

Burghead and Cummingston Community Council



Minute of regular meeting held at Burghead Harbour Office on Thursday 5th September 2013

Present: Billy Davidson (Chair), Abbey Main, Les Taylor, Hilary Gloyer, Molly Fraser, John Gordon (Secretary)

Apologies: Jennifer Walker, Jim Patterson

In Attendance: Tim Betts (Community Warden), Chris Tuke (Moray Council), Constable Tony Phillips (Police Scotland)

Adoption of minute of previous meeting

Proposed by: Abbey Main

Seconded by: Molly Fraser

The meeting agreed to suspend standing orders to allow Constable Phillips and Community Warden Tim Betts to present the following reports.

Police Report

This report covers the period from 29 July until 5 September 2013, Burghead and Cummingston saw 8 reported crimes.

These crimes relate to offences including Theft, Culpable and Reckless Fireraising, Assault, Speeding offence and Anti Social behaviour offences. To date only 2 crimes remain undetected.

Following a report of a Fire at premises in Burghead, one male has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal at Elgin for Culpable and Reckless Fireraising.

Between 31 July and 1 August 2013, 2 aluminium ramps were stolen from outside premises at Cummingston.

During July 2013, there have been a number of Thefts of scrap, tools, plant equipment, agricultural machinery and diesel from rural areas in Moray. Local Policing Team officers caught the culprits for some of the crimes when they were stealing diesel from a wind farm near Dallas. As a result the persons responsible have been reported for a number of Thefts and Thefts by Housebreaking. Local officers also reported three further persons for Theft of scrap in the local area. Crimes of this type continue to occur and residents, business owners and farmers are encouraged to take all reasonable precautions to secure property.

During this period numerous patrols were carried out by Roads Policing Officers and micro beat officers in the Roseisle, Burghead and Cummingston area and one driver reported for contravening the speed limit.

Anyone 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.

Report presented by Tim Betts (Community Warden)

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

Dog fouling:

- Three complaints in regard to dog fouling were made to the Anti Social Behaviour Team in this period. No offenders have been traced; however, posters have been installed at the location of complaints.
- Patrols of Burghead and Cummington continue to target dogs fouling and educate dog walkers. A patrol of Burghead was conducted with Cllr Tuke and one offender was caught failing to clear up after their dog. The offender was under 16 so suitable advice was given at the time and a letter sent.
- We still strongly encourage people who witness dog fouling to report it immediately either directly to the Community Warden on 07800670665 or to the Anti Social Behaviour Team on 0800 58 77 197.

Fly tipping, Litter and Graffiti:

- No complaints of litter or fly tipping were made to the Anti Social Behaviour Team in this period.

Neighbour disputes and noise complaints:

- Two disputes between neighbours have been reported in this period. Both have subsequently been resolved.
- No noise complaints have been received in this period.

Ongoing Moray wide engagement / activities

Initiatives:

School Watch:

Throughout the school summer holidays Moray Community Wardens participated in the School Watch initiative; aimed at reducing damage to local schools over the holiday period.

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 meeting welcomed the news carried in the local press that the Equalities Impact Assessment, which had been commissioned by Moray Council, had shown that the closure of the libraries and mobile services would have an adverse effect on the elderly and those with disabilities within our community.

John Gordon asked Councillor Tuke, if, in light of the findings of the assessment, he would consider voting in favour of the retention of Burghead Library.

Councillor Tuke advised the meeting that he had not read the Equalities Impact Assessment and was unable to comment. He failed to give any assurances that he would support the Community Council's fight to save services in Burghead.

Burghead Cemetery

Abbey Main reported that there hadn't been any progress to date on improvements to the cemetery footpaths and Grass verges.

Railings at War Memorial

Billy Davidson reported that there hadn't been any progress on the repainting of the railings. The secretary was instructed to remind Moray Council of their commitment to having the remedial works carried out prior to Armistice Day.

St Aethan's Well and footpath to football pitch

Hilary Gloyer reported that she had held a very productive meeting with Gavin Strathdee who had been very helpful and given consent for the works she had proposed at the site of the well.

Forthcoming Community Council Elections

The secretary reminded the meeting that this was the last meeting of the current council and that any member wishing to continue as a community councillor would have to stand for election. The existing Council would be dissolved following the meeting and any date for the first meeting would depend on whether there were more nominees than vacancies. If there were, it would mean that an election would be necessary which could delay the next meeting until November.

Prior to the Chair closing the meeting, Abbey Main Made an impassioned plea to Councillor Tuke to vote for the retention of Burghead Library at any opportunity he had to do so. Councillor Tuke declined to comment.

Being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Date of next meeting: To be advised by Moray Council

To be held at the Harbour Office, Burghead.