

PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD Monday 10th February 2025

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

Action/
attention

1 **Apologies:**

Jade Tindall, Theresa Coull (Councillor)

2 **Police Update**

- Reports to be sent bi-monthly from April 2025.
- Discussions ongoing about potential meetings quarterly with a group of local community councils.

3 **Guest**

None

4 **Adoption of minutes of last meeting**

Proposed: LU Seconded: AF.

5 **Matters Arising**

- Defib Machine - Following contact with Keirans Legacy it has been confirmed that we do not need a new machine. The current machine was installed in April 2019 and the usual lifespan is 10 years. We now have a contract with Keirans Legacy for the maintenance of the machine.
- There had been an issue with the heater but the new cabinet fitted by them has solved this issue and there are now both Adult and Paediatric pads.
- Road Safety Champions - AF continues to attend meetings of this group and a review of the roads in the village is being conducted.
- Resilience Planning - no updates available.

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6 Correspondence Received

- **Flooding Issues** - The recent closure of the road and issues with flooding on both sides of the village, DG (Counselor) has advised that both sides of the village on the A942 are on a "Reserve List" of works dependent on funds being available. Some remedial work will be done to clear blockages.
- Following our request that signs be erected on the track by Sustrans telling cyclists to be aware of, and to make themselves heard to warn other users on the track of their approach. Examples of signs and barriers have been passed onto Janet MacDonald at TMC. Janet has advised that she is in contact with Sustrans awaiting a reply.
- Harbour Toilets - The sum of £5,000 has been awarded to the Paddling Pool Group, who maintain the facilities, from the Beatrice Field Fund by Visit Moray Speyside Tourism group. This is gratefully received many thanks to both organisations for this funding.

7 Treasurer's Report

- Provisional Account balance £2,899.32. AF will need to verify this when she has access to the latest statements.
- A cheque for £100 will be sent for the charities requested by her family, in memory of Gladys McKenzie our long serving treasurer, from her honorarium. AF
- AF will investigate the benefits of moving the PCC account to a new bank as the Bank of Scotland now charges bodies such as CC's. AF

8 Planning

- none.

9 Events

- Suggested event for VE Day the 8th of May. JG will check the availability of the hall and the possibility of holding a tea party. JG
- Contact to be made with the Primary School head to see if they have anything planned. SF

10 Members/Elected Members Updates:

- All councillors have attended committees and will be attending the full council and budget meetings next week along with the Audit and Scrutiny meetings.

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11 JCC

- The next meeting is on 13th February 2025. Items on the Agenda include Library closures and CC elections and training.
- Minutes of the last meeting were forwarded on 6th Feb.

12 Community Feedback

- Elgin toilets - due to the closure of the St Giles Centre there are now no public toilets in Elgin town centre. TMC advises that there is a scheme where some businesses will allow use of their toilets. The "Comfort Scheme" list available on the TMC website includes cafes and pubs. The link to be posted on our Facebook page. JT
- Doors in the village have been tried at night causing concern, reports on Facebook showing this is happening all over the village. JT will repost the advice given by the Police and encourage villagers to notify the Police immediately. JT
- McLarens Brae road repairs - queries raised as to when this will be fixed. No information available at this time as to the timescale of works commencing.
- Millennium cliff top path damage - reports have been received about the dangerous holes and ridges in the path from Portknockie to Findochty near Hillhead, there is currently no budget available for repairs.

13 AOB

14 Next meeting 10th March 2025 at 7pm in Macboyle Hall.

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