

PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD Monday 12 May 2025

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

Action/
attention

- 1 **Apologies:**
 Jade Tindall
- 2 **Police Update**
 - None due this month
- 3 **Guest speaker:**
 None
- 4 **Adoption of minutes of last meeting**
 Proposed: SF Seconded: JG
- 5 **Matters Arising**
 - none
- 6 **Correspondence Received**
 - Community Council elections: these will take place in October. Dates of events where leaflets promoting these elections can be circulated have been confirmed to date as: 12 June Strawberry Tea at Macboyle Hall and Paddling Pool BBQ on 9 August.
 - Keith Radio Station ad. for community council elections : this will happen soon
 - Fly posting: an issue was raised during the month regarding posting of advertising materials potentially without consent. TC (Cllr) has raised the issue and will give feedback regarding the validity of the advertising placement. TC (Cllr)
 - Portknockie website: It has been noted that there is now a Portknockie website that allows residents/visitors to post memories of Portknockie (www.portknockiewebsite.co.uk). It was queried whether we could advertise this site on the PCC/PCA FB page as it appears non-commercial and is of interest to the village. SF will contact the administrator for the site and ask if they are happy for it to be mentioned on the PCC/PCA FB page. SF/JT
- 7 **Treasurer's Report**
 - Account balance currently sits at: £2,046.26. The Keiran's Legacy cheque has yet to be presented on the old a/c, so it still cannot be closed.
 - The Admin grant payment from TMC is due.

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8 Correspondence:

- Jenny's Well: if there are any concerns regarding the quality of the water at Jenny's Well (toxicity, leakages etc), these would need to be reported to SEPA (NB there have been no specific issues identified at present).
- New TMC CEO: the new CEO of TMC is Karen Greaves. SF will invite her to a forthcoming meeting. SF

9 Planning

- None.

10 Events

- none

11 Members/Elected Members Updates:

- Reports on meetings held were given by councillors and the following were highlighted:
Tracy Colyer: T Colyer mentioned the licensing board and a surgery held in Portknockie.
Donald Gatt: DG also attended the surgery in Portknockie along with a session with the police and one on funding for Buckie High School.
Theresa Coull: T Coull mentioned the revival of the cultural exchange twinning arrangement between Banffshire and Kronach under the chairmanship of the Rev Dr Kay Gauld in Cullen. The first visit will take place next year.

12 Community Feedback

- Parking on Union Street: Union street which runs from Park Street, past the Chip Shop and through the 'square' to the Chemist is being blocked by persons parking their cars on the street rather than in parking spaces when visiting local businesses sited around the square. This blocks access to residential properties without taking circuitous routes. SF will inform the police of the issues caused by these obstructions and seek advice on any action that can be taken. There are parking spaces marked in the square but these are not very visible. It was again raised with the TMC councillors that the surface of the parking area in the square is very broken and potholed and therefore the lines marking the parking spaces could not be repainted without the resurfacing work being done. SF
- Grass cutting at west end of King Edward Terrace: it has been queried who is responsible for cutting the grass between the top of Westfield Drive and Station Road. SF will contact TMC to check who owns this piece of land. SF
- Solar Panels on Council Houses: queries have been received regarding the placement of solar panels on council houses in the village at a time when the council has limited funds. Cllr T Coull explained that the funds for these panels come from the income from council house rents and this is used for improvements and maintenance of these houses. These funds cannot be used for other purposes.

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- Vattenfall meeting: SF met with a representative from Vattenfall for an update on the Aultmore Wind Farm. Developments of the project have currently been rejected by the Scottish Government for a number of reasons including: the proposed height of the turbines and the effect on the landscape. The issue may go to a public enquiry, but there is no further information at present.
- Buckie Area Forum: the minutes of the last meeting have been circulated and include information and questions asked regarding the NHS and the future of Buckie Hospital

13 **JCC**

- The new TMC CEO will be attending the next JCC meeting on 22 May.

13 **AOB**

- none

14 **Next meeting 9th June** at 7pm in Macboyle Hall.

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