

PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD Monday 15 May 2023

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

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attention |
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| 1 | Apologies:
Tracey Collyer (Councillor). | |
| 2 | Police Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The update was circulated prior to the meeting | |
| 3 | Guest Presentation
There was no guest presentation. | |
| 4 | Adoption of minutes of last meeting
Proposed: JG. Seconded: SF | |
| 5 | Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Anti-Social Behaviour</u>: there has been difficulty contacting police via e:mail regarding this issue• <u>Community Development Officer (CDO)</u>: Groups in the village (U3A, Bowls, Thursday Club, Toddlers) have been contacted and have expressed interest in the idea. Dr Roderick Owens has expressed interest in being a Trustee for any Community Development Trust which would need to be established to employ a CDO. Ian Collacott is also a useful contact for this matter.• <u>Resilience Planning</u>: investigations are ongoing, but member time is limited at the moment.• <u>PCC/PCA Facebook Page</u>: efforts are ongoing to identify a suitable 'admin' for the page. Michael Elliot has offered to take on the role and it was agreed that he should be invited to the next PCC meeting to discuss the role. Also discussed were issues surrounding the detail of what did and did not constitute appropriate posts and the potential requirement for a set of rules/parameters which the admin would be required to monitor. The matter will be discussed at the June meeting.• <u>Fireworks Control Zone</u>: The Scottish Government is consulting regarding the possibility of banning all use of fireworks other than in controlled zones. SF to put detail of this on the PCC/PCA Facebook page for local comment.• <u>Flagpole</u>: SF to seek advice on fixing the Portknockie pole. | SF

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6 Correspondence Received

- Police meeting requests: there have been several community requests for a Police meeting, but to date, there has been no reply. Attempts to contact are ongoing. SF
- Community Development Officer: SF has circulated information on CDO's in other areas for information ALL
- Barbed Wire Fencing: reply received from Seafield Estates simply stating that dog owners are to take care. This was not felt to be an adequate response, but it is unclear what more can be done. SF
- Local Place Plans: Expressions of Interest have been invited by September 2023 regarding the development of local place plans for adoption in 2027. It was suggested that members check the Local Development plan 2020 and check what may be included there relating to Portknockie. That may help guide members towards decisions on whether or not to express interest. The matter will be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting. ALL
- Bow Fiddle Car Park: TMC have received queries re: landscaping for the area and have advised that it is planned. It was also advised within the PCC meeting that the wood used to bound the car park was already splitting as a result of cars driving over it and it was suggested this information be forwarded to TMC to see if the contractors could rectify it. SF

7 Treasurers Report

- The current balance sits at £2,796.73

8 Planning

- There are no objections from the PCC

9 Events

- **Coronation Lunch**: Almost all funds were used (£2,896.93 of £3,000) and a very successful day was enjoyed and appreciated by all. The PCC wish to thank the PCA members for laying on the teas/lunch and DC and LU for the PCC for their significant effort in organising the day. A voucher will be purchased for EW as a thank you for the baking she did for the event, as no monies were accepted from the funding pot to cover her expenses. GM

10 Members/Elected Members Updates:

- It was reported that there had been quite a bit of correspondence with elected members re: the Bow Fiddle Car Park; both for and against the current arrangement.

12 Community Feedback

- Defibrillator: The PCC was contacted re: the defibrillator being vandalised allegedly by primary school children. SF to send a message to the school re: informing pupils of the seriousness of damaging life-saving equipment. The issue will also be reported on the PCC/PCA Facebook page. The PCC are responsible for looking after the defibrillator at the Millennium Garden and are keen to take on responsibility for the one at the Harbour too. In SF

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order to do this most effectively, there is a need to identify who can officially maintain (i.e. someone with a medial commissioning license) the two machines. DC agreed to seek clarification on this point. DG.

- Haig Street Verges: these were not cut when the grass in front of the school was done.. TMC have proposed a voluntary resident agreement.

13 **JCC**

- Nothing to note.

14 **AOB**

- North East Touring Arts: This groups provides a number of arts productions (music, drama, dance, children's entertainment etc) which are available to local communities who apply to act as hosts for the productions. Portgordon and Findochty are hosting events and AA has agreed to seek more information to see if Portknockie would: a) wish to act as a host; b) would meet any required criteria; c) be able to identify sufficient interest in the productions from the community. AA
- The Zurich Insurance has been renewed
- Deputy Lord Lieutenant: SF to thank the DLL for his attendance and address at the Coronation Party. SF

14 **Next meeting**

12 June at 7pm in Macboyle Hall Snug. ALL
NB as in previous years, there will be no July meeting.