

## **PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018**

**Present:** Rob Barsby, Gladys MacKenzie, Cathleen Harper, Diane Anderson,  
Alison Low, Bert Reid, Cllr Donald Gatt, Steve Borzoni (Buckie Police)

#### **Apologies**

Angela Mair, Cllr Ron Shepherd and Cllr Theresa Coull.

#### **1. Minutes**

Minutes were proposed and seconded as accurate.

#### **2. Matters Arising**

##### **Portknockie Flood Action Group (PFLAG)**

Following advice from Jane Martin it has been confirmed that the Flood Action Group should become a sub group of the PCC. Additionally, as per the previous minutes the PCC will fund the hire of the hall for the PFLAG.

RB advised that PFLAG was trying to work in partnership with Sustrans, Moray Council and the Scottish Flood Forum.

It was agreed that RB would share all the minutes from PFLAG.

The members were advised that Bert Reid is also a member of PFLAG so that PCC is adequately represented.

RB to advise Gladys what meetings have taken place so that hall charges can be organised accordingly.

Status:

A survey has been carried out and 21 separate landslides/areas of flood damage has been identified. Of these 6 have been identified as major. Those impacting the road, the harbour area and the cycle path are included in the 6. A report will be generated for the council detailing what the plan of action is for these sites of major damage. It is expected that this report will be presented to the Policy & Resources Council Meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January.

BR advised that in the recent bad weather 2 pontoons have been damaged in the harbour. This damage has been reported.

##### **Face book Page**

RB advised that Neil Hedley has agreed to set up a Facebook page. The challenge is who is prepared to administrate the PCC page. It was suggested that any Facebook page could be shared with the Community Association and that additional administrators could come from that group.

GM to raise this at the next CA meeting and update at the next PCC meeting.

### **3. Police Matters**

Steve Borzoni was representing Buckie Police.

Steve updated the meeting with details of the incidents that had happened in the last 2 months. There was nothing specific that affected Portknockie.

The message from the Police was the need for residents to remain vigilant in their home and out and about with regard to personal property and security. This advice was in response to a number of thefts including some still being investigated.

Overall it was reported that the festive period just ended had less issues than the previous year.

Anti-social driving was discussed again and the need for communication of car registration numbers was reiterated. The members were advised that there is penalty known as an Anti-Social Driving Order which is applicable to the individual and their vehicle for up to 1 year. If someone with this order is caught again then the police can seize their vehicle.

It was confirmed that the small ports officer is PC Vass.

### **4. Matters for Elected Members**

Lights reported as out of operation on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December and previously remain broken. Additionally, there are 2 other lights out 1 in Admiralty Street and 1 by the Church of Christ in Seafield Street.

BR also advised that both leading lights to the harbour entrance and that this has been reported to the harbour authorities.

### **5. Correspondence**

All correspondence has been emailed to members.

Letter received from Sandy Laing. Secretary (AM) to provide a response which acknowledges the letter and agrees that the area of the Portknockie industrial estate needs improvement. However, any improvement is not straight forward due to multiple owners including Seafield Estates and the designated use. The intention therefore is take forward any improvements and developments into the Local Development Plan.

A copy of the LDP email received 8<sup>th</sup> January to be enclosed with the letter to SL.

RB is attending the Scottish Parliament Workshop in Aberdeen on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January. This is to determine the role of local communities in determining funding. RB to update at the next meeting.

### **6. Treasurer's Report**

Bank Balance - £630.19.

Grant of £296.69 received from Moray council.

## **7. AOCB**

### **Christmas Decorations**

John Going Chairman of the Community Association is to attend the next meeting to discuss the Christmas Lights in the village to ensure that this activity is compliant with H&S and Insurance requirements.

GM advised that there was a collection of £120.68 taken at the Christmas Light switch on which has been given to the school.

RB stated special thanks should go to GM for all the support provided to RB at the Christmas Light switch on.

### **Citizen of the Year**

Nominations for citizen of the year are required by the end of October 2018. Nominations to be passed to CH. Should a Facebook page be created then this competition should be posted accordingly.

### **Possible School Closures**

RB advised that the Press & Journal had contacted him with regard to potential school closures in the village. RB advised the Head Teacher Karen Murray accordingly.

### **Moray Council Budget**

DG confirmed that the proposed budget includes cuts. DG advised the members that feedback and comment can be provided by anyone regarding the proposed council budget. This can be done in writing, by email or on Facebook. Feedback needs to be provided by the 14<sup>th</sup> of January.

### **Miscellaneous**

RB advised that he would be attending a meeting regarding community ownership in renewable energy.

Planning approval for windows in 12 Bridge Street was raised, PCC will not respond due to lack of clarity about where is a conservation area and where is not.

RB advised that Cullen Community Council had approached him with regard to setting up a combined meeting with Cullen, Portsoy and Findochty.

**The meeting was closed at 8.30 pm.**

**Next meeting will be held in the Snug at the McBoyle Hall on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> of February at 7pm.**