

Buckie Community Council



A MEETING TOOK PLACE IN THE TOWN HOUSE BUCKIE ON TUESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY, 2013 AT 7PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT – James Smith (Chairman) Gordon Cowie (Secretary) John Cowie (Treasurer)
Heather Innes (Minute Secretary) Allan Fraser Stephen Grant Janet Cowie Moira Stickle

IN ATTENDANCE - Councillors Gordon McDonald Joe Mackay Alan Beresford (Banffshire Advertiser)
PC Mhari Page Andrew Mackie (Community Warden)

APOLOGIES – Councillor Anne McKay

CHAIRMAN – The meeting was opened by Mr Smith who welcomed all present and expressed his sympathy to Councillor Joe Mackay on his family bereavement. He then handed over to PC Mhari Page who gave a police report update.

Drugs – Five persons have been charged with the supply of class A,B and C drugs with a substantial quantity being recovered. One recovery from an address within Buckie had a potential street value of over £50,000.

Violence – There have been 9 common assaults with 2 detected and the rest still being investigated.

There have been 5 theft by housebreaking offences reported in the last month.

This period 4 motorists have been charged in connection with a variety of road traffic offences including drink driving, driving without a licence and driving without a valid policy of insurance.

There have been 6 vandalisms. Enquiries are ongoing.

New Police Office – Buckie. The new Police Office at West Church Street, Buckie will become operational on 20th February, 2013.

Community Warden Andrew Mackie then told BCC about his continued work with dog fouling, untaxed vehicles, youth disorder, fly-tipping and anti-social behaviour.

PC Mhari Page was congratulated by the chairman for her recent award and her work and inspiration to others. Both PC Page and Andrew Mackie were thanked by the chairman for their reports before they left the meeting.

Minutes of the January Meeting. The proposal that they be adopted as a True Recording was moved by Allan Fraser and seconded by John Cowie.

Matters Arising.

1. Chairman reported there was tennis facilities within Buckie Community High School. The secretary reported he had received a very poor response of interest.
2. Stephen Grant reported Victoria Bowling Green will remain open as it is, but they hope to raise £30,000 to get the green repaired, including new turf being laid. Further debate seems likely as to whom actually owns the ground upon which Victoria Club stands. Councillor Gordon McDonald told the meeting that Moray Council were trying to place it under Buckie Common Good Funds stewardship. He called for talks as to how to proceed on the issue. "It is the best interest of all parties involved that we get round the table and discuss this".

BALANCE SHEET - Members of the BCC were handed copies of the balance sheet which had been audited by Cowie & Co, Accountants, Cluny Square, Buckie. A copy of the balance sheet to be sent to Moray Council, Elgin. The chairman thanked Cowie & Co for their help and the secretary is to write a letter of thanks to them. The chairman also thanked John Cowie for his work as Treasurer. The chairman asked for a proposer and seconder to adopt the balance sheet. It was proposed by Gordon Cowie and seconded by Allan Fraser.

Correspondence.

1. Chairman intimated he had received an invitation to the opening of the new Police Station in Buckie and was delighted to accept.
2. Planning Applications were noted.
3. 4 Invitations were received from Linn Coort for their open day.
4. Seepage from Moray Council yard – some work done, further work to be done in spring.
5. Well Road/High Street junction – matter in hand with Moray Council.
6. Old Buckpool Harbour wall repair – hope to have reply for March meeting.
7. Footpath beside Cruickshank's West Church Street – monthly inspection carried out and any repairs necessary will be carried out.
8. Queen Street drop kerb – has been inspected and should be amended after April.

A.O.C.B.

1. Councillor Joe Mackay presented the Chairman with a Long Service Certificate on behalf of Moray Council and paid tribute to his work for the community.
2. Chairman congratulated Allan Fraser on his letter to the Northern Scot on the need for Community councils.

The next meeting will take place on 19th March 2013 in Town House 7pm

With no further business the Chairman brought the meeting to a close at 8.25 He thanked all present for their contributions in the various discussions that took place

Chairman 

Proposer 

Seconder 