

PPORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 8th OCTOBER, 2018

Present: Gladys MacKenzie, Cathleen Harper, Alison Low, Diane Anderson, Angela Mair, Bert Reid and Cllr. Ron Shepherd and Cllr. Donald Gatt

1. Apologies

None

2. Minutes

The minutes were proposed by Cathleen Harper and seconded by Bert Reid.

3. Matters Arising

The bin at the playpark has still not been moved.

The leading light into the harbour has still not been repaired but Bert Reid confirmed that they were advised at the Harbour Advisory Meeting that it should be fixed by the end of October. Bert Reid advised that a light has been requested for the McDonald Pier as the new lights are not bright enough around the harbour.

The potholes around the village were highlighted again but Cllr. Gatt advised that they require to be a certain size before they will be repaired.

The broken flower barrels have been removed.

4. Police Matters

No Police in attendance. The speeding cars have started up again and the Secretary will report this to the Police.

5. Xmas Lights

Nothing to report. Cathleen Harper advised that we will require to put a bit on Facebook asking members of the public to submit nominations for 'The John Addison Citizen of the Year Trophy' which is presented after the Xmas lights switch on. Nominations will require to be sent in by private message or given to members of the Community Council stating the reason they are nominating the individual.

6. Matters for Elected Members

Slater Crescent roundabout - members were advised that a form of hog weed had been found in the roundabout. Some children have had to seek medical treatment. Councillors advised that industrial weed killer will require to be put down. Looking at what can be done to tidy up the roundabout and it will require to be either grass or stone chips as the water mains pipework runs under the roundabout. It has been noted that a 4 x 4 is now parking on the roundabout.

The light outside 3 Bridge Street is out. Gladys MacKenzie advised that it has the number 44 on it but she is unsure if this is the correct number.

The drain is still blocked on Victoria Street. It was reported at last month's meeting and has been reported by a number of residents.

Gladys MacKenzie asked if the War Memorial will be cleared of weeds before Remembrance Sunday. Cllr. Shepherd advised that it would.

Cathleen Harper enquired about the garden rubbish charge and was advised that it is already in place in some other council areas.

Councillors were asked about the Landslide Report but they advised that they have not seen it yet. Cllr. Gatt advised that they would be looking to combine jobs probably Portknockie and somewhere else at the same time. Asked if a barrier could be erected at the bit at the bottom of Admiralty Street/Patrol Road as visitors into the village will not be aware of this slip and the nights are getting darker. Bert Reid advised that there has been a lot of cars parking along Patrol Road. Barriers are already around the area at the top of the harbour so this makes people aware that there is something wrong.

Alison Low advised that the footpath along the railway line has been levelled out and it looks like drains have been put in. Advised that Sustrans have been working on the footpath.

7. Correspondence

All correspondence has been emailed to members.

8. Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance - £1,279.71. Gladys MacKenzie advised that she had received a letter from Moray Council enquiring if we still wished to receive the grant. She has advised them that we do.

9. AOCB

Murray Campbell had been asking Gladys MacKenzie the procedure for Remembrance Sunday. Gladys MacKenzie will advise him that the time of the service will be 10.50 am with the 2 minutes silence being observed at 11 am. Gladys MacKenzie will get in touch with the Legion for the wreath.

The Community Association are looking at revamping the Millennium Garden and this will include some work to the area where the Xmas tree is situated. Gladys MacKenzie suggested that the Community Council cover the cost of this area.

Seafield Estates have installed the pillars for the locked gate on Addison Street. The Estate will see how it works but it may be that some other method will require to be looked at. The Secretary will enquire with the Estate about who will hold a key for it.

Members were advised that the Buckie Kracker and light switch on is scheduled for the first Saturday in December which is the night that the lights are usually switched on in Portknockie. We will require to see about getting the tree earlier so that the switch on could take place on Saturday, 24th

November. The Secretary will enquire with Seafield Estates about getting the tree earlier.

Diane Anderson enquired about the email which had been sent by Jane Martin asked about defibrillators in the village. Advised that the Secretary had confirmed to Jane Martin that there is one through the Sandpiper Trust in Portknockie. It is retained by Ian Sandison.

The meeting was closed at 7.45 pm.

Next meeting will be held in the Snug at the McBoyle Hall on Monday, 12th November, 2018 at 7 pm.