

Burghead and Cummingston **Community Council**



**Minute of regular meeting held online on
Monday, 1st February 2021**

Present: Billy Davidson (Chairman), Les Taylor (Secretary), Jim Patterson, Jennifer Walker (Treasurer), Chris Tuke (Minutes Secretary), Joan Megson, Liz McKnockiter.

In Attendance: Moray Councillor James Allen, John Cowe & Ryan Edwards.

Apologies: Abbey Main, Gilbert Farquhar, Rosie Craig, Moray Councillors Amy Taylor Danielle Slater (Associate Member) was not invited, in error.

Adoption of minute of previous meeting:

Proposed by: Jim Patterson

Seconded by: Billy Davidson

Police Report

No representatives of Police Scotland were present.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first online meeting. Although there has not been a formal meeting since March of last year, Community Council Members have been working with Burghead Amenities Association (BAA), Burghead Free Church and Burghead Community Hall and many, many individuals in our community to assist in alleviating the effects of the coronavirus pandemic. The Community Council was not eligible to apply for many of the grants that were available because it is not a registered charity. The 3 organisations, mentioned above, provided this qualification with BAA receiving the money and providing the financial management – special thanks go to Sandra Milne for admirably coping with a missive increase in accounting activity.

The Harbour Inn had arranged and paid for a regular weekly meal for residents in need from the start of the original lock-down. Many *ad hoc* meetings and e-mail correspondence led to financial assistance being obtained to assist Grant and Evelyn in this extremely generous gesture. Further funding allowed the Station Hotel to provide a second weekly meal – thank you to Dave & Kirsty. Other members of the community are now also helping to augment the food provision. The team of volunteers have also provided transport to medical & hospital appointments and delivery of medications and shopping.

We are a referral agency to Moray Food Plus (the food bank) and have assisted with grant applications to the Moray Emergency Relief Fund. We have helped people with money advice and to claim benefits until other relevant authorities can take over. A self-service food larder is also in place at the side entrance to the Free Church.

Our thanks go to everyone, too numerous to mention, who has helped in any way. This includes anyone who has given more than the usual help to family and friends or simply kept an eye out for a neighbour. Thank you.

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Annual Accounts

Jennifer Walker announced that the annual accounts, to 30 September 2020, had been prepared, independently verified and submitted to Moray Council. The accounts were universally accepted.

External Meetings

Jim Patterson & Joan Megson have attended virtual meetings of Moray Joint Community Council. Jim has also been appointed to lead its Resilience Group, which involves Moray Council, the Police and Fire and Rescue Services, and will plan for future emergencies. The Group meets weekly.

Flooding at Cummington.

During the recent heavy rain there was a risk of flooding in Cummington. Surface water was cascading down the Seven Towers (Roseisle) Road. The recently installed drainage, at the junction, was initially effective but eventually became blocked. The drain has now been cleared. Water was also running down one of the water lanes. No households were affected.

Online Energy Meeting

Liz McKnockiter participated in an online energy meeting with Rural Environment Action Project, (REAP), and others. Sadly she was the only attendee but did gain information that will be useful.

Hopeman Community Minibus

Burghead and Cummington residents are now represented on the minibus committee and the vehicles is being used to transport people to medical and vaccination appointments if public transport is unavailable or unsuitable. There is a good team of volunteer drivers and many journeys have been provided. The bus was off the road for a couple of days but is now back in service. Please give at least 24 hours' notice of appointments and call 07485 561007 to arrange a booking.

Community Funding

Liz McKnockiter had received a request for funding from a community group. Unfortunately, this is not possible because, no matter how frugal the Community Council behaves, Moray Council insists that our funds are spent only on administrative expenses. This would also be the case if the request was in the form of a loan.

Hopeman to Lossiemouth Cycle Track

It was reported that slow progress was being made with the design of the Cycle Track but there are still land ownership issues to resolve.

Lighting at RAF Lossiemouth

Les Taylor asked of the Councillors if anything could be done about the lights at the new Poseidon stand at RAF Lossiemouth. There were reports of the lights causing dazzle and distraction for drivers on the winding section of the Hopeman to Lossiemouth road. Councillor Edwards said that the Roads Department were aware of the situation.

Being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Date of next meeting:

Thursday, 4 February 2021 at 7.00pm ONLINE.

Chris Tuke
Minutes Secretary.

Copies of previous minutes and information regarding Burghead available on-line at:

The Moray Council Website www.moray.gov.uk > Community > Community Councils > Burghead and Cummingston
http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_60801.html

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