

**PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD Monday 13 March 2023**

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**In attendance:** Anne Anderson (Secretary - Minutes), Donna Coull, Theresa Coull, (Councillor), Shirley Firth (Secretary – Correspondence), Alexandra Forsyth, Donald Gatt (Councillor), John Going (Chair), Susan Lane, Gladys McKenzie (Treasurer), Lillian Urquhart

- |   |  | Action/<br>attention |
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| 1 | <b>Apologies:</b><br>Tracey Collyer (Councillor), Jade Tindall, Alexandra Forsyth.   |                      |
| 2 | <b>Police Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Meeting attended by PC McGillivray</li><li>● It was reported that there were 16 calls from Portknockie: 5 crimes; 1 x sexual offence under investigation; guttering damage (under anti-social behaviour); attempted theft from a residential property. There were also reports of youth annoyance including: nuisance at Hill Street; a gorse fire set by kids and targeting and scaring of the elderly in their homes.</li><li>● A meeting is to be organised between citizens affected by the nuisance behaviour targeting the elderly and the police. PCC will gather a group together and request police representative Rachel Barclay and/or Tom Millican to meet with them. PC McGillivray will forward the community policing email address to SF.</li></ul>   | SF                   |
| 3 | <b>Guest Presentation</b><br>There was no guest presentation.  |                      |
| 4 | <b>Adoption of minutes of last meeting</b><br>Proposed: SL. Seconded: GF   |                      |
| 5 | <b>Matters Arising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Millennium Garden</b> and Christmas Lights: Gates to be locked at Christmas in future for Health and Safety purposes given the number of electrical attachments for lights</li><li>● <b>Community Development Officer (CDO):</b> The concept of having a CDO has been raised in the village and it has been made clear that having a CDO would first require the existence of a Community Development Trust (CDT) which would recruit, manage and pay any CDO. JG and SF will make a list of local village groups and approach them regarding the possible establishment of a CDT.</li><li>● <b>Resilience Planning (RP):</b> At the November JCC RP meeting in Elgin attended by AA and SL, it was stated that TMC would be issuing household guidance on RP in the Spring. SL to contact Rhona Nicol re: and door drops planned for Moray (to ensure PCC does not duplicate any council planned activity) and any other guidance on how PCC may take RP forward.</li></ul> | JG/SF<br><br>SL      |

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**6 Correspondence Received**

- **PCC website/Social Media** presence: queries had been raised about having a village/PCC web-site. It was noted that someone would need to be hired to set this up, and that this could potentially come under the responsibilities of a CDO. There is also a lack of clarity re: who is the 'admin' for the PCC facebook page, and this needs to be checked.
- **Pavements:** the issue with **Church Street** Pavements is currently being looked into. With regard to the gap in paving between Patrol Road and the new **Bow Fiddle car park**, it was clarified that this paving is not owned by TMC, so the owner would have to be approached re: its repair/reinstatement. As the former building adjacent to the area in question was purchased by the owner of the land currently for sale as a possible café location, it was proposed that the owner of this piece of land be approached to clarify if the missing pavement area formed part of that land purchase. If not, then further investigation would be required to establish ownership and therefore responsibility for making good the missing pavement. JG
- **Fireworks:** SF will attend a council workshop. SF
- **Zoom:** The PCC Zoom account has now been cancelled.
- **Royal British Legion (RBL) War Memorial competition:** It was agreed that the Village would enter the RBL best kept war memorial in the appropriate category. SF will take the necessary action. SF

**7 Treasurer's Report**

- The current balance sits at £2,796.73
- A sum of £116.88 has been paid out for the new Christmas lights.
- The repair of the Flagpole may also be funded and SF will contact Cullen CC or the Cullen Volunteer Group to ask who maintains their flagpole. SF

**8 Planning**

- There were two applications relating to Portknockie. There are no objections from the PCC

**9 Events**

- **Coronation Lunch:** funding has been applied for and a response to the application should be received by the end of March. The event would need to be held at the Macboyle Hall/Macleod Park and plans will be finalised when funding is received. It was agreed that it might take a similar format to the Jubilee Celebrations last year.

**10 Members/Elected Members Updates:**

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- Funding available: following updates on the agreement of the TMC budget, members discussed the possibility of accessing funds from both the Common Good and Ward funds to support developments in the village, particularly the work being carried out at the harbour toilets. DC and LU will look at the current plans and identify items for which we could apply for funding. DC/LU
- 12 **Community Feedback**
- **Danger to Animals:** Complaints have been received about barbed wire embedded in the grass on the farm track running from the end of Addison Street the Whale's Mouth. Seafield Estates are to be contacted again about this issue as dogs are being injured by standing on the hidden barbs, and it poses a safety hazard. SF
  - **School Traffic Audit:** The Head Teacher of Portknockie Primary School invited members of the community council to take part in a school traffic audit on Friday 17 March. AA agreed to attend. AA
- 13 **JCC**
- Nothing to note.
- 14 **AOB**
- None
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- 14 **Next meeting**  
17 April at 7pm in Macboyle Hall Snug. ALL