

PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 14TH JANUARY, 2018

Present: Cathleen Harper, Gladys MacKenzie, Alison Low, Angela Mair, Bert Reid, Cllr. Theresa Coull and Kathleen Thompson (Chair of Buckie Community Choir).

Matters were suspended as Kathleen Thompson the Chair of Buckie Community Choir was in attendance to discuss the donation by the Choir of a defibrillator for the village. Mrs. Thompson advised that there were a number of defibrillators in Buckie and that was why the Choir had decided to make the donations to the outlying villages instead of Buckie. The Choir are to be donating one to Portknockie and one to Portessie and are hopeful that both events can take place in March/April. The Choir will fund the whole device, the installation of it and the training. The Charity that they have worked with in the past for Findochty and Portgordon was called Lucky2BHere and it is hoped that they will be able to use this Charity again.

We would require to obtain a list of volunteers who would wish to be trained and find a suitable location for the device. Also suggest a date and time for the handover event to take place. It would be hoped that it could be like the other handovers the Choir would come and sing and provide teas and coffees and then the training would take place afterwards. Members agreed that the best possible place for the handover event was the McBoyle Hall.

The training sessions last approximately 2 hours and are carried out by Pam the Head of Clinical Resuscitation at Raigmore Hospital, Inverness and a colleague.

Two or more of the volunteers will require to be custodians for the device, this involves checking it weekly and making sure that the battery is working and every 6 weeks doing a print off. The device does require an electricity supply all the time and the cost for running it is approximately £15.00 a year.

The battery lasts approximately 2 years and batteries can be purchased from the Charity.

The device would be serviced annually and at that time a training update could be carried out in the village.

All members were in agreement and possible sites will be looked at and discussed and the Secretary will report back to Mrs. Thompson so that she can arrange for the electrician to do the necessary works involved. A date and time will also require to be agreed and a list of volunteers obtained.

At this point Mrs. Thompson left the meeting.

1. Apologies

Diane Anderson.

2. Minutes

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

3. Matters Arising

Bert Reid advised that there had still not been anything done at the harbour and advised that a pontoon was now broken.

With regard to the potholes the Secretary advised that she had emailed Cllr. Gatt to advise him that the ones on Admiralty Street had been filled but with the rain what had been filled had washed away. Cllr. Gatt had asked the Roads Department to have a look and they had reported back to him to advise that everything was in order. Bert Reid advised that more were appearing around the village.

4. Police Matters

The Police had nothing to report. Members advised them that the speeding cars around the village late at night had started up again and the congestion on Craigview Road was mentioned to them again. The Officers advised that they would report this and have a look.

The Police asked how the parking situation at the school was and were advised that there had been a few cars parked that morning.

5. Xmas Lights

Gladys MacKenzie advised that the sum of £94.00 had been passed to the School. This was the donations from the refreshments served at the Christmas Lights switch on.

New lights for the tree were purchased at a cost of £143.93, a snowman decoration at a cost of £49.99 and the slabs and kerbing for the area where the tree is situated amounted to £159.35. These had all been paid by the Community Council.

6. Matters for Elected Members

Cllr. Coull was asked about the letters that had been issued regarding the Moray Local Development Plan 2020 – Notification of Proposed Plan. The areas in question are the development known as ‘Seabraes’ in the field opposite Wood Place and the industrial area on Patrol Road. Cllr. Coull advised that anyone could attend the drop in exhibition which is being held in the Fisherman’s Hall, Buckie on the 12th of February, 2019 between the hours of 4 pm and 7 pm where members of the Planning Department will be on hand to answer questions about the developments. Cllr. Coull advised that this is areas that have been considered for future development.

Cllr. Coull advised that SEPA had been in touch with The Moray Council regarding the flooding and had advised that their CCTV footage had showed that there was nothing wrong with the drainage in the village it was the extreme weather on the day of the flooding which had caused the problems. Cllr. Coull advised that the Council have asked SEPA to provide them with a copy of the CCTV footage. Cllr. Coull advised that there was still no word of a start date for the repair works.

7. Correspondence

All correspondence has been emailed to members.

Alison Low raised the question about Insurance for the Community Council given the email which had been received from Jane Martin and forwarded to members on 7th January, 2019 regarding a member of the public suing a Community Council in another area. The question of Insurance was discussed and Gladys MacKenzie will check this with the Community Association as they do have Public Liability Insurance in place and this might be something that the Community Council could be added to. Angela Mair will also speak to a neighbouring village who have Public Liability Insurance in place that covers all the organisations in that village and find out more about it.

8. Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance - £1,570.74

9. AOCB

Discussed possible sites for the defibrillator to be located at. The Secretary will make enquiries with the relevant people. A post will also be put on the Community Council Facebook page asking for volunteers for the training session.

Cllr. Coull advised that the collection of the tokens from the Press and Journal for the Buckie & District Mini bus were going well and the box in the Chemist had collected a large amount although the box that was left in the McBoyle Hall appears to have disappeared.

The meeting was closed at 8.00 pm.

Next meeting will be held in the Snug at the McBoyle Hall on Monday, 11th February, 2019 at 7 pm.