

Burghead and Cummingston Community Council



Minute of regular meeting held at Burghead Harbour Office on Thursday, 7 February 2019

Present: Billy Davidson (Chairman), Chris Tuke (Minutes Secretary), Abbey Main, Gilbert Farquhar

Apologies: Les Taylor (Secretary), Jennifer Walker (Treasurer), Joan Megson, Kirsten Garstang, Jim Patterson, Rosie Craig, Moray Councillors John Cowe & Amy Patience.

In Attendance: Moray Councillor James Allan & Ryan Edwards.

Adoption of minute of previous meeting:

Proposed by: Gilbert Farquhar

Seconded by: Chris Tuke

Police Report

No representatives of Police Scotland were present. A police report showed to incidents of crime in Burghead and Cummingston but a 13-year old boy, from Burghead, was apprehended and charged with the theft of a bottle of alcohol from Aldi, in Elgin.

Matters Arising.

Purple Bins at Harbour

The 2 purple bins have, at last, arrived. As they are primarily for the use of Burghead Coastal Rowing Club, for the disposal of plastic waste recovered from the sea, the bins are stored in the boatshed.

Burghead War Memorial

Pointing of the Memorial is now complete. The Chairman is to contact Moray Council to arrange for the existing stone chips to be dug out. They will be replaced with new ones provided by Burghead in Bloom.

Planning Applications

- i) The Millie Burn Development is expected to be determined by Moray Council Planning and Regulatory Services Committee on Tuesday, 26 March 2019 beginning at 0930.
- ii) The Chairman raised the question of Planning Consent for several properties in Burghead. The Minutes Secretary said that he would check.

Scam Phone Calls and E-mails

Scam phone calls and e-mails are still very common. Residents are warned to remain vigilant.

Brown Bins

Residents should have received letters informing them that, from 1 April, Moray Council will only collect garden waste if it is put in the brown bin **AND** the brown bin displays a valid permit. The cost is £36 annually and payment must be made before 28 February 2019 for permits to be delivered in time for the beginning of the scheme.

Brown bins will continue to be collected on the usual day and a collection calendar can be found at bindayfinder.moray.gov.uk . For correct printing the “Download and Print 2019 Bin Collection Calendar (PDF)” option and **not** simply “View 2019 Bin Collection Calendar” should be used otherwise the coloured blocks will not be displayed. Paper copies are available from the Post Office for those without internet and printing facilities.

Dog Fouling

Following numerous complaints, the Chairman had contacted Moray Council Anti-Social Behaviour Unit and was informed that the Community Warden would make patrols around hot-spots with the intention of fining miscreants.

Anyone who witnesses people allowing their dogs to foul public areas is encouraged to contact the Antisocial Behaviour Unit via;

the online form at https://online.moray.gov.uk/form/auto/asb_ext

by e-mail at antisocialbehaviour@moray.gov.uk , by phone on 01343 563134.

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Sandbank at Harbour

Gilbert Farquhar related that the fishing boats were currently restricted from entering and leaving the Harbour to around 1½ hours either side of high tides due to the build up of the sandbank. With the Dredger still tied up, due to staffing issues, it was hoped that dredging could take place once a full crew compliment was re-established.

Community Council Public Liability Insurance

Newspaper reports were presented providing details of a Community Council that had been sued. Public Liability Insurance is in place to cover Community Councillors and anyone involved at events organised by the Community Council. This insurance is provided by Moray Council.

Adoption of Burghead Lanes

The Chairman reported that a resident had enquired if the Moray Council would upgrade and adopt all the Lanes in Burghead. This request has been many times, in the past, when finances were less stretched. It was the collective thought of all present that, in the current financial climate, there was no probability of the Council agreeing to this course of action.

Closure of Bank of Scotland, Lossiemouth

Despite much public outcry, the Lossiemouth Branch of the Bank of Scotland is still due to close. The doors will be closed, permanently, at 4pm on Monday, 3 June 2019. **Account balances can be checked and cash or cheques deposited at Post Office Branches.**

School Request to Paint Diesel Tank at Harbour

An informal request has been received from Burghead Primary Pupils to paint the fuel tank at the Harbour. Although the Community Council has no involvement with the tank, Gilbert Farquhar agreed to speak to the owners. There were concerns expressed over child safety, the possibility of attracting graffiti and, as the Harbour is a Conservation Area, Planning Permission may be required.

Moray Council Budget 2019/20

Cllr. Edwards gave information on potential budget options as follows;

- i) Harbour Dues for Leisure Boats were likely to rise by 10%,
- ii) Community Wardens to be reduced to 2,
- iii) Public Toilets at Burghead Harbour and Cummington to close. However, work is on-going to have the Burghead Toilet Managed by Harbour Staff for the benefit of boat users.
- iv) Library was projected to close but is now likely to stay, on reduced hours.
- v) Swimming Pool at Lossiemouth likely to be saved due to "Fit Life" Membership sales.
- vi) Council Tax is almost certainly to rise by the maximum permitted 4.79%

Change of Bank Account Signatories

7 years after stepping down as Treasurer, the Minutes Secretary was still receiving bank statement. For a further attempt to change the registered address of the account, to that of the current Treasurer, a "Resolution of the Community Council" was required to be minuted.

Resolution: Burghead and Cummington Community Council agree that the following changes should be made to the bank accounts;

- 1. That Christopher Tuke be removed as signatory**
- 2. Than William Davidson, Leslie Taylor and Jennifer Mary Walker be added, as signatories and that the said Jennifer Walker be registered as the contact addressee.**

Proposed: Chris Tuke Seconded: Billy Davidson

The Resolution was agreed unanimously.

Attendance of Meetings by Community Councillors

The Chairman wished that his disappointment with the attendance of Community Councillors was entered into the Minute.

Being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Date of next meeting Thursday, 7 March 2019 at 7.30pm in Burghead Harbour Office.

Chris Tuke
Minutes Secretary.

Copies of previous minutes and information regarding Burghead available on-line at:
The Moray Council Website www.moray.org > Community > Community Councils > Burghead and Cummington
www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_60801.html

Please use the Grampian Police number to report all non-emergency issues.

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Crimestoppers - 0800 555 111

Antisocial Behaviour - 01343 563134
antisocialbehaviour@moray.gov.uk

If the police are not informed of problems they cannot act and if crimes are not reported then there are implications with regard to police staffing levels.