

PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY, 2019

Present: Diane Anderson, Cathleen Harper, Gladys McKenzie, Alison Low, Angela Mair, Bert Reid, Cllr. Theresa Coull and Laurie Piper (Operations Manager, Moray Speyside Tourism)

Matters were suspended to allow Laurie Piper, Operations Manager from Moray Speyside Tourism to give a talk promoting the work undertaken by Moray Speyside Tourism.

Laurie advised that Moray Speyside Tourism was established in 2014 and operates under the governance of Moray Chamber of Commerce and although under the Moray Chamber of Commerce they receive neither membership income nor any other payment. They are the destination marketing organisation for the Moray and Speyside region.

Moray Speyside Tourism's purpose and objectives are informed by the 2014 Strategy for Tourism Development in Moray, which set out the following ambitions for Moray Speyside tourism industry, to be achieved by 2025:-

- To double the value of tourism to the region
- To double the number of FTE's employed in tourism in the region
- To raise the average accommodation occupancy to 70%

Laurie gave us a rundown of what they are currently doing in the area and various conferences, etc that they have attended and the hope for the future.

Leaflets were left for members along with business cards with contact details for Laurie and a supply of the 'Welcome to Moray Speyside' Booklets.

At this point Laurie Piper left the meeting.

1. Apologies

Cllr. Ron Shepherd and Cllr. Donald Gatt.

2. Minutes

The minutes were proposed by Alison Low and seconded by Gladys McKenzie.

3. Matters Arising

Bert Reid advised that the leading light into the harbour has still not been repaired neither has the pontoon.

The problem with potholes in the village was again discussed. Diane Anderson and Bert Reid advised that there were quite a few bad ones on the main road into the village.

4. Police Matters

No Police in attendance. No update had been received from the Police with regards to the issues raised at last month's meeting, namely the speeding cars around the village late at night and the congestion on Craigview Road.

5. Xmas Lights

Nothing to report. The Millennium Garden is about to be revamped.

6. Matters for Elected Members

Cllr. Coull advised that Morrison Construction had been awarded the contract for the repairs to the landslides. Work should hopefully start soon. Cllr. Coull advised Sustrains would be dealing with the footpath along the old railway line between Portknockie and Cullen.

Cllr. Coull advised that the collection of the Press and Journal tokens for the mini bus had been very well supported in the village. The closing date for the entries is 15th February, 2019.

7. Correspondence

All correspondence has been emailed to members.

Angela Mair advised that both her and Alison Low had spoken to an individual from Cullen and an individual from Portgordon regarding the question of Public Liability Insurance in both villages. They had been advised that both villages have Public Liability Insurance in place which covers all the organisations in both villages and the organisations all contribute towards the cost. Were advised that the Public Liability Insurance has been set up through Moneywise, East Church Street, Buckie.

8. Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance - £1,560.82

9. AOCB

Angela Mair advised that the defibrillator was to be located on the side of the Spar Grocer shop on Church Street just inside the Millennium Garden. The handover will take place on Tuesday, 12th March at 6.30 pm in the Seafield Hall. The Buckie Community Choir will sing for a short time before the training session which starts at 7 pm. There has been an excellent response for volunteers and 25 names have been received so far with a waiting list if anyone cancels as 25 is the maximum number for the training session. We have someone who will do the monthly readings and pass them to the Scottish Ambulance Service. Bert Reid confirmed that he was happy to check the device weekly.

The Choir committee have asked if the ladies could do the teas and serve just as people are arriving. Members of the Community Council agreed to serve with some others helping. Diane Anderson and Angela Mair are to be meeting with Kathleen Thompson from the Buckie Community Choir next week so that she can see the Seafield Hall and members will be updated about the teas after that.

It was mentioned about fitting a security light above the device and this will be looked into and the costs involved.

The meeting was closed at 8.25 pm. Next meeting will be held in the Snug at the McBoyle Hall on Monday, 11th March, 2019 at 7 pm.