

PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 9th APRIL, 2019

Present: Diane Anderson, Cathleen Harper, Alison Low, Bert Reid and Angela Mair.

1. Apologies

Gladys McKenzie, Cllr. Ron Shepherd, Cllr. Theresa Coull and Cllr. Donald Gatt.

2. Minutes

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

3. Matters Arising

Bert Reid advised that the lights had still not been repaired at the harbour.

The problem with potholes in the village was again discussed and the 2 large ones on the main road out of Portknockie will be reported to the Councillors.

Bert Reid advised that he had checked the flagpole at the top of the harbour and the rope is broken and will require to be replaced. Bert Reid will attend to this before the flags have to go up for the wedding in June.

Morrison Construction have started the repair works on the landslides on Patrol Road. Sustrans will not start the repair works on the old railway line footpath between Portknockie and Cullen until October leaving the path available during the summer months.

4. Police Matters

The Community Safety Partnership Report has been emailed to members. The Police in attendance advised that the Police are looking to increase patrols in the outlying areas, namely the coastal villages. Members advised that there was still an issue late at night with speeding vehicles, particularly at the weekends and Diane Anderson advised that there were still parking issues at the school.

Police advised that they are introducing a 'Park Smart' initiative at the schools although the schools are required to sign up for it. Unsure if Portknockie Primary has signed up for it. This is a scheme to educate drivers on parking around schools. Funding for signage is available and the Police have a meeting later this month with the Roads Department of The Moray Council regarding this. PC. Sherrie Miller is the Community Officer attending to this and any issues should be reported to her.

5. Xmas Lights

Nothing to report.

6. Matters for Elected Members

Cathleen Harper advised that at the meeting her and Gladys McKenzie attended in Elgin they were told that the grant money from The Moray Council has been cut and no grants will be released to Community Councils this year. There had been no consultation on this it had just happened and at the meeting it was discussed that lobbying for it being reinstated next year would require to be done soon.

Jane Martin had advised that Community Councils can do fundraising.

7. Correspondence

All correspondence has been emailed to members. Angela Mair checked that members had seen the email that had been received from The Moray Council regarding the new charge of £100 for the use of the harbours for community or charity events. With the repairs to the landslides ongoing it is unlikely that anything will be held at the harbour this year for the paddling pool.

8. Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance - £1,509.39

9. AOCB

Cathleen Harper advised that some villages and towns have a Community Calendar where everything that is happening in the village is noted, ie events, open days, coffee mornings, etc. Members thought that this was a good idea and wondered where it could be located.

Angela Mair advised that the defibrillator has now been registered with the Scottish Ambulance Service. Martin Ashby has been put down as the point of contact for doing the monthly checks although at the moment the secretary's email address has been given and Angela Mair will make contact with the Scottish Ambulance Service to have this changed. Martin Ashby, Bert Reid and John Findlay are down as the contacts for the device with Lucky2BHere should there be any problems. Been advised that the Electrical Certificate for the defibrillator will be passed to Buckie Community Choir who in turn will pass it to ourselves.

A letter of thanks for the use of the Seafield Hall on the night of the handover has been sent to the Elders of the Church of Scotland. It was suggested that a light be fitted above the defibrillator as it is very dark and Angela Mair will speak to Andrew Murray about the cost of this when she is checking about the Safety Report.

Peter Chalmers from Seafield Estates has been in touch with Angela Mair regarding the Agreement for the Millennium Garden. The current 5 year Agreement with the Community Council comes to an end on 13th July, 2019 and the Estate is looking to find out if we wish to extend the original Agreement dated 14th July, 1994 for a further 5 year period to 13th July, 2024 with the terms of the Agreement remaining unchanged. Members advised that we should approach Peter Chalmers to enquire if the Estate would be willing to transfer the Agreement to the Community Association and if they are willing to do this then we can approach the Community Association to find

out if they are willing to take on the Agreement. Angela Mair will make contact with Seafield Estate and revert back to members on the outcome.

Diane Anderson has received correspondence regarding 'Fly the Red Ensign Day' which falls this year on Tuesday, 3rd September, 2019. It was discussed whether we should hold something to mark the event but given that most members of the Community Council work it would not be feasible to hold something on that date. The correspondence says that we could just fly the flag. Suggested that when Bert Reid takes down the flags after the wedding in June the Red Ensign is put up until September. Diane Anderson suggested that the school children could be invited down to see the flag being taken down.

The meeting was closed at 7.50 pm. The next meeting will be held in the Snug at the McBoyle Hall on Monday, 13th May, 2019 at 7 pm.