**In attendance:** Shirley Firth (Secretary – Correspondence), Alexandra Forsyth, Donald Gatt (Councillor), John Going (Chair), Lillian Urquhart. (Tracy Colyer - Councillor, via Zoom)

Action/ attention

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- 1 **Apologies:** Anne Anderson, Jade Tindall, Theresa Coull (Councillor)
- 2 Police Update
  - Due next month.
- 3 Guest speaker: None
- 4 Adoption of minutes of last meeting Proposed: AF Seconded: JG

## 5 Matters Arising

- <u>Treasurer</u> As Gladys McKenzie is unwell and may not be available for some time Alexandra Forsyth has agreed to cover this role. Many thanks to Ali from all the members of the Community Council. JG will arrange to add AF as signatory. Gladys had finalised the year end accounts and had them audited. These will be forwarded to the CC Liaison Officer.
- <u>Boundary Changes:</u> The Findochty CC have agreed to contact the properties as discussed last meeting and seek their preference for which community council they wish to be in.
- <u>Resilience Planning:</u>. Jade Tindall has now received the Cyber SF/JT Power Pack from BT to use in the event of a power cut. (Now all phone lines are digital) Jade will put together information which we can share with residents and advise on how to proceed as each household needs to apply individually.
- <u>Defibrillators:</u> Keirans Legacy have provided a new cover for the Defib machine at the Spar which should maintain the unit until a new one is sourced. We are awaiting contact from The British Heart Foundation as to whether our application has been successful. They did advise it could take up to 8 weeks to be given the decision which takes us to the 30th December.
- <u>Bow Fiddle Rock Signage:</u> As agreed two signs have been purchased at a cost of £164.10 and will be sited in the few days.

## 6 Correspondence Received

• Email has been received from TMC advising that there are to be several Library closures. DG advised however, that there has been no final decision on the closure of any libraries and a decision will be made in January 2025.

- We had been advised previously that the pop-up library service has been postponed until a decision has been made about the library closures.
- Email from TMC asking if we thought the village required Cycle stores and repair equipment siting. We will feedback that we do have a large number of cyclists using the roads and track and it would be useful to possibly have two sites.
- Raised by AL that we had requested signs to be erected on the newly laid track by Sustrans telling cyclists to be aware of pedestrians and to give them warning on the track when approaching. This has not happened and contact will be tried again.

## 7 Treasurer's Report

 Account balance £2,720.80. There are costs to be submitted for the Christmas Lights event. £164.10 cheque to be issued for the purchase of the Bow Fiddle Rock signs. Received a grant from Seafield Estates of £600.00.

8 Planning

• none.

#### 9 Events

 <u>Christmas Lights Switch-on</u>: Many thanks to all involved and to the village residents for the excellent turnout despite Storm Daragh.

£78 was raised from donations for Portknockie Primary School.

### 10 Members/Elected Members Updates:

- All members were very busy with attendance at local events, council meetings and budget discussions.
- TMC are trying to fill a £12.7m gap and are £3.8m over budget, discussing a possible increase in Council Tax for next year.

#### 11 Community Feedback

- Complaints received that there is yet again a dog fouling issue. It is not felt there is a lack of bins but irresponsible dog owners. All sightings of this behaviour should be reported to TMC. We will try to highlight the serious issue of illness that can be caused by contact with faeces especially in young children in the hope it will make irresponsible dog owners think and pick it up.
- The Portknockie newsletter will hopefully be back February 2025.
- 12 **JCC** 
  - The elections for Community Councillors will be next October. The JCC is asking for suggestions as to how to promote this better than last time. We will suggest Facebook and if it is possible print our own leaflets for distribution.

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# 13 **AOB**

- A Thank you card was received from the Portknockie Paddling Pool committee for the donation made by the PCC to their funds to help with the restoration work on the toilets.
- DG commented that there was still work to be carried out by TMC on the toilets, and he would continue to pursue this with the relevant departments.
- We wish to thank Matt Barnes for collecting rubbish from some very hard to access areas of the village and harbour. The amount of rubbish he collects is quite staggering. It is a shame when other people have to clear up someone else's mess.
- 14 **Next meeting 13th January 2025** at 7pm in Macboyle Hall.

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