

# Buckie Community Council



A MEETING TOOK PLACE IN THE TOWN HOUSE BUCKIE ON TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY, 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 Anne McKay Community Warden Andrew Mackie  
and a deputation from Arradoul Drybridge and Rathven Community Council.

APOLOGIES – Sandy MacIntosh and Councillor Joe Mackay

CHAIRMAN – The meeting was opened by Mr Smith who welcomed all present. No Police Officers  
attended the meeting and no Police Report was available. Andrew Mackie (Community Warden)  
was invited to give an update.

He has dealt with 3 anti-social behaviour incidents, this included 1 neighbour dispute, 1 youth  
annoyance and 1 for feeding seagulls.

Dog fouling. There have been 2 incidents created for persons reporting dog fouling to Moray  
Council, and further 2 complaints made directly to the community warden. The community warden  
has issued 1 FPN in Buckie. Hotspot areas targeted for patrols to deter dog fouling are Strathlene,  
Buckpool children's park, Cemetery, Linzee Gordon Park, Golf View Drive leading to recycle centre.

Litter/Fly Tipping. There has been 1 incident created related to fly-tipping in the Burn of Buckie  
area. The only other reports for litter are complaint of school children at lunchtimes. This is an on-  
going issue and the Moray community wardens are working together to plan various initiatives to  
target this issue.

Other. All Moray Councils community wardens will be receiving training to deal with abandoned  
vehicles. This role will be added to the community wardens duties when training is complete.

All Moray Councils community wardens will be dealing with complaints of noisy dogs.

Initiatives. A dog poo quiz has been compiled and distributed to all primary schools in Buckie. This  
quiz is designed for parents interaction and will educate on the results dog fouling has on an  
individual and their community.

Litter issue – bins left out at Burns Square area – this was passed onto Duncan Falconer, Trainee  
Monitoring Assistant who has investigated and dealt with these concerns.

Buckie Community Council has now agreed to donate 4 vouchers of £20 each to the dog poo quiz winners if the 4 local schools involved.

Andrew Mackie was thanked by the chairman before leaving the meeting.

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

Correspondence.

1. 4 Planning Applications were noted.
2. Grant for April – September for BCC was received and banked.
3. Letter from Moray Council regarding changes in Polling Stations.

A.O.C.B.

1. Chairman reported the secretary and himself attended a meeting in Cullen Town Hall regarding the toilet/library closures and proposed cuts by Moray Council in recent budget. The meeting was very well attended.
2. Chairman reported the secretary and himself attended the JCC meeting in Elgin. A report was given regarding the new Policing Policy in Scotland. All CCs in Moray to put in money towards advertising for elections in October.
3. Chairman reported Police sign still up at end of South West Street and West Church Street for old Police Station. Secretary to look into this.
4. Chairman spoke of the passing of Roy Shepherd who was a former Vice Chairman and a community council member for many years.
5. Information received from Councillor McDonald about responsibility of steps in Buckie. Sécrétaire to look into all steps in the Buckie area.
6. Reps from Arradoul Drybridge and Rathven CCs expressed their desire for them and BCC to join forces. BCCs Chairman and Secretary to attend the next meeting of ADR CC. BCC was full of support for the joining forces proposal.
7. Allan Fraser intimated he was uneasy about a photo which was in the Banffshire Advertiser consisting of some BCC members and Councillor McDonald standing together against the proposed toilet closures by Moray Council. He felt the other local councillors should also have been in the photo but the Chairman explained that the other local councillors were on the Administration of Moray Council and were therefore backing the closure. Allan Fraser remarked he felt this was a sign of a political alliance of the Community Council and the SNP. The Chairman said this was not the case and to try to keep the toilets open we need all the help we can get from any councillor who supported our efforts no matter what political party they are a member of, we are simply trying to

keep the toilets open for the people of Buckie. The Chairman and Allan Fraser agreed to differ. Moira Stickle said she agreed with Allan Fraser.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2013 in Town House at 7pm.

With no further business the Chairman brought the meeting to a close in 7.45pm. He thanked all present for their contributions in the various discussions that took place.

Chairman



Proposed



Seconded

