police.uk and using the Twitter feeds @policescotland and @ShireMorayPol or on Facebook at <http://www.twitter.com/policescotland>

Community Policing issues can also be highlighted to your local micro beat officers using the E-mail address: ForresCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk

The report from the Community Warden had not been received.

Adoption of minute of previous meeting:

Proposed by: Gilbert Farquhar

Seconded by: Jennifer Walker

The council discussed the sad death of Mollie Fraser, a member of BCCC since 1974 when the Community Council was set up. It was agreed that we would put a poster up about Mollie on the Community Council notice board (Action Joan Megson). There is now a vacancy on the Council for a representative from Cummington.

Sandra Milne introduced herself as the provider of Burghead and Cummington news to the Northern Scot every week. She hopes to attend BCCC meetings and provide a brief summary of the main issues to the Northern Scot for publication.

Matters arising from previous minutes

Maltings Fencing

The meeting noted that work on the east side is complete, but that the makeup of the fencing on the north elevation along the backshore was still unclear.

Community Garden

The AGM of the Community Garden was held on 28th July. Attendance was good, and there are new committee members and enthusiasm for next steps.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Marchhead Cottage Cummington

BCCC had lodged objections to the planning application to demolish the existing cottage and to build two semidetached houses on the site, but planning permission has been granted.

Giant hogweed. The presence of giant hogweed was reported to the Lands and Parks department in the Council. BCCC wish to thank the department as the issue was dealt with the next day.

A letter has been received about Dunbar Lane being overgrown. This will be followed up with the Lands and Parks department.

It was noted that there is a poor pavement surface on the corner outside the Post Office, and falls have been reported. Billy will phone the Roads department, and Councillor Tuke will follow up.

Cars and old windows were removed from a lane in a case of fly tipping.

Concern was expressed about obstruction of the road around the Bowls Club recently during a match. Car owners are requested to park responsible and park further away where the roads aren't blocked.

Burghead in Bloom were pleased to report that the Kipper BBQ made about £1650.

School closures are reported to be possible by the press. Councillor Tuke stated that there are no plans to close schools and that there is a moratorium on closures for the next three years (although moratoriums can be overturned). There was then a discussion on the poor state of Moray school buildings.

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

Date of next meeting: Thursday 1st September 2016 at 7.30pm

To be held at the Harbour Office, Burghead