

PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD (ZOOM) Monday 14 June 2021

In attendance: Anne Anderson (Secretary - Minutes), Theresa Coull (Councillor), John Going (Chair), Kathleen Harper, Gladys McKenzie (Treasurer), Laura Powell (Councillor),

Action/
attention

- 1 **Apologies:**
Donna Coull; Shirley Firth; Donald Gatt (Councillor); Jade Tindall
- 2 **Police Update**
There was no police presence or report, however JG provided an update on the abandoned bicycle which has now been uplifted by the Police.
- 3 **Guest Presentation**
No guest presentation
- 4 **Adoption of minutes of last meeting**
Proposed: KH. Seconded: GM
- 5 **Matters Arising**
Harbour toilets: clarification has been received that only an overarching organisation like the PCA or PCC can take on toilets, so it would not be possible for the Paddling Pool Committee (PPC) to do so. Working through the PCC would leave the PCC responsible for management of the toilets should the PPC become unable to maintain a cleaning schedule. This could potentially be problematic for the PCC. Cllr LP highlighted that TMC is not closing down the Harbour Toilets, so why take them on privately? In response to this point, JG proposed an approach where PCC could raise the funds and carry out basic decorative/improvement work at the toilets with TMC remaining responsible for the general cleaning/maintenance. A set of possible options in this regard will be offered to the PPC by the PCC.
- 6 **Correspondence Received**
In the absence of the Correspondence Secretary, JG offered to liaise with SF outside the meeting on areas requiring responses.
- 7 **Treasurers Report**
Account currently sits at £2,209.29, although a donation of £70 (the recommended amount) will be deducted soon for the defibrillator pads. A fee of £40 has been paid in relation to Data Protection.
- 8 **Planning**
One planning case related to Portknockie. No objections to the plans were voiced.
- 9 **Events**
There are no events currently planned.
- 10 **Members Updates:**
Dog Waste Bin Ownership: Cllr LP raised the issue of the Dog Waste bin along the old railway line walkway between Hill Street and Bridge Street (closer to the Hill Street end). Following complaints that this bin

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has not been emptied, TMC advised Cllr LP that this bin was not owned by TMC and as such was not their responsibility. Unless the bin is claimed by its owner, TMC will remove it

Dog Waste Issue in Millennium Garden: Complaints have been received regarding the amount of Dog Waste left amongst the grass in the Millennium Garden. The volume of waste has reached the point where the volunteer grass cutters will stop managing the grass in the garden unless the issue is addressed. Cllr TC advised that TMC could provide signage (via Christopher Haywood) regarding Dog Owner responsibilities. It was also proposed that simply providing signage stating "no dogs allowed" may be the best approach. JG will follow up.

Tidying of area behind bus stop in front of Millennium Garden: JG advised that weeds from this area were seeding in the main garden so the area was being prepared for the installation of stones set in resin to address this issue.

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PCA projects: a number of projects are underway through the PCA to reduce the carbon footprint of the Macboyle Hall. These include:

1. Installation of **solar panels**
2. Accessing of funding to change **heating** to an air-to-air heat pump system. Funding application to be reviewed in August
3. Change of **lighting** in the hall to LEDs

Broken seat at the square: GM advised that the seat at the square is broken and requested funding for a replacement. It is believed that the PCA rather than TMC own the broken seat, but GM will check. It was proposed that a plaque be added in memory of Bob Croucher who gave many years service to the village. This was agreed by all

GM

11 Elected Members

Committee attendance updates were given by each Councillor

12 Community Feedback

none

13 Joint Community Councils of Moray

JG attended the May meeting and will provide an update once the minutes have been circulated.

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14 AOCB

As is the norm, there will be no PCC meeting in July. JG will ask SF to notify all

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14 Next meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday August 9th.

An e:mail invitation will follow prior to the next meeting with details of the Zoom access codes.