



**PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD Monday 11 September 2023**

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- Aultmore Windfarm: A meeting regarding the windfarm was attended by JG, GF and SF. Whilst it is not yet agreed that the wind farm will go ahead, the meeting focussed on the funds available to local groups within the village (at the CCs discretion) should the project go ahead. Funds can be applied for via Foundation Scotland. ALL  
JT  
AA/SL
- Local Development plans: a presentation was forwarded on 15 August. ALL
- Community Development Trust Officer: some ideas for the kinds of projects such a Trust could support were offered and it was agreed that a Facebook post would be created to seek ideas from the community.
- Resilience Planning: AA and SL will attend an RP event on 21 September and report back at the next meeting.
- Event to celebrate 50 years of CC's: an email has been circulated to members regarding the event on 28 October

**6 Correspondence Received**

- JCC Transport Forum: are looking to raise the profile of the forum, and PCC has agreed to the request for a small grant from the JCC FUND to support the Forum. SF
- Noisy Motorcycles in the village: it was advised that any unlicensed vehicles should be reported to the police.
- Short Term Property Letting Licences: it was agreed that a Facebook post would be useful to help ensure as many residents involved in short-term letting of rooms/properties are aware of the new regulations and the deadline for applications on 1 October. JT
- Harbour Toilets: The Councillors for the Keith and Cullen Ward have facilitated the awarding of a much appreciated grant of £3,000 from the Community Fund towards the repairs/maintenance work to the Harbour Toilets. There is no update on the drainage issue at the toilets and action by TMC will be required before the builders are able to carry out work on the facility. DG agreed to chase up this issue with TMC as a priority and to identify the contact responsible. SF to add this matter to the next agenda. DG (Cllr)  
SF
- Bow Fiddle information Panel: following complaints received from concerned villagers, it was agreed that guidance on this panel (on a post near the exit to the Bow Fiddle Car Park and the beginning of the path to the rock) proposing that visitors walk out to the rock at low tide, and climb it to see the views from the top was both incorrect and dangerous and needed to be amended at the earliest. Cllr DG agreed to complete the DG (Cllr)

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necessary paperwork and submit the amendment request to the relevant authority.

**7 Treasurer's Report**

- No report available in the absence of the Treasurer.

**8 Planning**

- N/A

**9 Events**

- It was agreed that plans for the Christmas Lights Switch-on be added to the October agenda to ensure sufficient time for plans to be made and awareness raised. SF

**10 Members/Elected Members Updates:**

- Action is being taken regarding the **abandoned vessel** at the harbour and its removal is pending.
- Issue relating to **street signs** and the Bow Fiddle Rock sign are ongoing
- Ownership of the **Firth View Play Area** has been confirmed and the owner has proposed a transfer of ownership. SF to contact the owner to discuss this matter. SF

**12 Community Feedback**

- Harbour Safety: issues have arisen on the FB page regarding difficulties faced by boat owners entering and leaving the harbour when children, often in large numbers, are jumping into the water at the harbour exit. It was proposed that provision of safety signage be investigated to ensure those jumping in and swimming are aware of the hazards and harbour rules and that reminders be made to boat owners to ensure that appropriate speeds are adhered to when entering and leaving the harbour. SF will discuss the matter with the Harbourmaster, and where applicable, approach relevant charities involved in water safety regarding signage available. SF
- Defibrillator: the ongoing issue of the out-of-action machine in the Millennium Garden was discussed. It seems that the battery packs on the machines have been subject to a manufacturers recall and there is a delay in getting replacements for all the machines affected countrywide. SF will contact the organisation responsible for providing the replacements and JG will discuss the matter with the person responsible for maintaining the specific machine. SF  
JG

**13 JCC**

- Given the difficulty in representatives from PCC being able to attend JCC meetings it was proposed that an approach be made

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to the JCC to see if it is possible for meetings to either go online or to move around the area rather than all be in Elgin. SF will raise the query. SF

14 **AOB**

- None.

14 **Next meeting**

9 October at 7pm in Macboyle Hall.

ALL