

# **Burghead and Cummington** **Community Council**



**Minute of regular meeting held at Burghead Harbour Office on  
Thursday, 5 September 2019**

**Present:** Jim Patterson (Acting Chairman), Les Taylor (Secretary), Jennifer Walker (Treasurer), Chris Tuke (Minutes Secretary), Abbey Main, Joan Megson, Liz McKnockiter (Co-opted Member)

**Apologies:** Billy Davidson (Chairman), Rosie Craig, Gilbert Farquhar, Kirsten Garstang (Resigned)  
Moray Councillors John Cowe & Amy Taylor

**In Attendance:** Moray Councillors James Allan & Ryan Edwards.

**In the absence of the Chairman it was decided that Jim Patterson would chair the meeting.**

**The Acting Chairman suspended the Meeting to allow a presentation by Fi Thomson of Rural Wisdom.**

Fi explained that Rural Wisdom is a joint project between several charities and not-for-profit organisations. She has been appointed to the area comprising Burghead, Hopeman and Duffus for a period of 2 years to assist communities particularly, but not exclusively, in relation to older people's issues.

Fi is planning to hold workshops, in the near future, where more information will be made available. – Fiona can also provide more detail – 07841 015845 or [fiona@otbds.org](mailto:fiona@otbds.org)

**The meeting was resumed**

**Adoption of minute of previous meeting:**

**Proposed by:** Chris Tuke

**Seconded by:** Les Taylor

**Adoption of New Community Councillor**

The Acting-Chairman welcomed Liz McKnockiter to the meeting. It was unanimously agreed that Liz should be co-opted as a Member to replace Kirsten who was moving out of the area. Liz has previously served on the Community Council several years ago.

Thanks were also expressed to Kirsten for her term of service.

## Police Report

No representatives of Police Scotland were present.

A Community Safety Report showed that there were no crimes committed in Burghead or Cummingston during the previous month.

## **Matters Arising**

### Burghead Community Hall

The new windows are now in place, in the main hall. It is hoped that the remaining windows and the front door can be renewed, in the near future, subject to finance being available. It was agreed that the new Hall Committee was making great progress with the refurbishment which was initiated by the previous incumbents.

The Rainbows are due to be the first group to use the new facilities on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> Sep.

## **AOCB**

### Burghead Cemetery

Abbey Main raised concerns over broken headstones and uneven pathways at the Cemetery. It was agreed that Abbey would make contact with Ken Kennedy, Moray Council Lands & Parks Manager, to appraise him of the situation,

### Defibrillator Training, Cummingston

Cllr. Edwards said that some residents of Cummingston had enquired about defibrillator training following the installation of the unit by the War Memorial. Jim Patterson said that he had personally delivered information leaflets to all Cummingston Households and that the matter of training would be investigated.

### Coastal Erosion

Minor coastal erosion was reported at Cummingston. Cllr. Edwards is to inform Moray Council.

### Poppy Wreaths

Chris Tuke would arrange delivery of the wreaths for both Burghead and Cummingston as in previous years.

### Aggressive Dogs

Several reports of aggressive dogs had been received. In these events residents are encouraged to contact Moray Council Anti-Social Behaviour Unit or Police Scotland depending on the severity of the incident.

### Weeding at Burghead Harbour

Thanks were expressed to Burghead Coastal Rowing Club for its efforts in weeding around the Harbour Area.

### Shetland Bus Memorial

A post & rope fence is to be erected by Moray Council to improve safety at the memorial.

### Town Twinning

The town of Héron has made approaches to towns in Moray with the view of forming a twinning association. Further information is to be sought.

### Bank Communications

The prior problems have now been resolved, after 7 years!

### Harbour Shelter Maintenance Fund

Recently, a sum of money was provided from the fund to purchase heater gas. This payment should not have been made as the fund is for long-term maintenance of the building and it was agreed that no future payments, of this nature, would be made.

### Wind Farm Community Ownership

Joan Megson would check to see if the Memorandum of Understanding had been signed with Clashgour and if it had not been done would arrange to complete the paperwork.

### Lossiemouth Seatown Bridge

Congratulations were offered to Lossiemouth for attracting full funding for the bridge replacement.

Being no further business, the meeting was closed.

**Date of next meeting Thursday, 3 October 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](http://www.moray.org) > Community > Community Councils > Burghead and Cummingston  
[http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray\\_standard/page\\_60801.html](http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_60801.html)

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**101**

**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.