

Burghead and Cummington **Community Council**



**Minute of regular meeting held at Braemoray, 21 Station Road,
Burghead on Thursday, 7 November 2019**

Due to an unexpect and unreasonable charge of £12.90 per hour or part thereof, rthe meeting venue was hastily rearranged and held at the Chairman's House.

A Facebook Announcement was made but, due to the extremely short notice, other means of communication were not practical. The Chairman remained at the Harbour Office until 7:40pm to meet any casual visitors but the Community Council apologise to any residents that had planned to attend the Meeting but found the original venue closed.

The Community Council is firmly of the belief that the Local Authority should provide meeting facilities free of charge. With the Administration Grant being cut to zero, this would mean the Community Councillors having to cover a charge of over £25 per month from their own pockets. Ward Councillors and the Chief Executive have been informed but until the charge is removed, we will be seeking alternative premises.

Note: Since the meeting, Moray Council has admitted its error and conceded that Community Councils should have the use of Council Facilities free of all costs. It is claimed that the inconvenience cause was due to a "staffing issue". An apology is awaited.

Present: Billy Davidson (Chairman), Les Taylor (Secretary), Jim Patterson, Jennifer Walker (Treasurer), Chris Tuke (Minutes Secretary), Abbey Main, Gilbert Farquhar, Liz McKnockiter, Rosie Craig

Apologies: Joan Megson, Moray Councillors James Allan, John Cowe, Ryan Edwards & Amy Taylor

In Attendance: Danielle Slater, PCs Paul Thompson & Lisa MacIntyre

Co-option of Associate Member

Danielle Slater had expressed a wish to join the Community Council. As there is currently the maximum number of Members, as permitted under the Constitution, it was proposed that Danielle join as an Associate Member. This was agreed unanimously.

Adoption of minute of previous meeting:

Errors were noted in the previous minute relating to figures regarding the Harbour Shelter.

Proposed by: Gilbert Farquhar

Seconded by: Liz McKnockiter

The paragraph was re-written as follows;

“Harbour Shelter Maintenance Fund

The Treasurer had received an invoice for ground rent on the Harbour Shelter Site. This was for a total of over £500 back-dated over 6 years. On questioning the bill, she was informed that the Council was not authorised to reclaim monies due over the whole period as the error was theirs. It was subsequently agreed to pay £425 equivalent to 5 years at £85 per annum. There are still discrepancies on this account because it is believed that the Community Council was exempted from paying this charge. Further investigations may have to be made. The annual rent is currently £175.”

The minutes were then accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Police Report

PCs Thompson & MacIntyre informed the meeting that the only reported crime, in the area since the previous Meeting, was a theft of decking from the School.

Matters Arising.

Remembrance Sunday

The wreaths have arrived and the Road Closure Order is in place. Drivers are requested to use alternative routes past the Burghead War Memorial from 10:50 until 11:20am on Sunday 10 November 2019.

“Rural Wisdom”

Fi Thomson will be in Burghead Library on Tuesday Afternoons from 2-5 and would be pleased to meet anyone to discuss matters of concern. Her prime focus is “fuel poverty” but she will gladly engage on any issue. A fuel use survey will be published online and delivered door-to-door, shortly.

Burghead Cemetery

Following his communication with Ken Kennedy, Lands and Parks Manager at Moray Council, Abbey Main has set up Facebook Page called Friends of Burghead Cemetery. Some people have already pledged time and rose bushes to help to improve the area and it is hoped that a meeting will be held in the New Year. The current Page address is given below and it is hoped that it will shortly be change to a more “friendly” name. Until then it can be found by searching Facebook for “Friends of Burghead Cemetery”.

Defibrillators

Following concerns over routine monitoring of the defibrillator installations, Chris Tuke reported that he had made a visual inspection of all the units within the Community Council’s Area. 3 appeared to be working perfectly but the cabinet at Headland Rise was showing a potential problem and the unit at Keith Road was flashing faster than expected. All were showing green lights and should function correctly. Les Taylor agreed to contact Ken Glass, of Defibs for Moray, for further advice.

Harbour Shelter

As the matter of ground rent is not yet resolved, it was agreed that the Minutes Secretary would contact Cllr. Taylor to raise the matter at the forthcoming Council Meeting where Harbour Fees for the Harbour Swim are due to be discussed.

Wind Farm Community Ownership

Joan Megson is to sit on the group which will examine the way forward for this potential project.

Surgery Appointments

Coincidentally, the Community Council received communication from the Scottish Health Council which was “trying to find out more about remote and rural communities in Moray. A short-notice invitation to this meeting was not accepted but 2 Local Officers, Chris Third & Gosia Misiak, hope to attend the December Meeting.

Damage to Church of Scotland

Gilbert Farquhar informed the Meeting that quotes for repairs had been requested and that discussions have been held with the Headmistress in an attempt to avoid repetitions.

AOCB

Annual Accounts and Confirmation of Office Bearers

In line with custom and practice, the Burghead and Cummington Community Council does not hold an AGM. In lieu of an AGM, the following information was presented as is usual at this time of year;

All Office Bearers were content to continue in their current roles,

No other candidates were forthcoming for any positions,

The annual accounts were presented and

Kathleen Main was confirmed as the Independent Examiner for FY 2019/20.

All Members were content with this situation and there were no objections.

Development Trust Meetings

Further information about the possibility of establishing a Development Trust will be available at 2 forthcoming events;

Monday, 25 November 2019 – “Drop-in” Session - Burghead Community Hall 12:30-4:30pm

Tuesday, 26 November 2019 – Public Meeting - Hopeman Memorial Hall 6:00-7:30pm

Any residents of Burghead, Cummington, Hopeman and immediate surrounding area are welcome to attend either or both sessions to find out more about Development Trusts and the possibility of forming one locally.

Bench at Salmon Green

The Community Council was informed that one of the commemorative benches, on the Salmon Green, was damaged. The family will arrange for a replacement to be installed.

Being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Date of next meeting Thursday, 5 December 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
http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_60801.html

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