

## PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2018

**Present:** Diane Anderson, Gladys MacKenzie, Cathleen Harper, Angela Mair, Alison Low, Bert Reid, Cllr. Theresa Coull, Cllr. Ron Shepherd, Inspector Neil Campbell and village residents Anne Barnes and Ari Watson.

#### **1. Apologies**

Cllr. Donald Gatt.

#### **2. Minutes**

The minutes were proposed by Gladys MacKenzie and seconded by Bert Reid.

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

The setting up of the Facebook page is in hand and should be finalised during the next couple of weeks.

Bert Reid advised that he had been speaking to Stan Slater and had been advised that the rubbish had been collected from the west beach between the harbour and the cemetery.

Bert Reid advised that the leading light coming into the harbour entrance has still not been repaired. It has been reported to the Harbourmaster. Bert Reid advised that the pontoons are in the process of being repaired.

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

Inspector Neil Campbell attended and advised that there was nothing to report in Portknockie at the moment. Inspector Campbell was advised that the cars speeding around the village late at night has started up again. Inspector Campbell was advised that the usual time is from 11.30 pm on a Friday/Saturday night and the early hours of Saturday/Sunday morning. Inspector Campbell will advise patrols to keep a look out.

Matters were then suspended to allow Ari Watson and Anne Barnes to advise the members and Councillors of the issue with motor homes parking up overnight on the area of ground adjacent to Mrs. Watson's property on Addison Street and further along the footpath.

Mrs. Watson advised that they are mainly European and seem to think that they can park anywhere, blocking her and her neighbour from getting their cars out of their drives. They are leaving rubbish and dog waste which Mrs. Watson has been picking up but human waste is also being left so Mrs. Watson has stopped clearing up behind them. The matter has been reported to the Council and someone is to be getting back to Mrs. Watson but so far she has heard nothing apart from a card being put through her letterbox advising that someone has been.

All members agreed that Mrs. Watson should leave the waste and not touch it. Cllr. Coull was asked if the Council could erected signage to see if that helps and even see if something could be erected to block vehicles from parking up further along the pathway. Cllr. Coull will check the position with the Council and revert back to Mrs. Watson direct and also advise the Community Council.

Bert Reid advised that there had been talk at a Harbour Advisory meeting about stances being made available at the harbour but so far nothing has been done.

At this point Anne Barnes and Ari Watson left the meeting.

#### **5. Portknockie Flood Action Group**

No report received from the Flood Action Group. Cllr. Coull advised that the Councillors had received an email from Rob Barsby. Cllr. Coull advised that Scottish Water had now checked the drainage in the village and had reported back that everything was fine.

The Secretary will ask Jane Martin to contact Rob Barsby and ask if the Community Council could be included in the emails to the Councillors.

#### **6. Xmas Lights**

Gladys MacKenzie advised that John Going had completed all the works in the Millennium Garden and the Certificate had been issued. The lights on the side of the McBoyle Hall had to be done next and then the Pat Testing will be done.

#### **7. Matters for Elected Members**

Members advised the Councillors that some of the potholes in the village had now been marked but the main ones in the centre of the village around Union Terrace/Chip Shop had not, nor had the big ones on Admiralty Street or Falconer Terrace. Members asked the Councillors if they know how they decide which ones to do as the ones which seem to be marked are the small ones around beside the Bowling Green and Play Park. Cllr. Coull advised that it made sense if they did the whole village when they were out. Diane Anderson advised that there is a large pothole at the bottom of the slip road off the main road into the village.

Alison Low advised that she had met 2 men from Sustrans when she was out walking her dogs. They had asked her if she knew why there was no signage up advising the public that the cycle path was closed and advising the public of a diversion. The men from Sustrans were not happy about this and were to discuss this with the Council. Cllr. Coull advised that there had been a meeting between the Council and Sustrans and they had been advised that it was not an easy fix. They were looking at the best way to go ahead and make progress.

Gladys Mackenzie advised that there were complaints about the state of the roundabout on Slater Crescent. The Council lifted the grass many years ago and laid stone chips which require to be weeded. Neighbours had been weeding it but had stopped doing it for various reasons. Gladys MacKenzie asked the Councillors to enquire if this can be looked at by the Council.

#### **8. Correspondence**

All correspondence has been emailed to members. The Secretary advised that she had received a letter from Seafield Estates regarding a Land Commission Survey which the Scottish Land Commission are carrying out on experience of concentrated land ownership. The Secretary will go online and complete the Survey. Members agreed that we have always had a very good relationship with Lord Seafield and Seafield Estates.

The Secretary had received a telephone call from Rhona Cooper regarding the Moray West Offshore Windfarm. Rhona Cooper had advised that there had been a dealing in the paperwork being sent out but it should be sent within the course of the next month. Cllr. Coull advised that the Moray West Offshore Windfarm is to be located off Sandend.

## **9. Treasurer's Report**

Bank Balance - £1,030.19

### **AOCB**

The Secretary will get in touch with Jane Martin regarding the GDPR Training. Jane had advised previously that she would come down one night in May to carry out the training. The Secretary confirmed that she had advised Jane that a Monday night seemed to suit the Community Council members best.

The lights are currently in the process of being changed on Church Street. An email had been received and forwarded on advising members.

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> June, 2018 at 7 pm.