

PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD Monday 14 April 2025

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

Action/
attention

- 1 **Apologies:**
Theresa Coull (Councillor) Jade Tindall.
- 2 **Police Update**
 - This was circulated. It is noted that whilst the new format is useful, the stats on number of calls etc are no longer given.
- 3 **Guest speaker:**
None
- 4 **Adoption of minutes of last meeting**
Proposed: SF Seconded: JG
- 5 **Matters Arising**
 - Community Council elections: these will take place in October. Any ideas for advertising for new members/office holders are welcomed. Proposed options included the Facebook page along with local groups and events such as: Paddler fundraiser in August; Bowls Club, U3A, Knocking-on Group. Debra Duke (CCLO) will be advised and asked for a supply of leaflets for distribution at events. SF
- 6 **Correspondence Received**
 - BT landlines - transition to digital: There will be an event in Buckie on 10-11 June to explain the process and any impact it may have for land-line users, in particular, the vulnerable in our community. JT will be asked to put a copy of the flyer for the event on the Facebook page and SF will print flyers for the notice boards in the Millennium Garden, Macboyle Hall, Chemists and Spar. JT
 - Sustrans signage for Portknockie-Cullen path: Sustrans have agreed to provide signage reminding cyclists of the need to cycle safely in order to avoid danger to pedestrians using the path.
 - Community Support Group: This is now scheduled to happen at a later date, likely in May but to be confirmed.
 - Changing Places: government funding is available for eg baby changing and disabled changing facilities. The Paddling Pool Committee have been informed, should they wish to seek funds from this source.
 - Visit Moray Speyside: this organisation has now been disbanded

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7 Treasurer's Report

- Account balance currently sits at: £3,091.51. The Keiran's Legacy cheque has yet to be presented on the old a/c, so it cannot yet be closed. AF proposes that JG and SF sign any outstanding cheques to be paid from the old account so it can be shut down as soon as the Keiran's Legacy check is presented.

JG/SF

8 Planning

- None.

9 Events

- There will be no VE day celebrations organised via the PCC/PCA

10 Members/Elected Members Updates:

- Reports on meetings held were given by councillors including:
Tracy Colyer: in addition to regular meetings, TC attended the opening of the Cullen. Portknockie and Deskford Heritage Centre in Cullen which was attended by HRH The Princess Royal. TC also attended a councillors surgery in Keith and in Grange.
Donald Gatt: DG also attended the surgeries mentioned above. A surgery will be held in Portknockie from 10-11am on the 9th of May.
Re: Wood Place grassed area, TMC visited and agreed to cut the grass there. It should be noted that there should be no parking in this grassed area.
Re: the Harbour cesspit, DG will keep this issue under review and will also ask whether it is possible to conduct a water quality test on Jenny's Well.

DG (Cllr)

12 Community Feedback

- Fly Tipping and Garden Waste: concerns have been raised about the volume of garden waste building up at the Portknockie end of the Millennium Cycle Path (going towards Findochty). If any other residents have concerns in this regard, please do let the PCC know.
- 'The Circle'/Slater Crescent: Maintenance of this area falls within TMC's remit, but there is currently no budget/capacity to carry out works there in terms of general maintenance.
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13 AOB

- none

15 Next meeting 12th May at 7pm in Macboyle Hall.

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