

**PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD Monday 10th June 2024**

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**In attendance:** Theresa Coull (Councillor), Shirley Firth (Secretary – Correspondence), Alexandra Forsyth, Donald Gatt (Councillor), John Going (Chair), Gladys McKenzie (Treasurer), Lillian Urquhart, Tracey Collyer (Councillor)

- |   |  | Action/<br>attention |
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| 1 | <b>Apologies:</b><br>Anne Anderson, Jade Tindall.  |                      |
| 2 | <b>Police Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The update was forwarded to members on 7th June.<br/>14 calls were made to the Police and 8 are being investigated as crimes.</li></ul>   |                      |
| 3 | <b>Guest speaker:</b><br>No Guest.   |                      |
| 4 | <b>Adoption of minutes of last meeting</b><br>Proposed: LU Seconded: GM  |                      |
| 5 | <b>Matters Arising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <u>Hustings Event.</u> This event will take place on the 20th June 2024 at the Hall Church in Cullen at 7pm. This is being arranged through all local community councils. It is a “Question Time” event and all are welcome to come along. All parties standing for the Westminster election are invited. The candidates will pay to attend but there could be a small balance of expenses to cover, each of the local CC’s have agreed to split this. SF and AF will attend on behalf of Portknockie CC.</li><li>● <u>Resilience Planning (RP):</u> JT (via email) is inquiring about the effects of the proposed change to digital only phone connections and how this will work during a storm, power outage event, when there is no mobile signal or residents can’t charge their mobiles.</li><li>● <u>Place Plans:</u> Contact to be made with Tracy Rae to ask for material suitable to use on Facebook and in the newsletter to seek feedback and opinions on this.</li><li>● <u>Pop-up Library:</u> Currently the only free slots at the McBoyle Hall are Wednesday and Saturday. The Library service is only available on Thursday and Fridays at the moment. We are advised that this could change and will keep in touch, possibly by the end of the Summer more days will be available from TMC library service.</li></ul> | SF<br><br><br><br>SF |

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- One-Way Proposal: the roadway connecting the A98 and A942. Moray Council transport department are looking into this and have made a suggestion that it could be closed to traffic altogether and make its use for the Farmers access, pedestrians and cyclists only. This is an ongoing discussion and more detail should be available by the end of August. DG
- Road Safety signs. 30mph warning signs entering the village have been requested. Information on the volume of traffic and speeds have to be gathered to ascertain if the signage would be justified. We will be put on the list to have the equipment installed as soon as it is available. DG
- Bowfiddle Rock direction signs. We still require direction signs for the car park as there are many visitors still looking for it. (The car park was full last week)

**6 Correspondence Received**

- Sustrans are aware of the issue with the leakage on the track and will repair this. (work started 5th June)
- Email from Lord Fraser (House of Lords) seeking support for a Bill going through the house, regarding the safety of Lithium batteries. There have been hundreds of fires in homes, landfill sites and in refuse lorries due to these being of inferior quality or discarded incorrectly. The Bill will endeavour to have all imports safety checked and approved and the disposal rules tightened. It is agreed we will support this. SF
- Superfast Broadband. Details of grants available from the Government, to get connected to superfast broadband if you are missing out. There is a link where you can check eligibility. (posted on facebook and will be in the next Portknockie Newsletter)
- Thanks received from John Mundell, new Chief Executive, TMC following attending our meeting on the 13th May.

**7 Treasurer's Report**

- Account balance currently sits at: £2,580.86.  
Payment of £40 due for the Data Protection fee.  
It was agreed to donate £100 to the paddling pool team to assist with the expenses incurred with the defibrillator machine now sited at the harbour.  
Also, it was agreed to donate £50 to Findochty Mens Shed for the work done to the repair of the floral train. Many thanks.

**8 Planning**

- Plans have been submitted for 4 Haigh Street to alter and extend. No objections.

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**9 Events**

- GM asked if a community council can hold fundraising events?  
SF will inquire.

**10 Members/Elected Members Updates:**

- TC (Cllr) Very busy with committee meetings. Attended the Gordon Highlanders memorial service in Keith.
- DG (Cllr) attended the learning estates group at Buckie High school.
- TC (Cllr) Health and social care committees. A new Chief Social Care Worker has just started and is currently in training. Attended child protection awareness course.

**12 Community Feedback**

- JG asked if we can erect a notice board at the Bowfiddle car park? This would be useful for visitors and locals.
- Camper vans have been parking on the land that was designated to be a cafe, It is noted it is up to the owner to contact the Police as he can get them moved off his land.

**13 JCC**

- Minutes of meeting of the 24th May 2024 forwarded.

**14 AOB**

- Anne Anderson advised that she will be attending a First Aid Course on the 12th June which also includes use of defibrillator training.
- Portknockie Newsletter. Agreed that information from the minutes, requests for opinions and views and any relevant updates will be passed for publication.

SF

**15 Next meeting**

12th August at 7pm in Macboyle Hall.

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