

Burghead and Cummingston **Community Council**



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

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

Apologies: Liz McKnockiter, Danielle Slater (Associate Member)
Moray Councillors James Allan, Ryan Edwards & Amy Taylor

In Attendance: Moray Councillor John Cowe, Chris Third, (Scottish Health Council)

Adoption of minute of previous meeting:

Proposed by: Jennifer Walker

Seconded by: Abbey Main

Police Report

No representatives of Police Scotland were present. However, an e-mail from Inspector Rigg indicated that no crimes had been reported since the previous meeting.

The chairman suspended the meeting to allow welcomed Councillor Cowe back following a period of ill health and wished him a speedy recovery.

The Chairman then suspended the Meeting to allow Chris Third from the Scottish Health Council (SHC) to deliver a presentation.

Chris said that the purpose of the SHC was to improve “engagement” between the NHS and the general public and is part of NHS Scotland (not NHS Grampian). The service provides;
Direct engagement,
Training to help the public to change services, (in accordance with legislation & guidelines)
“Participation Requests” – where people can be directly involved in service provision,
“Care Opinion” – a channel for comments and complaints (NOT GPs)*

*Any complaints regarding General Practice should be raised, in the first instance, with the Practice Manager.

The chairman suspended the meeting to allow thanked Chris for his presentation and invited him to leave or to remain for the remainder of the Meeting. Chris chose to stay.

Matters Arising.

Energy Event

A drop-in session is to be held in the Community Hall on Saturday, 25 Jan 20 from 10am until 12 noon where information will be available on heating and fuel conservation. There will also be the opportunity to give opinions on anything from loneliness & isolation to transportation or doctors' surgeries.

The Hall Fund-raising Committee will also provide a pop-up café during the same hours.

Friends of Burghead Cemetery

Abbey Main has set up a Facebook Group – Friends of Burghead Cemetery. After his liaison with Council Staff regarding groundwork improvements, Abbey is looking to bring some colour into the cemetery by planting and maintaining a number of rose bushes. Donations of bushes and assistance with the biannual pruning would be greatly appreciated.

Defibrillators

Following concerns over routine checking of the defibrillators, Dave Chapman at Defibs for Moray was contacted and inspected the equipment. All equipment is in working order and visual inspections will continue to be made. No formal intervention is needed until the 5-yearly battery change is due.

Harbour Shelter

Negotiations with the Council are now complete and the rental payments are up to date. The original agreement was only verbal and all back rent has been charged. Negotiations are on-going to try to obtain an education/social grant to cover the cost but the probability of success is low.

The main shelter users have arranged a Coffee Morning for 14 March in the Community Hall.

Wind Farm Community Ownership

A grant of £25,000 has been awarded to the group that is monitoring this project. It is a Moray-wide project with no obligation to participate.

Damage to Church of Scotland

The Church has engaged contractors to effect repairs. Discussions with the Head Teacher have been amicable but a response from the Education Authority, to find a long-term solution, is still awaited.

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Cummingston Remembrance 2020

Jim Patterson informed the Meeting that plans were being drawn up for a more formal event, at the Cummingston War Memorial, this year.

Cummingston Christmas Tree

It was noted that it was good to see the public Christmas Tree back, in Cummingston, this year. Thanks were expressed to all involved and to Harbro for donating the tree.

Community Energy Fund

Jim Patterson presented a copy of a draft “Initial Proposal” to the Climate Action Fund. Investigations are being made towards improving energy efficiency and transport, in the area.

Hopeman to Lossiemouth Cycle Track

Councillor Cowe reported that further progress had been made with regard to the Cycle Track. RAF Lossiemouth has been much more helpful and funding is in place for yet another feasibility study. He did, however, say that there is still a long way to go.

Burghead Christmas Lights

The chairman suspended the meeting to allow wished it known that the Lights were greatly appreciated and the Meeting agreed. Chris Tuke said that it was acknowledged that there had been several problems this year and thanked the anonymous donor of the grandest tree thus far. He also wished it know that everyone involved should be acknowledged and that more help, particularly in the repair and maintenance phase (which lasts much of the year), is always required.

The chairman suspended the meeting to allow wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year in 2020.

Being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Date of next meeting:

Thursday, 6 February 2020 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
Cunnington

http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_60801.html

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antisocialbehaviour@moray.gov.uk

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