

PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 14th NOVEMBER, 2016

Present: Andy Dewar, Cathleen Harper, Angela Mair, Diane Anderson, Gladys MacKenzie, Bert Reid and Cllr. Ron Shepherd.

In the absence of the Chair the meeting with chaired by the Vice Chair, Andy Dewar.

1. Apologies

John Herd.

2. Minutes

The minutes from the last meeting were proposed by Bert Reid and seconded by Diane Anderson.

3. Matters Arising

There are 2 signs damaged at the harbour, the one down the quay and the one at the Paddling Pool. Both require to be repaired. The signs may have been erected by the Moray Council; however one of them might have been erected by Grampian Regional Council. Cllr. Shepherd will look into this with the Moray Council.

Bert Reid will remove the flags from the flag pole overlooking the harbour now that Remembrance Day has past. Cathleen Harper will check whether any repairs are required to them.

Andy Dewar has erected the 'dog mess' notices on the paths down to the railway line, golf course and 'Jenny's Well'. One has been vandalised. Sophia MacDonald has been in touch to thank Andy Dewar for erecting the signs and she believes that there has been an improvement already.

Andy Dewar advised that the tennis coaching sessions were well attended during the October holidays.

Cllr. Shepherd was advised that some potholes in the village have been repaired but the ones at the Seafield Hall have not been repaired and with all the groups having started up in the village again it is just a matter of time before someone falls. Bert Reid advised that the potholes on the main road out of Portknockie have not been repaired either. Cllr. Shepherd will look into this.

4. Police Matters

Sergeant Ross attended the meeting and reported that the only incident reported in the village was the one on the 2nd of November. No other incidents have been reported.

There have been reports of people cutting the 'Y' junction but this has been reported to the Traffic Police who will continue to monitor the situation.

Sergeant Ross also advised on the importance of being vigilant during the winter months on home security.

Sergeant Ross advised that the trailer causing an obstruction at the top of the harbour has now been removed.

5. Matters for Elected Members

Gladys MacKenzie asked Cllr. Shepherd if there was a Portknockie Common Good Fund but Cllr. Shepherd advised that Portknockie did not have one.

6. Correspondence

Correspondence was discussed. All correspondence has been forwarded by email. A reminder has come in from Transport Scotland looking for details of our representative at the Community Council Forum – East Region meeting to be held on Wednesday, 16th November in respect of the A96 dualling Hardmuir to Fochabers. Andy Dewar will represent Portknockie Community Council at the meeting.

7. Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance - £1,253.60. The Moray Council grant of £296.51 has still to be received.

8. AOCB

The Xmas Tree will be lit on Saturday, 3rd December. Murray Campbell will hold a short service after the tree is lit then refreshments will be served in the Seafield Hall where the school children will perform. The School will advise Gladys of whom the youngest child in school is as he or she will switch on the lights. Advised that John Herd will be home in time to attend.

The Association have requested help to erect the tree. Members advised to get in touch with John Going to find out when the tree will be delivered and when it will be erected.

Help will be required to serve the teas in the Seafield Hall afterwards. Gladys will check and see if members of the Association are able to help with this as a few members of the Community Council will not be able to attend for various reasons.

The Citizen of the Year Award will be announced and presented in the Seafield Hall after the tree has been lit. Cathleen Harper has some names which will be passed to the Addison family. Arrangements will be made to collect the shield from last year's winner and have it engraved.

Angela Mair will get in touch with the Banffshire Advertiser to advise them of the date.

The meeting was closed at 7.45 pm.

Next meeting will be held in the Snug at the McBoyle Hall on Monday, 12th December, 2016 at 7 pm.