

Minute of Meeting of Portknockie Community Council

Date: 12th February 2018

Time: 7:00 pm

Venue: Snug, McBoyle Hall, Portknockie

Chair: Rob Barsby

Attendees: Diane Anderson, Cathleen Harper, Alison Low, Gladys MacKenzie, Angela Mair, Bert Reid, Cllr Ron Shepherd, John Going of the Portknockie Community Association (PCA) and Sgt Robert Williams (Buckie Police).

Apologies: Cllr Donald Gatt.

1. Police Update

A parked car was damaged and the driver did not stop – incident being investigated.

Car drivers are still speeding along roads late at night – a member of PCC has e-mailed the police with a registration number. Sgt Williams to check progress.

January 2018's Community Safety Partnership Report states that: "Dog fouling signage was installed in the Church Street area of Portknockie and some householders were spoken to in relation to dog fouling."

RB thanked Sgt RW for attending and said that the PCC really appreciate the regular attendance of officers at the meetings.

2. Christmas Lights

John Going (JG), Chair of the PCA, attended the meeting and it was decided to discuss the Christmas lights to allow JG to leave as soon as possible.

Insurance and PAT testing were discussed. It was explained that if the PCC formed a sub-group for the Christmas lights, the insurance would be in place via the PCC general policy.

It was generally agreed that PAT testing should be carried out and could be dealt with by the new sub-group. JG said that there was no need to have the main electrical supplies tested as they were installed pre 2006.

There were concerns by some members about forming a sub-group. Therefore it was agreed that AM would contact Jane Martin (Community Council Liaison Officer) for advice regarding the formation of a sub-group and how it would operate.

JG left the meeting.

3. Minutes of last meeting

Minor changes were required:

For consistency 'Cllr' to be inserted before all elected members' names.

"Portknockie" to be inserted before "Flood Action Group".

Sgt RW confirmed that the Harbour officer's name is Mr Vass - to be changed from Bass.

The minutes were proposed by ????????????? and seconded by ????????????

AM and AL left the meeting at this stage.

4. Matters Arising

RB attended the Scottish Parliament's Budget Workshop in Aberdeen on 9th January. The workshop was promoted as an opportunity for local communities to advise the Parliament of their local needs priorities.

Unfortunately, the workshop was not as expected. The budgeting process of the Scottish Parliament was explained and each attendee was asked to split £100million pounds between different services, eg: health, tourism, etc. There was no discussion and a limited time of about 10 minutes. We were told that the results would be passed onto the Clerk before the following week's Budget Committee meeting. RB thought this was very worrying as a 'consultation' exercise.

RB also attended a meeting regarding community ownership in renewable energy. He thought this could be discussed at a later meeting.

5. Correspondence

We had received a lot of correspondence and RB highlighted the following:-

- a. Planning training on 27th February.
- b. The Emergency Services Register, ie: owners of boats or 4x4 vehicles to register if they feel they could help during an emergency.
- c. Data Protection training. Jane Martin is trying to organise a session for 4 hours on a Saturday.
- d. Core Paths Amendment includes the path passing the reservoir.

6. Treasurer's Report

GM reported that the bank balance is £1,130.19.

RB confirmed that he had e-mailed the PCA and copied to GM the outstanding rental for the Snug by the PFAG. GM said that she hasn't received an invoice yet.

7. Community Feedback

The street lights have been replaced by LED lighting. CH reported that the new lighting is not as bright, therefore feeling less secure when walking at night.

RB asked Cllr RS to enquire who is responsible for the road drainage in the harbour, as the roads inspector told him it was the responsibility of the Harbour, not the Roads Dept. The gullies empty directly into the harbour but one doesn't seem to have an outlet, or it is blocked.

8. Reports

a. Local Councillors

Cllr RS had nothing to report. He will make enquiries about the harbour drainage.

b. Community Council Sub-Group(s)

Portknockie Flood Action Group (PFAG)

The scheduled meeting on 5th February has been postponed until 26th March. This is due to the delay in Moray Council's landslide report not being presented until 20th March at the Economic Development & Infrastructure Services Committee.

The PFAG conducted another inspection of the road gullies. The PFAG Vice-chair, Colin Langley, is contacting Brian Kidd, Moray Council's Roads Inspector, with the findings.

The blocked road gully at 2 Bridge Street is currently being replaced. It is hoped that the road is also being raised at the same time.

The 6 Harbour Walk has been cancelled this year due to landslides. Although the closed route from Cullen to Portknockie was a concern, RB was told that the deciding factor was that Aberdeenshire Council can not repair a landslip at Sunnyside, Portsoy.

The cycle path organisation, Sustrans, are planning to visit Portknockie during February to meet with RB and Moray Council. Some funding may be available.

c. A N Other(s)

None.

9. Planning Issues

There was one planning application for the fitting of a new boiler with a flue at 16 Seafield Street; a listed building – no comments.

RB attended the Local Development Plan presentation in Buckie. The 'industrial estate' (PK01 Patrol Road) is designated for small scale business use. RB spoke to Darren Westmacott of Moray Council and was told that it may be possible for it to be changed to all residential. The general feeling by the PCC was that it would be better to be 'mixed use', thereby allowing residential and commercial, such as a catering business. There is a response form to complete before 30th March, therefore the issue can be discussed in more detail at the next PPC meeting before completing the form.

10. The Joint Community Councils (JCC) of Moray

RB attended the JCC meeting on 8th February. The presentation was "Community Ownership" by Local Energy Scotland. This was a recap of an earlier presentation on 24th November and relates to the expansion of the Clash Gour Wind Farm near Forres. One of the developers, Force 9, are scheduled to present more information at the next JCC meeting on 10th May 2018.

The importance of Data Protection training was emphasised by Jane Martin.

11. AOCB

There being no AOCB the meeting closed at 8:10 pm.

12. Date, time and venue of next meeting

12th March 2018, 7pm in the Snug of the McBoyle Hall.