

# Burghead and Cummingston Community Council



**Minute of regular meeting held at Burghead Harbour Office on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014**

**Present:** Mollie Fraser, Jennifer Walker, Community Warden Tim Betts, Constable Brian Dick, Joan Megson, Kelly Croudace, Chris Tuke, Gilbert Farquhar, Hilary Gloyer

**Apologies:** Billy Davidson, John Gordon, Shirley Munn and Les Taylor

**Adoption of minute of previous meeting**

**Proposed by: Jennifer Walker**

**Seconded by: Hilary Gloyer**

## **Police Report**

For the period 24 March until 27 April 2014, a total of 4 crimes were reported. To date one offender has been identified.

On 14 April 2014, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service attended reports of gorse fires in the Seaview Road area of Cummingston. Whilst not ascertaining the cause of the fires they believe them to have been set deliberately.

On 21 April 2014, a wall was damaged by a vehicle on Forest Place, Burghead. The driver failed to stop or report the accident.

About 0130 hours on 26 April 2014, a shed at rural premises at Roseisle was entered and pedal cycles, tools and equipment stolen.

Nightshift patrols in the Lossiemouth Community Policing Team area have been increased and residents are encouraged to immediately report any suspicious persons or vehicles, particularly in rural locations.

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

Concerns were raised about the use of motorbikes on the Hopeman to Burghead road. Community Warden Tim Betts is to assist ourselves by liaising with Moray Council on the prospect of signage to deter these incidents. Patrols have been made and members of the public are encouraged to contact ourselves immediately on seeing such incidents.

The issue of vehicles speeding on St Aethans Road and outside the school was reported. Roads Policing and micro beat officers attended and ten drivers were dealt with for excessive speed and

associated Road Traffic offences. Micro beat officers will continue to use speed detection equipment in this area of the village.

Concerns were raised about a delay in a Theft being investigated. The complainer has been contacted and confirms that police attended in good time and she was satisfied with the service provided.

## **CHANGE OF STAFF AT LOSSIEMOUTH**

On 5 May 2014, Sergeant Angela McCarthy will transfer to Forres Local Policing Team. Sergeant Stephen Carmichael from Elgin will be taking over at Lossiemouth assisted by Sergeant Ally Bruce. Angela would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome that has not only been extended to my team and myself when attending at your meetings. Although she looks forward to her new challenge, it is with great sadness that she leaves as she will miss working in the Lossiemouth Local Policing area. The support given to the team from the Community Council and Community has been very much appreciated. Everyone at the meeting wished Sergeant McCarthy the very best in her new role and gave thanks to all her hard work in the area.

## **Community Warden Report**

### **Anti social behaviour:**

- 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.
- Dog walkers have been engaged during the course of patrols to ensure they have dog bags with them.
- We continue to urge people who witness dog fouling to report it on 07800 670665.

### **Neighbour disputes and noise complaints:**

- Two complaints regarding to neighbour disputes were received in this period. One is a civil matter and the other related to parking issues; this has subsequently been resolved.

### **Initiatives:**

#### Clean Coastline Initiative:

Plans are currently being finalised for a clean coastline initiative to tackle and deter litter on the beaches between Roseisle and Lossiemouth this summer. This will include regular beach cleans, regular litter patrols and appropriate signage to encourage people to take their litter away with them, as well as warning them of the penalties if they fail to do so.

#### Dog fouling:

On 19<sup>th</sup> May pupils from Burghead Primary will be spray painting dog mess to draw attention to the issue in Burghead.

## **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](http://www.moray.gov.uk)

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

### **Station Yard**

No further information yet, but it was noted that the AGM meeting has been re-arranged to the 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 7.30pm in the Church of Scotland Hall.

### **Coastal walk Signage**

The signs have been completed and will be put up very soon. Hilary was able to get a lower quote of £1183.63 and £205 for the designs.

### **School Heating**

Chris has a meeting shortly with Nick Goodchild with regards to heating consultations. Previously the free hot water hadn't been looked at. This will now be discussed.

### **Esplanade lighting**

Mollie is still in contact with Moray Council regarding the lighting at the esplanade between the Sinkie Sands and Slappy. A quote to repair/replace the lighting has come in at £8000. A lower quote is being sought.

### **Red Craig Bus Stop**

John has been in touch with MFJ with regards to the pathways. It was thought that improvement were to be made but it was unclear exactly what the details were so it was agreed to wait until the next meeting for clarification from John direct.

### **Burghead Painting**

There is now a smaller print available for £6 in the Post Office

### **Moray Local Development Plan**

The green space at the harbour would potentially be used for storage units. Joan will draft a letter to go from John regarding concern of this to the council.. It was thought that unused space along the harbour could potentially be used instead.

### **Access to Burghead Beach**

Efforts are still being made to ascertain the ownership of Bridge Street which included the damaged access road adjacent to Cable cottage. Chris has in the past gone to a lot of time and effort in this through various agencies with no results. Mollie was going to try to get to the bottom of this if she could.

## **Any Other Competent Business**

### **Burghead Library**

From early April and throughout the year different sections of the library stock will be changed over. There are volunteers who are able to deliver books to the housebound. If anyone wishes or knows of someone who would benefit from this service are to get in touch with the library.

Storytime is now up and running on a Tuesday and it is hoped word will spread and numbers will increase.

### **Dial a Bus**

Joan has been trying to publicise the Dial a Bus service. This is a bus service available for those who are Elderly/Frail, who may have Disabilities or require assistance and for when there is no bus service available. The service operates Mon-Fri 0915-1430 school days and 0915-1630 for non school days. Bookings can be made Mon-Fri 0845-1700 by calling **0300 1234565** Chris will give leaflets to Kelly who along with Joan will distribute them.

### **Laich of Moray Tourism Concept**

On the 30<sup>th</sup> April, three members of the Burghead Headland Trust including Hilary and Joan, attended a meeting to discuss a tourism project relating to the Laich of Moray. We supported the initiative and raised the idea of marketing the coast from Burghead to Lossiemouth as The Triassic Coast. This would complement the Laich of Moray initiative. All at the meeting were positive of the area, and were keen to take the idea forward. The agreed next step is to hold further meetings with more organisations with the initial group to act as a steering group.

### **Proposed Meeting with Lossiemouth CC**

It was noted that the next potential meeting date would clash with the Burghead Amenities Association AGM so another date would be sought.

### **Seafest**

The Chamber of Commerce are arranging Seafest in Lossiemouth over the weekend of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> July. This is also to promote tourism in the Laich of Moray area. It is hoped this will become as popular as Speyfest has over the years.

### **Pavements**

The pavements on the Post Office side of Grant Street are not on the reserve list for the moment but would be dealt with if it was to deteriorate further.

### **Use of Metal Detectors**

It was noted on a couple of occasions that people were using metal detectors around the Headland. According to Section 42 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological this is not permitted without written consent of the appropriate authorities. This information can be found <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1979/46>

### **Clean up Moray Campaign – May 2014**

Shirley and Joan are planning to set up cleaning initiatives for Cummington and Burghead in May 2014. All welcome, details to follow. Joan will contact Tim Betts with dates for co-ordination.

**Being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.30pm**

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

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