

Burghead and Cummingston Community Council



Minute of regular meeting held at Burghead Harbour Office on Thursday 6th June 2013

Present: Billy Davidson (Chair), Abbey Main, Hilary Gloyer, Molly Fraser, Jennifer Walker, John Gordon

Apologies: Jim Patterson, Tim Betts (Community Warden)

In Attendance: Constables Martin Dyer and Jamie Walker (Scottish Police)
Councillor Chris Tuke

Adoption of minute of previous meeting

Proposed by: Abbey Main

Seconded by: Molly Fraser

The meeting agreed to suspend standing orders to allow Constable Martin Dyer to present the following police report.

Ongoing Investigations in Burghead

This report covers the period from 30 April until 2 June 2013. Burghead and Cummingston saw 7 reported crimes.

These crimes relate to offences including Assault, Threatening behaviour, Dangerous Dogs, Theft and Theft by Housebreaking.

During May numerous patrols were carried out by Roads Policing Officers in the Roseisle area and six drivers stopped and dealt with for speeding offences.

Between 13 and 15 May 2013, two Thefts of fuel occurred in the Roseisle area.

On 15 May 2013, recreational premises in Burghead were entered and property stolen.

Between 19 and 20 May 2013, business premises were entered and a Quad bike stolen.

Anyone with any information of the above crimes or any other crimes in the Lossiemouth Policing Area should contact the Police Scotland on 101, Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or call in person at the Lossiemouth Police Office.

There then followed a discussion on local issues in which the Police Officers advised the meeting that crime levels continued to remain low in Burghead and Cummingston.

The Chair thanked the police officers for their work in the community and they left the meeting.

Community Warden Report

Community Warden Tim Betts had been unable to attend the meeting. He forwarded the following report.

Anti social behaviour:

- Anti social behaviour and its causes are continuing to be targeted along with Police Scotland and other partners.

Dog fouling:

- One complaint of dog fouling was made to the Anti Social Behaviour Team in this period. The alleged offender was spoken to and warned; no fixed penalty notice could be issued as seven days had passed since the offence had been committed.
- **The first fixed penalty for dog fouling in Burghead has been issued to a dog walker who failed to clean up after their dog.**
- We strongly encourage people who witness dog fouling to report it immediately to either directly to the Community Warden on 07800670665 or to the Anti Social Behaviour Team on 0800 58 77 197
- Patrols of Burghead and Cummington continue to target dogs fouling and educate dog walkers

Fly tipping, Litter and Graffiti:

- No complaints of litter or fly tipping were made to the Anti Social Behaviour Team in this period.
- Graffiti to the play park behind near the Bowling Green has been reported. Those responsible have been spoken to and warned about their behaviour. Removal of the graffiti has been organised.

Neighbour disputes and noise complaints:

- One dispute between neighbours has been reported in this period.
- No noise complaints have been received in this period.

Other issues arising:

- One report of bullying outside of school has been reported in this period. This is being dealt with jointly with partners from the school and Police Scotland.

Feedback on matters arising from previous meeting
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Dog fouling:

The issue of dog fouling was discussed at the previous meeting. In response plain clothes patrols have been conducted to crack down on offenders.

Ongoing Moray wide engagement / activities

Initiatives:

A junior warden scheme has been organised for the Keith area as a pilot. The scheme is aimed at P7 children to learn about anti-social behaviour and the impact this has on their community.

Dog fouling:

Dog fouling remains a priority for the Warden Service throughout Moray. In conjunction with the Northern Scot campaign we are actively targeting dog fouling offenders; dog fouling complaints have doubled this quarter as a result. However many of these complaints remain anonymous. We would encourage people to provide contact details and be prepared to give a statement against offenders; depending on the strength of evidence, fixed penalty notices can be issued. To date 19 dog fouling fixed penalty notices have been issued Moray wide, with 10 being issued in the last quarter. This is a significant increase on last year.

Abandoned vehicles:

In the near future Community Wardens will be responsible for dealing with abandoned vehicles in Moray.

Facebook:

To help keep people up to date with community initiatives and activities we have set up a Facebook page; search Community Safety Moray.

Reporting community issues:

Anti-Social Behaviour can be reported to the Anti Social Behaviour Team on 0800 58 77 197, directly to the Community Warden on 07800 670665 or via the online Antisocial Behaviour Reporting Form accessed through The Moray Council website, www.moray.gov.uk

Matters arising from minute of previous meeting

Impending Closure of Burghead Library

The outcome of the Equalities Impact Assessment was still awaited.

John Gordon expressed his disappointment that no encouragement or advice with regard to the ongoing campaign to save the library was coming from Councillor Tuke.

Abbey Main advised the meeting that a Public meeting was to be called at which our four Councillors were to be invited to attend.

Building the Broch

The secretary read a letter from the Community Services Department of the Moray Council in which they advised that the project had been dropped due to lack of public support.

The meeting agreed that the project had been flawed from its outset and that any attempts to foist things on to the community which they did not want would always be met by opposition in Burghead and that any initiatives had to come from within the community with its full support to stand any chance of success.

Chemical Works

The site is now in a tidy condition.

New Bus Shelter for Fraser Road

The shelter has been installed

Burghead Cemetery

Abbey Main said that any improvement works had still not started and that he would make further representations to Moray Council.

Any Other Competent Business

Alleged obstruction to lane in Cummingston

Representations had been received from three members of the public in Cummingston in which they complained that the owner of the house to the west of the access road to the play park had placed stones on the grass verge outside his garden wall thus denying its use as overspill parking in busy periods.

This is an unadopted road and not subject to highway rules. It was agreed to investigate further.

Railings at war Memorial

Billy Davidson advised the meeting that he had contacted Moray Council about the poor state of the railings around the war memorial.

He had received assurances that they would be chipped and painted before the end of the year.

Being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 1st August at 7.30pm.

To be held at the Harbour Office, Burghead