

LENNOX COMMUNITY COUNCIL

29 MAY 2024 AT 7.00PM by Zoom

Minutes of Meeting

Attending: Paul McPherson (Chair) part, Pringle George (Secretary/Treasurer) Donald Cameron, Jenni Cameron, Peter Horton, Roger Austin, Lynn Austin, Moira Morrison (minute Secretary)

Councillors: Shona Morrison, Marc McRae, Ben Williams

Apologies: Chris and Anna Mary Overing, Michelle Goode

Guest Speakers: Kelly Wiltshire, Elaine Penny, Chris Campbell, Robert Anderson, Susan Anderson, Abbie Duncan, Tom Duncan, Stevie Duncan, Carol Whyte

An Open Meeting had been called to discuss problems which had arisen regarding the traffic islands which had been built on the High Street from the junction of East Street towards Milnes Primary School. Representatives from Moray Council, PTA and local residents.

Shona introduced Kelly Wiltshire, Strategic Services and Elaine Penny, Road Safety Engineer. Kelly read out some of the correspondence regarding walking to school, Audit 22/23, the results of site visits and forecasts etc. She said that a proposal for the islands had been sent out and as there were no objections the work went ahead. At first the proposal was for three islands but in fact four islands had been installed, this however was a problem as the fourth island had caused some problems. Residents who attended maintained they had not received the email and neither had Lennox Community Council. Pringle had gone through paperwork and not only could she not find any correspondence but discovered that the proposal was for three islands and in fact four had been built. Kelly will look into this. However, some of the problems from residents, Parent Teacher Association, local Transport Company and local business were:

Difficult access to resident's home – difficult access to East Street for HGV vehicles as it was difficult to turn – loss of business in local shops – islands not requested by PTA. They asked for a safe crossing – pavements are now very narrow – fourth island too near the bus stop, causing problems at the junction - houses vibrating – people now parking on yellow lines - a survey was carried out before two schemes were built and an increase in the children going to the primary school. These problems raised many topics which were discussed at length. Shona suggested a site visit to look at it again and Elaine thought this would be helpful. Shona then brought the meeting to a close and said that they were hopeful that a site visit could be organised. After the meeting ended the committee discussed some of the topics that had been raised during the meeting. Marc said he would contact Debra Duke to see if she has any information.

Previous Minutes: Proposed: Paul McPherson Seconded: Roger Austin

Matters Arising: No matters arising

Correspondence: Alex Mitchell Director of Zander Planning Limited advised this afternoon that they have applied to build a further 6 warehouses at Portgordon Maltings. They will not be near the road. There will be a public consultation on 2 and 25 July at Portgordon Village Hall 4.00pm – 7.00pm. It was agreed that they be invited to our next meeting

SSEN advising that a Community Benefit Fund will open on 1 September. £2,000,000 will be made available plus £100,000 million for future investment. Plans for region. This will be overseen by Chairperson and 3 panel members who are experts in their field. They have not been appointed as yet.

We have received notice that the Ice House is under offer to Kristian and Laura Lannen. They intend building a single story building plus three pods. Planning application will be proposed but the paperwork has still to be done. Pringle suggested that they be invited to the next meeting.

Digital Infrastructure Project - Sandra McCallum, who has been appointed for a year, would like to attend the June meeting. This was agreed.

Scottish Government is launching a National Food Resilience Strategy Consultation – Closing Date 13 August. Kasha Jarosz is the Community Resilience Manager. Link available to be passed to Paul

12 June 2024 Free 2.30pm Resilience training in Duffus Village Hall. The information will be given to Paul as he is involved in this.

Gillian Heron, Senior Library and Information Officer will be introducing pop up libraries which could include Bus Pass Clinics. It was thought that this would also be discussed at the Joint Community Council. Minutes of the last Joint Community Council meeting has been sent out.

Treasurers Report: Has been sent out to all. Ringfencing is more or less the same.

Planning: Portgordon Community Trust have applied to demolish some outer buildings. Until planning application comes through, we will be unable to discuss.

It is with regret that we note the passing of Derek Murray, Chairman. Thoughts are with Audrey and his family.

Scott Sliter has now taken up the post of Chairman.

Events: Fochabers Public Institute Recycling event on 11-17 November

Dallachy: Canada Day on 1 July. Mary Duncan, Honorary Counsel, will be unable to attend as she will be attending a similar event in Edinburgh. She will be represented by Jennifer Walker who will be laying a wreath. Chris Overing to lay the wreath representing the Lennox Community Council. Joy and the ladies from Spey Bay Hall will cater for the event. The RAF will also be taking part in the service.

Paul joined the meeting at this point.

The RAF will be taking part. It was Paul suggested that we get cones to put across the road during the service. Different ideas were discussed. Pringle to speak to the Police Inspector. Paul suggested we purchase a packet of cones to be placed on the road for the duration of the service. Shona suggested it be advertised in Facebook. Moira will put up the flags before the event. Pringle will contact the police inspector regarding the contact for official police permission for road closures. Due to lack of attendance, discussion followed regarding advertising the event. Shona suggested Facebook.

Area Updates: Spey Bay : The Ball Group Friends have replanted flowers at Spey Bay Hall.

Beekeepers Association Home Schooled children to have an Open Day in Speybay Hall on 26 June

Wifi to be installed in the Hall

Portgordon: Craft Fair to be held - no date as yet.

Discussion re places to display minutes. This is ongoing.

Fochabers: Recycling Event to be held in the Public Institute. No date as yet.
Speyfest will be held 19-21 July 2024

Date of Next Meeting: 26 June 2024 by Zoom meeting