

# Burghead and Cummingston Community Council



**Minute of regular meeting held at Burghead Harbour Office on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013**

**Present:** Billy Davidson (Chair), Abby Main, Hilary Gloyer, Les Taylor, Molly Fraser, Jim Patterson, Jennifer Walker

**Apologies:** John Gordon

**In Attendance:** Councillor Chris Tuke, Sergeant McCarthy, Constable Mackay

## **Adoption of minute of previous meeting**

After amendments (Les Taylor present, alleged obstruction to lane at Cummingston house is to east not west)

**Proposed by:** Abby Main

**Seconded by:** Molly Fraser

**The meeting agreed to suspend standing orders to allow Sergeant McCarthy to present the following police report.**

There had been only 4 crimes reported since the last report, all of which had been successfully resolved.

1. Theft from business premises – culprit charged
2. Fire raising in Cummingston – culprit identified
3. Speeding – driver charged
4. Assault – culprit charged..

Billy Davidson brought up the problem of speeding lorries going to the maltings. Sergeant McCarthy agreed to look into that.

Jim Patterson brought up the matter of parking at Cummingston play park. Sergeant McCarthy stated that there was little that the police could do, since the access road is not adopted and is in private ownership. Molly Fraser suggested that a NO PARKING sign and a “Children at Play” sign could be erected. Councillor Tuke to take that up with Moray Council, but said the same difficulty applied as to ownership.

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

## **Matters arising from minute of previous meeting**

### **Impending closure of Burghead Library**

Abby Main reported that there was to be no public meeting, but that the result of the Equalities Impact Assessment should be available on 7<sup>th</sup> August. There followed a discussion on the need for Council savings and where they could be made.

### **Burghead Cemetery**

Abby Main said that the grass and paths are still in a terrible state, but that he has been promised by Ken Kennedy that major works will take place in the winter. There followed discussion about what we as a community could do. Application for a landfill grant and to the Community Service Agency was considered. Hilary Gloyer stated that this year's Landfill applications were closed but that we could apply before March next year. She also stated that the Community Service personnel were unreliable in that she had asked for their help strimming at the Headland and they had promised to do it but hadn't.

### **Alleged obstruction to lane in Cummingston**

A letter from a resident of Back Street was read out, complaining about the narrowing of the lane by the stones placed by the owner of the house to the east of the lane, saying that it made the parking in Back Street impossible. There was further discussion. Councillor Tuke asked if there was a "Give Way" marking on Back Street and said he would see about it. The consensus was that there was little we could do, due to the fact that the lane is on private land.

### **Railings at War Memorial**

Billy Davidson said that he had been assured that the work would be done by Remembrance Day. Molly Fraser wanted it in writing from Ken Kennedy.

### **Any other competent business**

#### **State of Pavements**

Abby Main had had complaints from McKenzie Place about the weeds on the paths and pavements. In view of the Council cutbacks, it was suggested that each householder could see to their own bit of pavement.

### **St Aethan's Well and footpath to football pitch**

Hilary Gloyer had written to the Strathdees seeking permission to construct a foot/cycle path on the verge of their field and to identify, clear and mark the site of St. Aethan's Well. She had been telephoned by Gavin Strathdee and is to meet with him next week to discuss both these matters. She will report back to the next Council meeting.

### **Bench by cycle path between Burghead and Cummington**

A letter had been received from an Aidan Thomson asking about placing a bench beside the cycle path. There were no objections. Hilary Gloyer had identified a perfect site for such a bench. There were no objections.

### **Sale of Council land at Siguard Street.**

Notification had been received of the proposed sale of a strip of waste land beside 1 Siguard Street to the owner of that house. After discussion, there were no objections.

### **War Graves book**

Billy Davidson had brought along a loose leaf folder compiled by the father of a Burghead resident, detailing every Burghead person killed in the line of duty in both World Wars. All agreed that it was a beautiful work. Billy said that the author was coming up to Burghead in September and would be presenting the book formally to the Burghead Headland Trust to be kept at the Visitor Centre. The Trust has a scanner and would make copies of the book for any interested party.

**Being no further business, the meeting was closed.**

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm.**

**To be held at the Harbour Office, Burghead.**