

## PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2018

**Present:** Gladys MacKenzie, Cathleen Harper, Diane Anderson, Angela Mair, Bert Reid and Cllr. Theresa Coull and Cllr. Donald Gatt

#### **1. Apologies**

Alison Low and Cllr. Ron Shepherd.

#### **2. Minutes**

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

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

The area where the bin at the playpark is situated appears to have been levelled out.

The leading light into the harbour has still not been repaired and Bert Reid advised that the extra chains that were to be fitted at the pontoons has also not been done. This was discussed at the last harbour meeting.

Members were advised that there was no hogweed growing in the roundabout at Slater Crescent, it was a weed called common spurge and it has now been sprayed/removed.

Advised that the road maintenance department had been and inspected the area at the bottom of Admiralty Street on Patrol Road and confirmed that there was no evidence of further deterioration to the slope. Both Bert Reid and Angela Mair confirmed that they had looked at it and there did appear to have been further deterioration. Cllr. Coull advised that a contractor will hopefully be in place before Christmas.

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

The Police Officer advised that the only reported incident in the village was the theft of lobsters at the harbour. Bert Reid advised that this was probably due to the poor lighting at the harbour.

The speeding cars in the village does not seem to be too bad at the moment. Were advised that the Traffic Police have been on patrol around the village and that they have been looking at parking at the schools and fines have been issued in some of the neighbouring villages to parents. They are gradually working along the coast so would be at Portknockie shortly. Were advised that the problem of people parking on zigzag lines and on the pavements seems to have arisen due to the lack of Traffic Wardens in the area.

It was mentioned about congestion on Craigview Road at night when everyone comes home from work.

The 4 x 4 parked on the roundabout at Slater Crescent was reported again.

## **5. Xmas Lights**

The Christmas lights will be switched on on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30 pm as the tree is only being delivered by Seafeld Estates on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Gladys MacKenzie advised that John Going had phoned Alison at Environmental Services of the Moray Council regarding the letter that we had received about the installation of Festive Lighting. This does not apply to Portknockie as all our lights are situated in the Millennium Garden and on the McBoyle Hall and the lights are not connected to the Moray Council's lighting circuit. Alison advised John Going that this would be noted on the Council's records.

John Going has been and got the slabs and kerbing for the Millennium Garden where the Christmas Tree will be situated and Sandy Laing is levelling the area out and laying the slabs. The cost for everything amounted to £373.21 and members agreed that the Community Council should meet the cost of this.

Gladys MacKenzie advised that she had spoken to Miss Murray, Head Teacher at the School and the school children would sing and Murray Campbell will do the service.

Angela Mair will put another message on Facebook advising members of the public to pass any nominations for 'The John Addison Citizen of the Year Trophy' to members of the Community Council or send a private message on Facebook as nominations will require to be passed to the Addison family at the end of November for them to choose a winner.

Gladys MacKenzie suggested that we hand over the Christmas Tree to the Community Association as they put up the tree and decorations and will suggest this at the next Community Association meeting.

## **6. Matters for Elected Members**

The drain on Victoria Street is still blocked. Donna Coull has reported it on a number of occasions and has been advised that the drains are checked every 6 months. Gladys MacKenzie advised that Rob Barsby had advised Donna Coull that there is an issue with the drains running along Victoria Street.

## **7. Correspondence**

All correspondence has been emailed to members. The funding from the Beatrice Windfarm was discussed.

## **8. Treasurer's Report**

Bank Balance - £1,279.71 with £31.00 still to come off for the cost of the wreath for Remembrance Sunday.

## **9. AOCB**

John Going and George Innes erected a light to illuminate the War Memorial for Armistice. The light will be on for a week. Members agreed that a voucher for 'The Flycup' should be given to George Innes as a thank you for the use of his electricity and also to John Going for his help.

The Secretary will arrange for a thank you card to be sent to Tony Barnes for laying the wreath at the War Memorial on Sunday on behalf of the Community Council.

Seafield Estates have not installed the locked gate on Addison Street yet although the pillars are up.

Gladys MacKenzie asked the Councillors if signs could be erected showing the route to the 'Bow Fiddle Rock'. There had been one at the bottom of Admiralty Street on Patrol Road at one time and there had also been one at the start of the path leading around the headland.

Cllr. Coull advised that Laurie Piper had done an excellent presentation at Keith Community Council on tourism and members thought it would be a good idea to approach him and see if he would be willing to come along and do the presentation at one of our meetings. The Secretary will email him and give him dates of our meetings and see if he is willing to attend.

The meeting was closed at 7.50 pm.

Next meeting will be held in the Snug at the McBoyle Hall on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 at 7 pm.