

**PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD Monday 13th February 2023**

6 Correspondence Received

- Bow Fiddle Car park - DG asked about the location of the missing segment of the path on Patrol Road leading up to the new car park, this was confirmed but no further news on this. DG
- On this, a large area next to the new car park is now mud, will this be re-seeded or covered? Also, will TMC maintain the new footpath to Bow Fiddle Rock. TC
- Railway Line Path Repairs: Sustrans advise they will be carrying out repairs and upgrades to the old railway line path between Portknockie and Cullen. Have requested to be kept updated.
- *For reference*; we were invited to join the newly formed Findochty & Buckie Development Trust but this does not cover Portknockie, they cover the Buckie Electoral Ward only. The Buckie Area Forum does cover us.
- Pavements - The Scottish Government are proposing to make parking on pavements illegal from the end of this year. They asked for input from CC's about any exceptions, as space must be available for the passage of emergency vehicles. As there are several streets in the village where this would be an issue, a response will be sent to the Transportation Department for them to evaluate. SF
- PCC Website? - Funds are available for the setting up of a web site for the PCC. It appears we already have one but this has not been updated for several years and is not active. As none of the members can take on the task of updating and maintaining the website a professional will be sought. JG
- Drains and Pot holes - Email from DC. These have been reported but no action taken. TC advised it was down to budgets and Winter funds are used for road safety but she will push to get this work done. TC
- SEPA - They can now provide a 3 day outlook for any potential flood risk. You can sign up to get these directly to your mobile by going to their website.

7 Treasurer's Report

- The current balance sits at £2,913.61
£287.20 paid to Cruickshanks for the repainting of the Fisherman's memorials.
£55 for the hire of the hall.
£116.88 still to come off for Christmas Lights.

As we have a healthy balance this raises the question about any possible causes or improvements we can help with. Any ideas or thoughts? JG thought that the flags should be raised this year, is there a company that does this? Bert Reid used to do this, JG will contact him. JG

Spending? - The steps to the harbour from Harbour Road (near Rock House) and the steps to the Fishermans Memorials are damaged and not safe. This has been raised by John Miles as someone fell on the steps. Are these the responsibility of the PCC, PCA or TMC. TC will check with TMC. TC

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- 8 **Planning**
None
- 9 **Events**
- It is proposed to hold a Coronation Lunch in the square behind the Victoria Hotel. Lottery funding is available (LU and DC are planning the lunch) It is agreed that an application to the National Lottery be made. SF
- 10 **Members/Elected Members Updates:**
- TC - the main focus at the moment for TMC is next year's budgets.
- 12 **Community Feedback**
- Paddling Pool and toilets - The pool is to be cleaned next month and open earlier this year. Further funds are required to continue with upgrades to the public toilets and further meetings are to be arranged. JT mentioned a scheme advertised in the SPAR about a Community Cashback Grant. LU will look into this.
 - New bus shelter - Very positive feedback from the village on Facebook about the new shelter. Many thanks to TMC and DG for arranging this.
 - Footpaths and railings on Church Street are in a bad state of repair. The concrete on some areas is disintegrating and the steps are becoming dangerous, the worst area is near 38 Church Street. Is this the responsibility of TMC? TC
- 13 **JCC**
- Minutes have been forwarded and the next date circulated.
 - In the minutes- Page 2: A letter has been sent to the Health Minister about the reinstatement of Maternity services at Dr Grays, supported by all local CC's. Page 3: Discussions about Community Speed Watch Groups. It outlines that this is not a simple process and if a community wants to proceed with this they should contact the Police to discuss first.
- 14 **AOB**
- Following a question about the Cullen sea school paying for using the harbour. Cullen Sea School is part of the Three Harbours Association which covers Portknockie.
- 14 **Next meeting**
Monday 13th March 7pm in Macboyle Hall Snug. ALL