

LENNOX COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 24 APRIL 2024 BY ZOOM

PRESENT

L.C.C. COUNCILORS: Paul Macpherson (Chairperson) Pringle J George (Secretary/Treasurer) Moira Morrison (Minute Secretary) Roger Austin, Donald Cameron, Jenni Cameron.

MORAY COUNCILORS: Marc Macrae, Shona Morrison.

APOLOGIES: Ben Williams. Michelle Goode, Chris, and Anna-Mary Overing.

Paul welcomed everyone. Pringle reported that the Chair of Portgordon Community Trust, Derek Murray had died. A sympathy card has been sent to Audrey, Molly, and Rosie. The memorial service was well attended at our local Crematorium.

The Police Report for Buckie/Keith area emailed out 8 April 2024. The next set of reports will be out in early May.

No guest representation this month.

Issues over Wi-Fi now resolved, and everyone has received January, February, and March minutes. Pringle asked for alteration to January and April minutes, (27 March meeting cancelled). Donald and Pringle proposed and seconded the correction to the minutes, while Donald and Roger proposed and seconded March minute.

The outstanding matters from these minutes are as follows.

Brigid, the owner of the for-sale Seal Site is working away from home. Will contact Chairperson on return. We still do not know if the cairn the sign was on is still available for reusing.

Diane Anderson, Moray Council Transport Manager, has confirmed that Kelly Wiltshire and Elaine Penny will attend L.C.C. Zoom meeting on 29 May 2024. A full discussion on the issue of the traffic islands in Fochabers took place. All agreed that we allocate 45 minutes to discuss the issues. Shona to obtain copies of the planning application/ consultation process. Pringle to email everyone when paperwork is available. Shona and Mark to forward Zoom invitation for any resident wishing to join this meeting.

Advised J.C.C. meeting 9 May 2024 at 7pm in Elgin Town Hall.

Cullen Community Lunch – 29 May, 26 June, and 31st July. 12 Noon until 1.30pm

Acknowledgement from Scottish Government that they had received our letter of support regarding the proposal to build 16 turbines at Aultmore.

Received an email advising A95 resurfacing from Craigellachie to Mulben costing £3 million will start on evening of 25 April until Friday 3 May 2024. The road will be closed every evening and at the weekend.

Learning Disabled Week: 6 May to 10 May 2024
Mental Health Awareness Week: 13 May to 19th May 2024
Taste of Summer (Part of Taste of Moray) 1 June to 16 June 2024 Bookings to Euan at (euana@morayspeyside.com)

Email from SEPA relating to gravel issue at Port Gordon Harbour. It is in response to a request FO196889. Paul advised that he and Jim Mackie had sent in a request for assistance on River Spey. Councillor Mark Macrae advised that Moray Council are planning to use the gravel to stop further erosion on the River Spey estuary. Copies of the response to be sent to Paul and Marc this evening.

Alastair Kennedy Chair of JCC noted that the Community Alliance had requested a map showing areas covered by community transport. He noted only Burghead, Kinloss, Forres and Finderne are shown on the map. Email of contact mapping to be sent out this evening to all councillors.

SDC Conference 15 May 2024 – Subject for improving the Participation Requests process based on experience of using them so far.

The treasurer's report was emailed to all councillors. Noted Speyside Landscaping paid for renewal of paving in front of Dallachy Strike Wing Memorial.

Roger said nothing of note. Donald reported that house in the square applying to turn it into a B and B.

Events: 25th April 2024 Anzac Memorial service at Dallachy Strike Wing Memorial

Fochabers Heritage Centre opening for the summer 9 May 2024

Gordon Castle Highland games 19 May 2024.

Fochabers in Bloom coffee afternoon Sunday 5 May 2024. 2pm – 4pm

Recycled Summer Pop Up Event Fochabers Institute Saturday 25th May from 10am to 4pm and Sunday 26th May from 1pm to 4pm. Browse on good quality items. (BYO Bags)

Anzac Day memorial service 11am with Sqn Ldr Jonathan Newall taking the service. Wreath layers, George McIntyre representing the Lord Lieutenant's office, Marc Mcrae representing Moray Council, Sqn Ldr Shaun Carney RAF Lossiemouth, Rab Russell RAF Veterans Association, and Moira Morrison for L.C.C.

F.S. James “Eddie” Stobbart deputising for SWO Joe Mullholland. Bugler Alex Hadfield and piper Matt King. We are expecting 3 visitors representing Australia. After the service coffee and tea with homemade scones at Spey Bay Hall. Our donation of £45.00 will go to Poppy Scotland. Joy has confirmed will cater for Canada Day on Monday 1 July with our donation going to Poppy Scotland.

On maintenance we thank Mr. Shade of Speyside Landscaping for the excellent work on the renewal of the paving in front of the memorial. We also acknowledge his generous contribution to the cost. Outstanding maintenance a new wildflower arrangement, fence to be resprayed and we hope to receive a gift of a display board.

Paul advised that still no new members to represent Spey Bay and Clochan have come forward. Pringle has spoken to Joy Malcolm and she will provide Spey Bay Hall on future events.

Portgordon:

Michelle is unable to be present this evening, but Paul advised that a plan had been forwarded to Moray Council on behalf of Portgordon Community Trust relating to the harbour. Funding suspended by the Scottish Government on kitchen and further eating area is currently on hold until new date advised when funding will be available. Still an issue with dogs being allowed into the hub. Currently area too small. As Brigid has a bench on her site Portgordon Community Trust (Denise Robson or Michelle Goode) could find out if it is available for sitting at rear of hub.

Village Hall curtains are now in situ, as are toilet extras. CCTV to be installed soon with future planning to include new chairs.

EVENT: Saturday 18th May Pancake Morning Village Hall 10am to 12 Noon. Dog Friendly. Adults £3.50 Children £1.50.

Fochabers: See above event information. From time-to-time parking outside the chip shop/Coop area is an issue.

This afternoon the update on the Local Development plan from Moray Council has been approved for further consultation.

Donald told us of family celebrations that his wife Jenni and daughter had been awarded a certificate by Prime Minister Rishi Sunak for raising funds for Abbie Sparkle Foundation. The award is through Point of Life. At the same time Donald's grandson won a Gold Medal at the triathlon held at Mellila, Spain.

Date of next meeting – 29th May 2024 Zoom invitation for prompt start 7pm