

**PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD Monday 12 August 2024**

In attendance: Anne Anderson (Secretary - Minutes), Tracey Collyer (Councillor), Theresa Coull (Councillor), Shirley Firth (Secretary – Correspondence), Alexandra Forsyth, Donald Gatt (Councillor), John Going (Chair), Gladys McKenzie (Treasurer) Jade Tindall (via internet), Lillian Urquhart

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attention |
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| 1 | Apologies: None | |
| 2 | Police Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The update has just been received and circulated, and it showed 14 calls made and 2 crimes being investigated. | |
| 3 | Guest speaker:
No guests. | |
| 4 | Adoption of minutes of last meeting
Proposed: JG Secoded: LU | |
| 5 | Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Hustings Event:</u> This was held before the election and went well. A contribution to costs of £22.50 will be paid from the PCC to Cullen CC who hosted the event.• <u>Resilience Planning:</u> advance notifications of weather events continue to be circulated. JT has raised the issue of the recent mini-power-cuts with SSE (which related to an issue with a sub-station in Cullen), and has also been in discussion with BT regarding the forthcoming change to broadband-based digital phone systems which will see the traditional copper-wire connections disappear. Guidance on how emergency phone connection (including for red button systems for vulnerable community members) can be maintained when there are internet outages and mobile phone connection issues is being sought. Current advice suggests that the move away from the traditional phone systems here will not happen for at least a year.• <u>Place Plans:</u> the potential for development of a community plan will be covered in the next copy of Portknockie News and will seek input from villagers.• <u>Road Safety signs:</u> a reply is awaited from TMC regarding the availability of traffic measurement equipment. | GM |
| 6 | Correspondence Received <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>SSEN Grants:</u> these are available again.• <u>Safety of Lithium Batteries:</u> There is a House of Lords Bill on the safety of lithium batteries. The PCC will get in touch with our MP asking him to support this bill. | AA/JT

SF |

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7 Treasurer's Report

- Account balance currently sits at: £2,436.86. A donation of £50 has gone to Findochty Men's Shed, and a payment of £54 for use of the Hall for PCC meetings has been paid.

8 Planning

- none.

9 Events

- none

10 Members/Elected Members Updates:

- Following the summer recess, the Council is back in full swing, with Full Council approaching. Reports on meetings held were given by councillors.

12 Community Feedback

- New Railway line path: A number of complaints have been received about the current state of the new path which is becoming very overgrown including vegetation covering the newly installed solar lights. TC (Cllr) will contact TMC to clarify when the borders will be cut. TC (Cllr)
- Bow Fiddle Car Park signage: complaints continue to be received regarding the need for better signage directing visitors to the Bow Fiddle Rock and Car Park. A resident has even made a small sign and attached it to the fencing to help visitors. DG (Cllr) continues to follow up with the person at TMC responsible for this, and JG will seek information of the process and costs of the PCC potentially doing it ourselves. DG (Cllr)
JG

13 JCC

- No issues arising

14 AOB

- Dog Mess in Millennium Garden: the issue of dog(s) accessing the garden and owners failing to pick up the dog mess remains with multiple 'deposits' being found before the garden could be mowed recently. If this continues, the volunteers will be unable to keep mowing the area as the mower and strimmer just spread the mess around. Since the land is owned by Seafield Estates, they will be contacted to see if it's possible to put up CCTV to help catch those responsible. JG/SF
- Grass cutting in Macleod Park: whilst it is appreciated that TMC doesn't remove grass cut in public areas, recent cutting saw grass piled up against the fire door of the Macboyle Hall and totally covering a concrete step. This constitutes a health and safety hazard both in the covering of the step and the blocking of the fire doors. DG (Cllr) will raise the issue with the Parks Department and seek assurances that grass will not be piled up against doors or covering steps again. DG (Cllr)

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- Defibrillator at Harbour: This defibrillator (which is not maintained by PCC) is not currently working (NB – the one at the Millennium Garden is in working order). It will be taken over by the charity Keiran's Legacy who will carry out all maintenance work and charge it back to those responsible for that defibrillator. **SF** will approach Keiran's Legacy to ask if they can also take on maintenance of the Millennium Garden Defibrillator.

15 **Next meeting**

9th September at 7pm in Macboyle Hall.

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