

**PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD Monday 13th May 2024**

In attendance: Anne Anderson (Secretary - Minutes), Theresa Coull (Counsellor), Debra Duke (Community Council Liaison Officer), Shirley Firth (Secretary – Correspondence), Alexandra Forsyth, Donald Gatt (Counsellor), John Going (Chair), Gladys McKenzie (Treasurer), John Mundell (Chief Executive, The Moray Council), Jade Tindall, Lillian Urquhart.

Action/
attention

1 **Apologies:**

Tracey Collyer (Councillor),

2 **Police Update**

- The update has just been received, so will be circulated shortly.

3 **Guest speaker:**

The PCC welcomed Brenda Wood, President of Cullen, Deskford and Portknockie Heritage Group who delivered a most interesting and informative presentation about the construction and opening of the harbour in Portknockie. The talk was illustrated by photographs and newspaper articles of the time and included the opportunity for members to have a close up view of the silver trowel gifted to the Dowager Countess of Seafield by the people of Portknockie on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone. This artefact is now held by the heritage group and can be viewed at the heritage centre in Cullen (though it is not currently on display).

4 **Adoption of minutes of last meeting**

Proposed: SF Secoded: AF

5 **Matters Arising**

- Harbour Toilets: The drains have now been sorted and the works are scheduled to commence next week.
- Resilience Planning (RP): there is no current update, but it is hoped that any village newsletters or facebook pages can remind villagers of the key elements of household preparedness.
- Defibrillator: JT will be registering on 'The Circuit' and taking control of the defibrillator. JT
- Place Plans: A response from TW has been received regarding potential content to put on the Facebook page to seek residents opinions on the need for/potential content of a place plan.
- Pop-up Library: only 8 replies to the facebook post were received regarding the need for a pop-up library in Portknockie. Whilst Wednesday is a possibility (the Macboyle Hall having a free time slot) should villagers wish to have a pop-up library, more information will be required regarding set-up and take-down times and any potential requirements for materials storage in the hall. SF to request this information before a decision can be made. SF
- Litter Pickers: TMS have confirmed that it cannot supply materials. The PCA has however purchased 5 litter picking

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tongs and bags which can be loaned to the litter picking group as required. The PCA also has high viz waistcoats which can be made available to the picking group should they wish. All materials would however remain the property of the PCA. The opening of funding opportunities from the Climate Action Group will provide a further source of materials when such funding is available again.

- One-Way Proposal: following initial consultation via Facebook, regarding the possibility of requesting the un-numbered single-track road joining the A98 Buckie-Cullen road and the A942 into the village to be made one-way (i.e. from the A98 to the A942 only), the majority of respondents were in favour of such a change. It was also noted that any potential actions following on from this initial consultation would not include any restrictions to farm access to the fields either side of this road which is viewed as essential. In order to measure road use in both directions, the PCC would have to apply to the roads department for road use measurement tools for which there is currently a wait list. DG (Cllr) will seek advice on how any next steps might be taken in this regard. NB this matter is simply exploratory at this stage.

DG (Cllr)

6 Correspondence Received

- All correspondence discussed in matters arising.

7 Treasurer's Report

- Account balance currently sits at: £2,580.86 following a payment of £45 for a new defibrillator door for the millennium garden.

8 Planning

- Plans have been submitted for 24 Harbour Place. No objections were noted.

9 Events

- JG to research any opportunities to support the Rotary Car Run as it passes down King Edward Terrace, though this event is the same day as the Fisherman's Memorial anniversary.

JG

10 Members/Elected Members Updates:

- TC (Cllr) introduced the idea of the Park Smart and Walk to School Initiative. SF will contact Portknockie Primary School to identify any interest in the initiative and to contact TC (Cllr) if the school wishes to learn more.
- The PCC was delighted to welcome the incoming Chief Executive of The Moray Council to the meeting and welcomed his interest in learning about issues at a community level.

SF

12 Community Feedback

- New Railway line path: A number of complaints have been received about raised bumps on an oily/wet patch of the new tarred path. This patch is situated on the path roughly below the

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- 4th-6th holes of the golf course. DG (Cllr) will contact SUSTRANS regarding any action being taken to address this issue.
- Bow Fiddle Car Park Signage: there is still no signage to guide visitors to the car-park which is not in an obvious location, and is not fully visible from the road. DG (Cllr) will investigate this issue. DG (Cllr)
 - Millennium Garden Bin Emptying: The bins here have not been regularly emptied. DG (Cllr) will take this issue up and seek resolution. DG (Cllr)
 - Harbour Skips Emptying: only one of the skips is being emptied each week despite both being full. DG (Cllr) TC(Cllr)
 - Speeding entering the village by school: in order to have a 'Slow, Children Playing' sign there would need to be demonstration that criteria for such a sign are met. Raise again at the next meeting to investigate requirements. DG/TC
 - Non-road-legal vehicles on paths: This issue continues and JT will post again on the FB page encouraging residents to report all cases to the police on 101 or crimestoppers number every time. If these cases are not reported, the Police will not have a clear picture of the extent of the issue.
- 13 **JCC**
- DD confirmed that Findhorn and Portgordon have presented information on initial work on place plans.
 - DD will contact AA and JT re: RP DD
- 14 **AOB**
- It has been agreed to publish a Portknockie Newsletter again. The community council will contribute to the quarterly publication with news, updates and requests to the community for feedback.
 - Requests or ideas for pieces to be included can be sent to Liz at pca.russell75@gmail.com or via portknockiecc@gmail.com and we will send on.
- 15 **Next meeting**
10th June at 7pm in Macboyle Hall. ALL