

# LENNOX COMMUNITY COUNCIL

24 June 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, Michelle Goode,

**Apologies:** Moira Morrison (Minute Taker). Marc Macrae, Shona Morrison

Guest Speakers; Sandra McCallum, of Moray Council Alex Mitchell, Zander Planning Ltd., Ian Kilbride of Wm Grant Ltd.

Pringle welcomed the meeting and introduced Sandra McCallum Project Officer of the Digital Infrastructure Project and gave an overview of the project. She had a presentation to show the committee but due to time constraints she gave us a shortened version and a copy of this is available from Pringle. The Project is part funded by the UK Prosperity Fund and covers communities across Moray. It will run from April to March 2025. Activity will be targeted across two strands: Infrastructure and analysis with support for communities to access funding and resources and Support community owned/managed assets to act as digital hubs. They have identified 93 clusters in the area which do not meet the requirements of 3G and a voucher scheme will be made available to homes and businesses to secure a superfast connection.

Paul joined the meeting at this point.

Pringle then introduced Alex Mitchell of Zander Planning Ltd and Ian Kirkbride Project Engineer, of Wm Grant Ltd.

Alex Mitchell informed the committee of the additional proposals by William Grants for the Crisp Maltings in Portgordon. Alex then ran over the proposals with everyone and showed the plans for the future. These six warehouses are the last warehouses to be built and he offered to send the plans to the committee for their perusal and to perhaps organize a visit. A question-and-answer session followed. Pringle mentioned that there were some small groups in the village that were looking for funding Ian Kirkbride touched on the financial side regarding the Foundation. The Foundation have grants which could be applied for.

**Police Report:** Everyone has received the report. Pringle thought it was alarming some of the activities that were occurring – vandalism, fraud etc.

**Previous Minutes:** Roger Austin Proposed the minutes. Pringle seconded.

**Matters Arising:** Mrs Wiltshire (Moray Council) sent a copy of the original email regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2023 regarding island, zebra crossing, lighting in Fochabers. This had gone into our spam mail. As a result, no comments from Lennoc CC or the PTA of Milne's Primary school. The project went ahead. Roger thought we should push ahead for a site meeting and the matter was discussed. Pringle commented an email regarding has been sent but has had no reply.

**Correspondence:** Resilience consultation. Michelle was not happy with the information that was sent and Pringle agreed. Pringle will contact the T.S.I.Moray. Paul queried whether defibrillators should be included in these forms. Pringle will mention it to Debra Duke. Michelle made some suggestions, and these were discussed. Michelle left the meeting at this point.

**Treasurers Report:** Everyone has already received the report

**Planning:** No new planning now apart from the Maltings in Portgordon. Donald complained that he got no response from Moray Council regarding speeding and parkig..

**Correspondence:** Future Learning Opportunities – Introduction to Governance –  
10 September at 10.30

Writing a Funding Application  
10 October at 10.30

Funding Scotland– Mental Health families needing assistance. This is more appropriate for Aberdeen and Dundee. This helping young people to access information into how to apply for a job.

**Events:** Speyfest will be going ahead on 19-21 July.

Fochabers Gala will be taking place the week after.

Bellie Church Committee have organized members to meet candidates as they search for a new Minister.

**Dallachy Strike Wing Memorial:** Pringle spoke to Mary Duncan. She has designed a new wreath to be laid at the memorial on Canada day. The Canadian Forces approved it and

Marry's local florist will make a further 20 have been contracted for Scotland. Pringle gave the list of people who will lay the wreaths on the day. Pringle has carried out some work on the Canadian airmen who were killed and had a photograph of those involved. They will all be mentioned during the ceremony. Information will be in the local newspapers regarding the 11.00 start.

She also thought we should have a meeting about the future of the Strike Wing Memorial. We may have to hand it over to 'Friends of the Memorial'. Next year 2025 the boundaries will be changed, and this was discussed. She said she would hate to think that after all the hard work over the years that the RAF and local people should look after it. As well as organizing memorial services. Paul agreed that there should be a meeting.

**Area Updates:** Roger queried why we have Events and Updates. Paul explained the background but was willing to change this.

**AOCB:** Roger had met with Graham Findlay the Core Paths Ranger from Moray Council who was interested in Core Paths in Fochabers. No meeting has been set up as yet.

Donald said that at the next meeting in August he intends bringing up the subject of the islands in the High Street in Fochabers and to ask for a crossing, He felt that this should be kept ongoing.

**Date of Next Meeting:                      28 August at 7.00pm and will be a zoom meeting**