

PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 13th NOVEMBER, 2017

Present: Rob Barsby, Gladys MacKenzie, Cathleen Harper, Diane Anderson, Alison Low, Angela Mair, Bert Reid, Cllr. Ron Shepherd and Cllr. Theresa Coull.

1. Apologies

None.

2. Minutes

An error was made in the October minutes with regard to the time of the Remembrance Service. The service commenced at 10.50 am and not 11.00 am as minuted.

Rob Barsby checked the position regarding the Community Council only covering the cost of the hire of the 'Snug' for the initial meeting of the 'Portknockie Flood Action Group'. The Community Association allowed the free use of the McBoyle Hall for the public meeting which was held on the 25th of September. Rob had understood that at the October Community Council meeting it had been agreed that the Community Council would cover the cost of the hire of the 'Snug' for all future meetings held by the Flood Action Group. However most Community Council members were under the impression that it had been agreed at the October meeting that the Community Council would only pay for the hire of the 'Snug' for the initial meeting of the group on the 10th of October. Members agreed that as the meetings were to be held monthly the Community Association would bill the Community Council for the hire of the 'Snug' for the future Flood Action Group Committee meetings. There had been another meeting on the 6th of November. The 'Snug' will also be used again on the 20th of November when volunteers are meeting to carry out an inspection of the roadside gullies (drains). The next Committee meeting is scheduled for the 4th of December but it is hoped that the group will not have to meet every month during 2018. The minutes from the October meeting were proposed by Bert Reid and seconded by Cathleen Harper.

3. Matters Arising

Gladys MacKenzie advised that John Tasker has now replaced the sign at the harbour. A thank you card will be sent to Charles Laing for cementing it in.

A thank you card will also be sent to Tony Barnes thanking him for laying the wreath on behalf of the Community Council at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

The lights in the village have not been repaired but Cllr. Coull advised that they would not be repaired now until the new LED lighting was put up.

The 'Fly the Red Ensign Day' will now take place in the Spring.

Gladys MacKenzie advised that the Christmas Tree will be lit on Saturday, 2nd December at 6.30 pm. Gladys has already been in touch with the school and the youngest child in the school will switch on the lights and Murray Campbell will say a few words at the tree. The school children will sing some carols in the Seafield Hall and refreshments will be served. The Community Council members will be required to serve the refreshments with the help of members of the Community Association. The Citizen of Year Award will also be presented in the Seafield Hall. Any names passed to any Community Council members should be given to Cathleen Harper who will then pass them on to the Addison family who will choose the Citizen of the Year.

It was agreed that a Facebook page for the Community Council should be set up and Rob Barsby will speak to Neil Hedley to see if he would be willing to set up a page for us. The Facebook page will need monitoring/updating by the Community Council and this can be discussed at the next meeting if Neil Hedley agrees to create the page.

Rob Barsby thanked Gladys MacKenzie for arranging the poppy wreath.

4. Police Matters

The Report had been emailed to all members. Two Police officers were in attendance and advised that the Road Traffic Unit had run a successful campaign in the area and were running a drink driving campaign on the lead up to Christmas. An Anti-Social campaign had been run in Keith during the past weekend.

Members were advised that there had been a number of incidents in the Buckie and surrounding area but nothing in Portknockie.

Cathleen Harper advised that there had been reports in the village of people having their doors tried between Halloween and Bon Fire night.

The high performance cars speeding up and down Admiralty Street, Seafield Street and along Craigview Road were reported to the Police Officers. The Officers were advised that there was a white car and a black car. The black car had been speeding through the village between the hours of midnight and 2.00 am on both Saturday and Sunday mornings. Officers advised that members should try and get the registration numbers and report it. Advised that it was proving quite difficult because of the speed and time of night that they are going through the village. The Officers did advise that the Police are regularly patrolling during this time.

Bert Reid enquired if the Officers were aware who the Small Ports Officer currently is. Bert was advised that they would make enquiries and revert back to us.

Both Rob Barsby and Alison Low had attended the Joint Community Council meeting. They advised that they were told that members of the Community Councils could visit their local Police Station and see what goes on and meet Inspector Neil Campbell who is currently at the Buckie Police Station. The Officers advised that this area was lucky in the sense that there was sufficient resources to cover this area.

5. Matters for Elected Members

See AOCB for information regarding the flooding, drains and pot holes.

6. Correspondence

All correspondence has been emailed to members.

7. Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance - £383.50.

8. AOCB

Rob Barsby advised that the new Landslide Committee has a name 'Portknockie Flood Action Group' with 12 members. Rob also advised that Billy Miller was due to carry out some works but this has been stopped meantime until a full survey has been carried out for the Council. Seafield Estates have advised that they are not responsible for any of the areas and will not be doing anything although they own the ground at Patrol Road. The Survey that has been instructed by the Moray Council is only for the area at the harbour but Rob advised that it would be helpful if the Council could be persuaded to add the extra bit at Patrol Road and the bit further round from the harbour in the survey. Rob asked Cllr. Shepherd and Cllr. Coull if they could ask the Council if the additional areas can be included.

Rob Barsby also advised that the pathway along the old railway line between Portknockie and Cullen, near the 9th hole of the golf course, has dropped several times over the last few weeks. Moray Council have made a temporary repair and are waiting for a Civil Engineer's Report. Moray Council are also talking to Sustrans, the National Cycle Path Network Association regarding possible funding.

The Portknockie Flood Action Group have arranged an inspection of all road gullies on Monday, 20th November with volunteers from the community. This will be followed by a site meeting with Brian Kidd, Moray Council's Roads Inspector with a view to cleaning any gullies that require attention.

The meeting was closed at 8.20 pm.

Next meeting will be held in the Snug at the McBoyle Hall on Monday, 11th December, 2017 at 7 pm.