

PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 13th MAY, 2019

Present: Diane Anderson, Cathleen Harper, Gladys McKenzie, Bert Reid and Angela Mair.

1. Apologies

Alison Low, Cllr. Ron Shepherd, Cllr. Theresa Coull and Cllr. Donald Gatt.

2. Minutes

The minutes were proposed by Diane Anderson and seconded by Cathleen Harper.

3. Matters Arising

Bert Reid advised that the lights and the pontoons have still not been repaired at the harbour. The Council are blaming the contractor for the delay.

The potholes on the main road out of Portknockie have been repaired as have some on Admiralty Street. There will probably be more appearing on Admiralty Street with the amount of large vehicles that are going up and down the street for the landslide repair works. There are signs up on some of the electricity poles on Admiralty Street about parking restrictions for gas works which are being carried out.

Bert Reid advised that he has rope for repairing the flagstaff and will arrange to have this done and the flags up for the wedding in June. Gladys McKenzie advised that the Community Council will probably be responsible for cutting the grass around the Fisherman's Memorial at the flagstaff as the Council have always cut this in the past but probably won't do it now although Bert Reid advised that the Council did cut the grass along from his yard on Addison Street.

Bert Reid advised that Morrison Construction have now started the repairs at the back of the houses on Cliff Terrace.

Members advised that they had read the email from The Moray Council about the Council Grant being stopped this year and agreed about lobbying being done to get it reinstated again next year.

4. Police Matters

The Community Safety Partnership Report had been emailed to members. P.C. Robert Williams was in attendance and advised that there was nothing specific for Portknockie at the moment. There has been some thefts reported from the local harbours but no reports of anything at Portknockie.

The Police are carrying out road safety checks in the area as often as possible. Checking for speeding vehicles, etc. There had been 2 crashes within the last

month on the A98 just beyond the Portknockie junction but thankfully there had been no serious casualties.

5. Xmas Lights

Nothing to report.

6. Matters for Elected Members

The lack of the grass cutting around the village was discussed and the numerous complaints received from the residents of the village.

7. Correspondence

All correspondence has been emailed to members.

8. Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance - £1,509.39

9. AOCB

It has been found out from a village resident that the Bank of Scotland had donated rose bushes to the village away back and these had been planted in the Millennium Garden but none of the previous members of the Community Council were aware of the Agreement between Seafield Estates and the Community Council. A copy of the original unsigned Agreement from 1994 had been emailed to members.

The Estate has advised that they would rather the Agreement remains in place between Seafield Estates and the Community Council. It was thought that there must have been an agreement between the Community Council and the Community Association at one time that the Community Association would attend to the garden. The Community Council contribute towards the lights but the Christmas lights belong to the Community Association.

The Condition Report for the Millennium Garden has been received from Andrew Murray Electricians and has been forwarded to members. Agreed that we should get another Firm to give us a Condition Report as there are items listed on the Condition Report received that will require to be fixed. The Secretary will get in touch with some Firms in Elgin to see if they would be prepared to do a Condition Report for us. The key for the electricity box at the Gardens must still be with Andrew Murray Electricians and the Secretary will contact them to get this returned.

Discussing how we rectify the situation with the Millennium Garden and agreed that we should invite the Community Association to the June meeting to see how we proceed. The Secretary will draft up a letter and send it to members to check before it is sent.

The Community Association had undertaken to plant flowers in the Garden and will carry on with this.

Discussed the 'Fly the Red Ensign Day' which falls this year on Tuesday, 3rd September, 2019. Everything had been arranged for it 2 years ago but it had

to be cancelled because of the weather. Albert Farquhar was to be raising the flag, the school children were going to sing and guests had been invited. Suggested that it goes ahead this year as the school children are still practicing. As it is through the week that would only leave Gladys McKenzie and Cathleen Harper to be there to serve teas to the guests but they agreed to attend to this.

Gladys McKenzie reported that there are some fences in a bad state of repair going around the pathway just beyond the play park. It is thought that this park still belongs to Seafield Estates and the Secretary will make contact with the Estate about this.

The meeting was closed at 8.10 pm. The next meeting will be held in the Snug at the McBoyle Hall on Monday, 10th June, 2019 at 7 pm.