

PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 12th MARCH, 2018

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

With the resignation of the Chair and in the absence of the Vice Chair the meeting with chaired by Gladys MacKenzie.

1. Apologies

Cllr. Donald Gatt and Diane Anderson

2. Minutes

The minutes of last month's meeting were amended to include the proposer of the January meeting as being Bert Reid and the seconder Diane Anderson as these details were not included in the February minutes. The minutes were thereafter approved and proposed by Bert Reid and seconded by Cathleen Harper.

3. Matters Arising

Gladys MacKenzie advised that the Community Association had matters in hand with regards to the xmas lights and an individual was sitting the exam with regards to the checks for the xmas lights and will subsequently be able to carry out the checks and PAT testing which are required for insurance purposes.

4. Police Matters

The Officers in attendance confirmed that in February an anti-social drive in had been carried out in the village which had led to a number of vehicles being stopped by the Police and issued with traffic tickets and also some Asbo warnings. Members confirmed that the high performance cars speeding through the village did seem to have stopped and the Police will report this back.

Cathleen Harper advised that a wheelie bin had been set on fire outside 10 Craigview Road but that the Police were involved and investigating the matter.

5. Portknockie Flood Action Group

No report but Bert Reid advised that he thought the next meeting had been postponed until later in the month as the Moray Council's Landslide Report was not being presented until the 20th of March at the Economic Development and Infrastructure Services Committee. Bert Reid confirmed that he is no longer on the committee of the PFAG.

6. Matters for Elected Members

Concerns were still being raised by residents in the village about the new street lighting. The main concern was how dark it is. Members were advised that the new lighting is cheaper to run and should last longer.

Gladys MacKenzie advised that work had started on the drain outside her property at 2 Bridge Street approximately 7 weeks ago but to date had still not been finished.

7. Correspondence

All correspondence has been emailed to members. The main one was the one about the GDPR on the 7th of April. None of the members are able to attend on this date with holidays and work commitments. The secretary is to ask Jane Martin if there is to be another date or if material could be passed to us or indeed if someone could attend a meeting and go through the relevant material with the members.

The leaflets received from the Royal Air Force will be passed to the Community Association to be displayed.

8. Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance - £1,075.19.

9. AOCB

Members agreed to the setting up of a sub-group for the Xmas lights. Members of the Community Association will be advised at the next meeting.

Members also agreed to set up a joint Facebook page with the Community Association. Angela Mair will speak to a relative to see if he would be willing to set up the page for us.

Cllr. Coull advised that she had read about the Young Scottish Apprentice Judith Mair from Portknockie who had been awarded best of British Engineering at an Awards ceremony in London and all agreed that this was a great achievement.

Cllr. Coull advised that the recent bad snow in the village had not been reported to the Council until later on the Friday morning by some of the carers who could not get to patients. Cllr. Coull advised that members should contact the Councillors direct or the Roads Department in Elgin in the future and advise them of any such conditions in case they are unaware of the conditions.

Members asked the Councillors if they could see if some more grit boxes could be located around the village, maybe at the bottom of Admiralty Street and on Station Road.

The Councillors were asked if they could check out the position with regards to the road round past the McBoyle Hall as this road was not cleared by the Council, the Stevenson family from the farm cleared it on the Sunday night. It was thought that this might have arisen due to there being a question as to the ownership of this part of the road however members were advised that it was because the gritter could not get round. Cllr. Shepherd advised that this part of the road belonged to the Council's Housing Department but the Councillors would look into this.

The meeting was closed at 7.45 pm.

Next meeting will be held in the Snug at the McBoyle Hall on Monday, 9th April, 2018 at 7 pm.