

## PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2017

**Present:** Alan Beresford, Angela Mair, Gladys MacKenzie, Cathleen Harper, Diane Anderson, Bert Reid, Cllr. Ron Shepherd, Cllr. Donald Gatt and Cllr. Theresa Coull.

#### **1. Apologies**

None.

#### **2. Minutes**

The minutes from the June meeting were proposed by Gladys MacKenzie and seconded by Diane Anderson.

#### **3. Matters Arising**

Gladys MacKenzie advised that the replacement sign still requires to be erected at the harbour but John Tasker advised that it should be erected soon.

There has been no update from the Roads Inspector regarding the potholes in the village which he was to be checking on his return from holiday. The Secretary will ask Jane Martin to chase this up with him.

Cathleen Harper advised that the garden had been cut at 6 Craigview Road but that the street light between number 10 and 12 Craigview Road was still out.

The Secretary will ask Jane Martin to pass on our concerns regarding the lack of the presence of the Community Warden at our meetings and also the lack of his presence in the village.

The 'Merchant Navy Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2017 – Fly the Red Ensign' was discussed. Agreed that the date suggested earlier of Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> September was not feasible given that the school are just back from the summer break. Agreed that Alan will make contact with the Headmistress and see what date would suit the school. Enquires will be made in the village for any ex-Merchant Navy Sailors. Agreed that Murray Campbell from the Deep Sea Fishermans Mission will be contacted to see if he will carry out a service at the flagstaff once a date has been agreed.

#### **4. Police Matters**

The Report has been emailed to all members. No Police presence.

#### **5. Matters for Elected Members**

The recent comments made by Cllr. Eagle at a meeting in Findochty regarding the closure of schools in the area was discussed with the elected members. Elected members were asked if we were looking at another fight to keep the village school open but all elected members advised that as far as they were aware there were no plans at the moment to close any of the schools in the area. Cllr. Gatt was unaware of the comments which had been made by Cllr. Eagle. Alan advised that this is a serious concern to the village. Cllr. Coull

advised that the Council cannot close any schools without having first put the proposal to the Scottish Government. Alan advised that once again the Community Council were willing to discuss matters with the Council Officers.

The condition of a council house garden at 4 Falconer Terrace, Portknockie was reported to the elected members.

The roadway down to the Bow Fiddle is overgrown as are other areas in the village. A lot of visitors visit this area. Bins at the top of the harbour are also not being emptied enough. Cllr. Gatt advised that he had made enquiries to find out how often the grass is cut in the village and at present it is cut 3 times a year. Cllr. Gatt also advised that the broken seats along Patrol Road and the harbour would be repaired or if necessary replaced.

Gladys MacKenzie advised that the lamp post outside 4 Bridge Street is broken. The plastic cover is on the ground.

## **6. Correspondence**

All correspondence has been emailed to members.

Angela advised that the election leaflets will be available within the next week. We will receive posters to display and leaflets to distribute. Angela asked if members are willing to distribute them.

## **7. Treasurer's Report**

Bank Balance - £1,156.30.

## **8. AOCB**

Gladys MacKenzie advised that materials totalling £35.00 were required for the Paddling Pool, this has been paid to Kirsty Farquhar. A new sign has been erected for dog fouling at the harbour/paddling pool.

Diane Anderson advised that the Tennis Club is due to be one of the groups for the Tesco blue disc scheme in the shop in Buckie.

The meeting was closed at 7.45 pm.

Next meeting will be held in the Snug at the McBoyle Hall on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 at 7 pm.