

# Burghead and Cummingston Community Council



## **Minute of regular meeting held at Burghead Harbour Office on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014**

**Present:** Billy Davidson, John Gordon, Gilbert Farquhar, Kelly Croudace, Mollie Fraser, Hilary Gloyer, Joan Megson and Shirley Munn

**In attendance:** Councillor Chris Tuke, PC Cara Wicks and Christy Okie

**Apologies:** Kelly Croudace, Jennifer Walker, Les Taylor and Tim Betts, Community Warden

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

**Proposed by:** Mollie Fraser

**Seconded by:** Gilbert Farquhar

### **Police Report presented by PC Cara Wicks**

For the period 6 March until 24 March 2014, a total of 5 crimes were reported. To date 3 offenders have been identified.

On 24 March 2014, a female appeared at Elgin Sheriff Court having been stopped driving in Burghead and subsequently refusing to provide a specimen of breath for a breath test.

Between 10 and 16 March 2014, damage occurred to a window of premises on Station Road, Burghead.

On 21 March 2014, damage occurred to a vehicle parked on Park Street, Burghead.

### **DRIVING OFFENCES**

During the reporting period, Roads Policing Officers carried out speed checks on the B9013 at Roseisle. No drivers were found to be exceeding the speed limit. Local micro beat officers have been tasked to monitor the speed of vehicles approaching the Primary School.

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

### **Feedback on Police Actions in response to matters raised at the previous meeting**

Concerns highlighted about motorbikes being used on land around Burghead:

Several persons have been spoken to and advised accordingly regarding their intention to use off road motorbikes at Roseisle without permission.

### **Details of actions in response to local priorities**

You told us what your concerns are about crime in your local area. We've set our priorities to tackle your concerns.

#### **ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

You told us about young people drinking alcohol in public, endangering themselves, causing annoyance and littering. You also said you were concerned by the rowdy behaviour of patrons leaving licensed premises, especially at weekends.

*We have worked with the Community Warden, Tim Betts and ran multi agency events called Operation Avon to address underage drinking. We have ensured a strong police presence outside those licensed premises that attract the largest crowds to reduce disruption.*

#### **DRUGS**

You told us that you were concerned about people in your communities dealing in illegal drugs.

*We have acted on intelligence received to stop and search persons suspected of being involved in the use and supply of controlled drugs and searched houses under warrant.*

#### **THEFT**

You told us you were concerned with thefts from vehicles and also thefts of heating oil.

*We have periodically run events known as Operation Moravia to address any emerging crime trends. We have carried out vehicle security awareness in areas where cars have been entered or property stolen.*

#### **DRIVING OFFENCES**

You told us that drivers speeding in your communities is a concern.

*We have trained some of your Local Community Policing Team to use speed detection equipment and regularly assist Roads Policing Officers to carry out checks in areas where speeding occurs*

### **Ongoing Local/Force wide engagement activities**

#### **CAMPAIGN AGAINST VIOLENCE**

On Friday 28 February 2014, officers were deployed into the Lossiemouth Beat area as part of a campaign against violence. These officers in addition to local micro beat officers carried out patrols in the local area and visited Licensed Premises. As a result of their patrols, one male was arrested for damaging property in Lossiemouth.

#### **OPERATION RAC SUCCESS IN ABERDEENSHIRE AND MORAY**

Officers from Police Scotland are hailing the local contribution towards the success of a national initiative targeting housebreakings across Aberdeenshire and Moray.

The Operation RAC initiative which ran from November 2013 to March 2014 saw incidents of domestic housebreaking fall significantly during this period and also resulted in 78 people being arrested or charged with RAC related crimes and warrants, property valued at £10,000, being recovered and involved staff from across the entire Aberdeenshire and Moray Division.

In addition £17,000 was also restrained under the terms of the Proceeds of Crime Act.

Detective Chief Inspector Alex Dowall said: "Operation RAC was a national initiative which has proved to be successful over the entire country; however, the results in Aberdeenshire and Moray have been excellent. There has been approximately 24% less crimes over this period and detection rates have increased by almost 17%."

"The increased scrutiny on reports on housebreaking will continue even after the national initiative ends and the public can be reassured that everything will be done to prevent these crimes and when they unfortunately occur we will use every investigative opportunity available to use to catch those responsible."

"We are fortunate that the fear of crime is very low across Aberdeenshire and Moray but that does not mean we can be complacent. A significant number of crimes have occurred across the area due to people not locking their front doors at night or locking their cars or garages."

"Taking these simple steps can help ensure you are not a victim to these heartless criminals in the future."

**Community Warden Report Anti social behaviour:**

On Friday 21 March 2014 an Operation Avon was undertaken in the Lossiemouth, Hopeman and Burghead area. Members of Police Scotland, Moray Youth Justice and Community Wardens undertook patrols to engage with youths in the area as well as deter underage drinking and antisocial behaviour.

On Saturday 22 March a substantial amount of alcohol was confiscated from underage persons; letters are being sent to their parents.

