

Lennox Community Council

30 April 2025 at 7.00pm by Zoom

Minutes of Meeting

Attending: Paul McPherson (Chair), Pringle George, Leanna Hudson, Peter Horton, Roger Austin, Lynn Austin, Anna Mary Overing, Moira Morrison (Minutes)

Counsellors: Marc McRae, Ben Williams, Shona Morrison

Apologies: Donald Cameron, Jenny Cameron

Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Police Report: No police report. Paul has not received any reports but it is due at the beginning of the month and will be sent out then.

Previous Minutes: Roger proposed the February minutes, Paul seconded

Matters Arising: No matters arising

Correspondence: Letter received from Vattenfall. Paul read out various points of interest in the letter to the committee. Moray Council objected to the height of three of the turbines but not of the project overall. The project is awaiting a response from the Energy Consensus Unit (ECU). The Ministry of Defense are also working on areas of concern. The project is more or less in limbo at the moment. LCC was to have been invited to the Buckie Harbour meeting but this did not happen. This was discussed.

Email received stating that the next meeting will be on 22 May for Joint Community Council. The new CEO Karen Greaves has agreed to attend the meeting. Venue to be arranged.

Clear Councils insurance offering cheaper insurance for councils. Pringle has sent the email to Debra Duke.

Treasurers Report: Pringle has sent out the Treasurers report. Pringle quickly ran through the report. She also explained the changes that Bank of Scotland has made. Although we are now using internet banking, charges have increased. This was discussed. Pringle will bring this up at JCC.

Planning: No planning at the moment.

Paul mentioned the amount of houses (500) that are going to be built in Buckie at a meeting. It was thought it would have been a better idea to build an infrastructure to cope with the houses first before they were built. This was not included in the planning of the houses.

Events: VE Day service will be held on 8 May. It is an open meeting with everyone welcome. It will be held at St Giles at the Plainstones, Elgin

Canada Day is on 1 July at 11.00am. It was thought that it would be good to get schoolchildren involved in the memorial services and perhaps have the Head Boy and Girl laying a wreath. This was discussed.

Dallachy Memorial: Anzac Day was well attended with a beautiful service. The signs blew down due to the wind and a van would have gone through during the service but did stop when asked. Peter Bloomfield will be bringing this up at a meeting. It is hoped that there will be a police presence in the future at memorial services. Moira, Claire and Anna Mary were thanked for organising the teas and thanks also to Spey Bay Hall for enabling us to have them there.

Following on from Black Friday many thought it would have been nice for a talk to be given on Black Friday in order to pass on the details to others.. However it was difficult to get anyone to do this as no one had the experience. Pringle said that she thought it would be a good idea to have a sign at the Spey Bay turn off. People found it difficult to find the Memorial and the War Graves. She asked Ben if it would be possible for this to happen. He had some information and said that it would be expensive but would look further into it. Pringle will look into funding for this. Moira will ask Alex Hume at the Mens Shed in Fochabers for advice regarding a display board for the Memorial. The wire for keeping the wreaths upright also needs attention.

Area Updates: No representatives from Clochan or Spey Bay

Fochabers: Funding has been acquired to build a new gate to replace the old one on Castle Street. This 'Green Gate' opens on to a nice walk at the Lake. The Mens Shed in Fochabers will build it.

Highland Games will be held at Gordon Castle on 18 May.

The Fochabers Public Institute has been busy due to the closure of the Elgin Town Hall.

Portgordon: PCT have reinstated Directors. Michelle was reelected. Michelle had sent out information about the local development plan. Pringle said she would contact Michelle regarding this.

They are moving forward with the B&B.

A music night was held – Beards and Bunnets. It was reported to be a really enjoyable night.

The Ice House sale has fallen through. It is getting into disrepair again with people finding it difficult to walk along the road due to the heras fencing

There has been some vandalism at the Fairy Walk but this has now been remedied.

Still problems with drainage and sand near the hall

Date and Time of next meeting Wednesday 28 May 2025