

Minute of Zoom meeting of Lennox Community Council

held on Wednesday 29th July 2020 at 7pm

Present: Elected members – Shona Morrison, Marc Macrae and David Bremner.

Present: Alastair Kennedy, Pringle George, Angus McNair, Anna-Mary Overing, Christine Lester, Paul Macpherson, Jane Martin

Apologies: Mike Reid and Donald Cameron

The minutes of the meeting held in Spey Bay Hall on Wednesday 26th February 2020 passed by Paul MacPherson and seconded by Christine Lester. Matters arising from this minute are being discussed as per agenda.

Shona Morrison gave her update on the work being carried by the Moray Council in particular, the Covid 19 pandemic preparation for schools reopening. Marc Macrae and David Bremner in addition are dealing with the usual matters emptying of bins, pot holes to dog fouling.

Alastair Kennedy is delighted with the working of L.C.C. and now wishes to hand over to a new chairperson. Paul MacPherson accepted this role proposed by A.K. and P.George. Jane Martin is to arrange with P.M. a date and time to discuss his role.

C.L. reported that our Facebook page is well utilised. Agreed that we monitor comments.

Angus McNair report only one item of interest in Planning. 7 The Square Fochabers changing from offices to flats. No issues

A.K. and M.Mc noted problem hedge had been cut back.

PJG reported bank balance is £9393.51. During lockdown we received administration costs from Moray Council of £385 and from various grants Covid 19 related £8185.

Beatrice Field micro Grant £5000 – Corra Foundation £2000 – SSEN £1000 – Wm Grant Distillers £185. We have distributed £185 to Portgordon Post, £250 each to Portgordon Covid19 Support team, Happy Meals, Portgordon Pantry and Fochabers Food Larder. Resilience grants of £500 each to The Men's Shed, Fochabers and The Lampie Hoose Portgordon. A further request for £500 for Fochabers Food Larder is being prepared, and PJG will email details and voting paperwork when received.

Stanislaw Makcocki has completed the repointing project at Dallachy War Memorial with payment been made of £1100. Wm Beattie of E. B. Scotland informed and our grant of £1100 will be paid by BACS this week. Paperwork and photographs to be completed. M.Mc commented that the finished work was noted by our Lord Lieutenant of Banffshire, Mr. Simpson, and representative from RAF Lossiemouth at the low-key Canada Day, which he attended. A great improvement. Noted budget £200 is available to Chris Overing, project leader for fence painting and plants and continued improvement around memorial.

New Dell laptop to be purchased from Curry/P.C World cost with security bundle £625.00

PJG reported there are still outstanding issues with Bank of Scotland mandate. The Bank have agreed to pay £50 compensation for not supplying resolution paperwork plus £16.00 expenses. Delays to paperwork due to them being posted to previous treasurer.

As Zoom meeting successful agreed we obtain a Zoom Licence in time for next meeting. J.M. advised cost £119.90 per year. Suggestion for the future zoom meetings in the late autumn/winter, to be discussed at next meeting, with spring/summer hopefully back to each area.

J.M. advised that she will be working with Scottish Government and Moray Council on future resilience plans in preparation of a 2nd Covid19 outbreak this winter. LCC with other community councils will be requested to provide input.

Recruitment – PJG advised possible new rep from Portgordon. S.M. and M.Mc to encourage representation from Fochabers High School. A.McN reported new pop up banner with leaflets was a success at Clochan Community hall coffee morning but with lockdown we are not able to continue to advertise this work. Agreed PJG to contact newspapers, update on memorial and grant distribution.

Any items for agenda to be in for Friday 21st August 2020. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 26 August at 7pm – Zoom.