

LENNOX COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Milnes High School, Fochabers at 7pm on 3rd June 2015

Present, Maureen Burrows, Lynn Duncan, Alison Hook, Donald Cameron, Liz Knight, Maxine Horne, Audrey Johnson, Christopher Campbell, Sue Lane and Douglas Ross

Apologies: Robert Gray, Mike Reid, Margo Howe, Peter Horton, Mike Thomas, Sgt Ali Bruce

Absent: Sean Morton

In attendance: James McKenzie

2	Police Report	16 crimes in the area in the last month involving vandalism, assault and theft with the majority having positive lines of enquiry.	
3		Minutes of previous meeting approved by AJ and seconded by AH with the inclusion of last months planning ; 1- Steading conversion at plot 1a Broadley and removal of steading at 1b Broadley with erection of 4-bed house. 2 –Access and car parking at Spey Bay Resort Development 3- Alteration and extension at Coronation Cottage, Tugnet	DC
		Matters Arising from Minutes and any amendments to be made	
4	Matters Arising	.Speed Survey in Gordon Street, Portgordon - ongoing problem with speeding vehicles as well as access to the Speed Survey carried out by Moray Council. Mr James McKenzie, representing the Gordon Street residents and attended the meeting. LCC had no further information to provide him with re the speed survey monitoring traffic in Gordon Street, Portgordon. His requested points had been addressed through his freedom of information request. Moray Council didn't feel there was any further information the could give him but requested he contact Mr Dave Malpas of Moray Council who would be pleased to meet with him and discuss the findings. 30-35mph – 2350 vehicles 35-40mph – 889 40-50mph – 294 Over50mph – 23 Total of 9869 cars from6th -10 th August Average into village – 27.8mph Average leaving village – 29.9mph Though the average speed recorded was under 30mph LCC agreed to write to Moray Council expressing its concern that nearly a third of vehicles were over the speed limit although this does not show up in the average speed figures.	LD
318		Portgordon Harbour – Although there does not seem to be any further work being carried out there is a lot of shingle still banked up. At a recent meeting in Portgordon the representatives of the Crown said that the shingle was not their responsibility and that the Moray Council	MB DR

	<p>should take responsibility for it to be cleared. This is up for discussion as the council would then charge the Crown for the clearing of the stones that had been left since the Crown had finished the work.</p> <p>Until this is resolved the Crown will not declare the harbour open for Health and Safety issues and so local boat owners are unhappy that they cannot get their boats into the water. It was noted that there is a shortage of berths with all other local harbours being full to capacity. It is hoped that a feasibility study can be carried out to look into possible Grant Funding to upgrade the harbour.</p> <p>Portgordon Harbour Board AGM will take place soon with LCC members hoping to attend.</p>	
325	.Giant Hogweed - A grant from Landfill Subtax of £5,000 has been received with the amount being matched by the Spey Fisheries Board and the Crown providing £15,000 to start the eradication of the weed. The work will start from the lower Spey area and work upstream.	DR
329	Anzac Day – The wooden roadsigns have been found in the Spey Bay Hall so will be used next year to try to encourage a few more attendees	LD MR
331	Flooding at The Blair, Tynet – Maureen Burrows and another resident will have a meeting with Richard Lochhead and a director for the Forestry Commission over the continuing concern of flooding of land and property caused by the neglect of drainage ditches on Forestry land especially in areas where there has been recent tree felling. In the past ditches were all cleared annually and now they seem abandoned and are no longer able to allow flowing water.	MB
341	Path from Slackend Farm to the village of Portgordon is almost impassable due to years of blown sand filling the road. Ian Douglas of Moray Council who is responsible for Core Paths has said it is not a council concern but the Crown should be approached. LD to do this	LD
345	Solar Powered Flood Warning Signs – The villagers of Portgordon are not happy with their appearance. It appears that they are the ones that are no longer required at Rothes since their flood prevention scheme has been completed and it was thought by the council that they would be ideal for Portgordon. Councillor Ross to look into their removal or relocation to a better position.	DR MB
346	Village Enhancement Fund for Portgordon was handed in to the Lampie Hoose	
347	VE Day Celebrations at Portgordon Square went well. A letter from a Portgordon Post representative informing us that they are preparing an ongoing cleaning program of the village square and requesting our help. We emailed a reply requesting more information on what this would involve and what area is being discussed as well as what kind of cleaning methods would be employed.	SL
348	The steps leading from the square to behind the railway line leading to the bowling green are dangerously slippery. This is being passed on to Ken Kennedy of the Parks Dept	DR MB SL
349	There seems to be less dog mess around the school area in Portgordon but still as mentioned previously a huge amount of blown rubbish on the Speyside Way as it passes the rear of the Spey Bay Dump	SL
350	Still a concern that husky training can be taking place in woods and paths around Fochabers with no warning notices for the public. This can be extremely frightening to dog walkers and horse riders etc. LD will try	LD

	to find out if warning notices should be in place in this is taking place.	
5 Correspondance	This month May Transport Scotland held an exhibition in Fochabers showing plans for the dualling of A96 Mr J. McKenzie wrote expressing disappointment that he still did not have the details results from the recent speed survey in Portgordon.	DC
6 Planning Applications	18m high SMART aerial at Auchenhalrig Farm Erect dwelling house at 3 Earls View, Portgordon Demolition of derelict farm steading and erection of house and garage at Drakemyres View, Upper Drakemyres Farm, Forgie, Keith Reinstate vehicular access track to Essil Pool and Black Hut, Lower Spey, Fochabers.	DC
7 Moray Council Business	Dualling of the A96 exhibition took place at various locations in the last few weeks. Rural Broadband – 85% of Moray will get superfast broadband but disappointing that the other 15% (which will include areas with the Lennox CC area) may need to wait at least another 18months. Councillor Ross is hoping to address this.	DR
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AOCB 351	MH wanted it highlighted that there were concerns from Fochabers dog owners that houses were being marked with paint or chalk – It was thought that this was connected with dogs being stolen from selected homes and either sold on or used in dog fighting.	MH
352	Work is in progress at installing a new childrens play area at Spey Bay Hall which should be completed before end of summer. There is a Comedy Night in the Hall on Sat 13 th June with tickets priced at £10 and BYOB. Tickets available from Helen Smith or Heather Pirie	CC
353	Speed limit of 30mph from Spey Bay roundabout to the start of Fochabers village was raising concerns and a request was made that it be increased to 40mph from the roundabout to the war memorial. There was a wide pavement leading out of the village as far as the said roundabout in question and drivers feel that a limit of 40mph would be more reasonable.	DC
354	DC highlighted the new growthof the hedge encroaching onto the pavement in Charlotte Street This will be looked into with Moray Coucil Roads Dept.	DC DR
355	Fochabers - Length of double yellow lines outside the chemist on both sides of road and again on other side of square at Scotmid and antique shop would be better if not lengthened beyond the raised section of road. It was not thought this would cause any problems when exiting from adjacent side streets. This is not the case at the area of the High Street by the Co-op which is already congested and entering and exiting the side streets is hampered by parking on these junctions.	LD
356	Maxine Horne and Mike Thomas are now both full members of Lennox Community Council. Co-opted members onto the Lennox Community Council are Audrey Johnson, Sue Lane and Christopher Campbell At next meeting it will be discussed if any more members can be co-opted onto the LCC this year	

Next Meeting will be at Spey Bay Hall on Wednesday 24th June at 7pm