

Lennox Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

Held on 3 April by Zoom

Present: Paul McPherson (Chairman) Pringle George (Secretary/Treasurer) Donald Cameron Jenni Cameron Michelle Goode Moira Morrison Chris Overing Anna Mary Overing

Councillors: Marc McRae

Apologies: Shona Morrison, Roger Austin

Paul welcomed everyone to the rescheduled meeting, and explained that the previous meeting had to be cancelled due to double bookings. No speaker this month

Police Report: A report will be sent to everyone.

Previous Minutes: Paul apologised for the problems with the minutes. He asked Moira to explain the technical issues with the Jan and Feb minutes. As

Matters Arising: A96 north of Keith – Roadworks will start in the next two weeks.

29 May Moray Council Transport Officers will attend the LCC meeting. This is open to the public to discuss the pedestrian island crossings in Fochabers.

There will also be a SEPA consultation regarding flooding areas. Pringle will send the consultation to everyone as she has just returned home.

The road closure on Anzac Day has been authorised and Pringle will send the paperwork to Paul.

Correspondence: Paul had a meeting with Ruth Liddicott and Lucy Blake from Vattenfall Wind Farm and matters are progressing.

He also attended a meeting at Inchberry Walk In Day re a Transmission Line which will be proposed from New Deer to Beaully, which is going to be south of Fochabers. A completely new system will be built but will have there will be no more pylons.

Treasurers Report: Going along at the same pace. No money has been spent. Paul bought two wreaths. One is for Anzac Day. They will be delivered this week.

Planning: Portgordon Community Trust – a revised application still pending

Events: Portgordon Community Trust – Michelle explained the ongoing work being done by the Trust. A harbour survey is going ahead. A consultant has been appointed to carry out a feasibility study. Three community consultations were held and an online

survey has a running date to 5 April. Meetings were well attended. A Local Place Plan event was held. A September date has been given for a draft plan to be submitted. Questionnaires will be distributed throughout the village.

Dallachy Strike Wing: Maintenance has already started. Phase 1 – We discussed last year that we would replace the paving slabs as they were uneven. Moira sent photographs to Paul and Pringle which perhaps Leanna could put on the website of the work that has been done. Frankie Shade completed the work and it really looks fabulous. Paul visited and approved. The next part is the Lockblock to be placed behind the memorial and the planting of wild flowers. We lost the heathers from last year. They just disappeared. Moira has been down and planted others. The flowers etc will be going ahead. Wreaths have been ordered for the Dallachy Service which will be at 11.00 in the morning. All invites are out as per usual. Anzac day is usually a quiet service. We are still discussing whether to go to the Whale and Dolphin or if Spey Bay Hall can cater for 12-15 people. Regarding Canada Day Pringle has applied for the road closure. We did discuss Pringles idea back in November and contacted the Lord Lieutenant Seymour Monro regarding a memorial for the 80 years of the landing on the Normandy beaches. She has received an email from him this week saying it was a great idea and has gone ahead and organised it. It is going to be at Findhorn with small boats arriving into the Findhorn beach. There will be a fly past and the Bishop of Moray and Caithness will officiate. The RAF will have a full turnout and the service will be at 11.00, as one service has cancelled. This will be on 6 June at Findhorn beach. Details to follow. Depending on the number of people who are interested in attending a bus may be hired. A display board is still being looked at where photographs could be displayed.

Area Updates:

Portgordon: The AGM did not have as good a turnout as before. However the meeting reported on the projects which had been successful and what had been achieved. Minutes etc will be on the website. Request sign for seals to be collected and erected. Signs may need planning permission and the sign should go back to where they belong beside the walkways. Michelle gave details of Portgordon Community Trust. Although funding had been unsuccessful there were other places which could be approached. AGM minutes etc would be available on the website. Paul attended the meeting and topics discussed were vision for the future, erosion, beach front, tennis courts, housing development and green belt. He felt that it was a positive meeting. Regarding the Village Hall, outstanding items have been installed – CCTV still outstanding. The next item to be purchased was more chairs. Paul thought that everyone involved deserved a pat on the back. Michelle thanked Paul for his input. Pringle thought that the editor of the Portgordon Post should be acknowledged as everyone in the village received a copy. She asked what the editor was planning to do as Pringles husband had started it. She understood he had old copies which were going to be digitised and sent to London. She

thought they should be sent to Scotland's community places for future records. There was a set of spare copies in the village hall office which could be duplicated for nostalgic reasons. Perhaps this could be remedied at the next meeting.

Clochachan: No representative therefore no report

Spey Bay: No representative therefore no report

Fochabers: A new panel has been formed to choose a replacement for Seoras, the village minister, who has left his post. Pringle remarked that there were good groups and Councillors in Fochabers who dealt with anything that came up. Donald mentioned the traffic problems in the village. Marc thought that the Transport Officers should be questioned at the next Lennox Community Council meeting regarding these problems. Moira said that due to building works at the Gordon Arms after a fire and also more building work at the old Bank building, parking was particularly difficult at the moment. This was discussed at length. He also brought up that there was seeming disinterest in the Community Council in the area. Marc thought it would be a good idea to co opt someone from the Village Association to the Lennox Community Council This was also discussed at length. Michelle said it was a challenge to engage young people. She had visited Buckie High School and informed the meeting of her findings which was very positive. She thought that perhaps we needed to change as the young folk were the future. She pointed out that the Community Council have had some very positive actions. Donald disagreed. Discussion followed with many good ideas being put forward.

Date of Next Meeting: 24 April 2024 at 7.00pm by Zoom