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

**Dog fouling:**

No complaints in regards to dog fouling were received in this period.

Patrols, poster installation and leaflet drops continue to target hot spot areas to detect and deter offenders.

Spot checks on dog walkers are being undertaken to ensure all are carrying dog bags and therefore in a position to clear up after their dog. Those found without them will be issued with bags and a letter of reminder sent to them outlining their responsibilities under the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003.

The ongoing issue of dog fouling has been discussed at length within the ASB team with plans for a Moray wide reduction campaign currently being discussed. As soon as the strategy is finalised I will report back.

We continue to urge people who witness dog fouling to report it on 07800 670665.

**Fly tipping, Litter and Graffiti:**

No complaints of litter or fly tipping were received in this period.

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March P7 pupils from Burghead primary school conducted a beach clean to raise awareness of the problem of coastal litter. Several bags of litter were removed from the beach and disposed of.

## **Proposal for a Skate Park on the Station Yard Site**

Christy Okie addressed the Committee and asked whether land could be made available within the boundaries of the Station yard as a site for a Skate Park.

Christy is a member of the recently established group, Burghead Skate-park Committee, who are seeking support for their efforts to establish a Skate Park in Burghead. She has been in touch with various local groups to establish what would be needed.

John Gordon advised Christy that while the Community Council welcomed any initiatives such as her proposal, the Station Yard was held in trust for the benefit of the Community by Burghead Amenities Association who she should approach in the first instance.

Chris advised the meeting that Burghead Amenities Association had set a provisional date for their AGM of the 29<sup>th</sup> May. Any interested parties would be able to attend.

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

### **Station Yard**

No further information available as yet, it is hoped that members interested in furthering the community garden will attend the AGM of the Amenities Committee. John mentioned that an enclosed five-a-side football pitch had been proposed also.

### **War Memorial/Cemetery**

Moray Council are to install new railings and are to take responsibility for the maintenance of the memorial flower basket.

It was noted that improvement works had been started at the cemetery.

The secretary was instructed to write the officer in charge of such works for his efforts.

### **St Aethans Well and Signage**

The signage for the well has now been completed. The Burghead leaflets have now been distributed further afield, and Joan informed that the Chamber of Commerce have recently established a free web site for local tourism which she hoped the local community would use and benefit from.

### **Cummingston-Burghead Path**

Hilary has had no further correspondence from Diageo re her request for improvements to the dilapidated state of their boundary where it runs adjacent to the cycle path to Hopeman.

### **School Heating**

Chris has had nothing back from Chris Goodchild as yet.

### **Hotmail Account**

It was again agreed that all Community Council mail would go via the secretary and for John to forward information to the relevant people accordingly. The BCCC hotmail account will be kept as a point of contact for the public.

### **Lights out on the esplanade between the Sinkie Sands and the Slappy**

Mollie confirmed that she had been in contact with the appropriate department of Moray Council who had advised her that they were considering the costs for replacement lanterns. Molly undertook to "stay on the case" and to report any progress to future meetings.

Chris was asked to look into possible repairs to the surface of the path in the area.

### **Red Craig Bus Stop**

Several complaints had been received about the state of the footpath which runs along the boundary of the Red Craig housing development at the side of the Burghead to Cummington road. A request will be made to MFJ Homes to give their favourable consideration to bringing the footpath up to at least a tolerable standard as soon as possible.

Chris pointed out that there is a route through the established housing which already provides an alternative route to the external footpath. He also said there were no plans as yet to install street lighting.

### **Housing Vents**

Gilbert said there was no change in this situation.

### **Burghead Painting**

Prints are now available for £20 from Janet and Patrick Glendinning

### **Cummington Car Parking**

To be addressed. John is to instigate mediation between the relevant parties, through services available, in the hope of resolving this matter.

### **Boats in Burghead**

The Reaper will be in Burghead Harbour as well as some coastal rowing boats including the Findhorn skiff during the weekend of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> July

### **Rowing Club**

The club has been awarded Grant Funding which has allowed Caroline Dunbar of Duffus, with others to establish the club. They are to build their own boat with the intention of competing in races which are held for such clubs.

### **Moray Local Development Plan**

The new plan can now be seen on the following link:

<http://www.moray.gov.uk/downloads/file91839.pdf> Burghead

<http://www.moray.gov.uk/downloads/file91844.pdf> Cummington

The community is encouraged to view this plan, available to view at the library, and return any comments to the council on the relevant form provided. Shirley is to email the plan to all members of the BCCC.

### **Access to Burghead Beach**

It was noted that the access road adjacent to Cable Cottage was in a very poor state of repair making it very difficult for foot traffic accessing the beach and could be bad enough to restrict the passage of vehicles responding to an emergency on the beach. The ownership of the land is unknown, and the Local Authority has always, in the past, denied all responsibility for its maintenance.

Efforts are to be made to ascertain the ownership of Bridge Street which includes the offending section.

**Being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9pm**

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> of May at 7.30pm in the Harbour Office, Burghead**