

PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD Monday 9th December 2024

- 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

- Christmas Lights Switch-on: 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.

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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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