

## **Lennox Community Council**

**27 August 2025 at 7.00pm by Zoom**

### **Minutes of Meeting**

**Attending:** Paul McPherson (Chair), Pringle George, Leanna Hudson, Peter Horton, Michelle Goode, Roger Austin, Lynn Austin, Anna Mary Overing

**Councillors:** Marc McRae

**Apologies:** Donald Cameron, Jenny Cameron, Moira Morrison

Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Police Report:** Pringle has only just received the police reports.

**Previous Minutes:** Previous minutes were agreed. Roger proposed the minutes, Pringle seconded.

**Matters Arising:** Mrs Kilpatrick of Fochabers had previously brought up the subject of boy racers. This was discussed. Pringle mentioned the boy racers and an incident where both her and Moira were involved. Pringle has spoken to her husband and suggested that this be brought to the attention of the police.

**Correspondence:** Pringle has received information that work on the A96 at Keith would be completed by the weekend.

Pringle has also sent information (times and places) for Remembrance Sunday.

She also received an email from Debra Duke asking for volunteers to help man a stall at a Classic Car event on 31 August in Buckie. She has leaflets to encourage members of the public to join the Community Council. Pringle asked Paul if he could take her over there. This was discussed and she will be joined by Paul Roger and Peter.

Paul had attended the service for VE day in Forres as a representative for Lennox Community Council. He said that it was a lovely service and the Military Wives Choir gave an excellent performance. It was well attended.

**Treasurers Report:** An update has been sent out to all and Pringle went over the report which was discussed.

She also mentioned the work that Donald Cameron had carried out in the past and it was agreed that he receive a gift in appreciation. This was discussed. Roger proposed and Peter seconded the idea.

**Planning:** Pringle reported that she had passed on that there were no objections to the work which would be carried out at the Portgordon Maltings in the near future.

**Events:** There will be a tabletop Sale in the Portgordon Hall on 21 September 2.00-4.00

On Saturday 27 September there will be a talk on the Arctic Convoy and in particular HMS Vanessa at 7.30 in the Portgordon Hall

**Dallachy Strike Wing  
Memorial:**

A new display board and sign on the A96 have been put on hold for the moment.

Updated times for Remembrance Sunday on 9 November will be 10.30 Fochabers, 11.00 Portgordon, 3.00 Bellie Churchyard, 3.40 Dallachy then to Speybay Hall for refreshments. Monies gathered from the service will go to Poppy Scotland and Erskine in Forres.

Pringle mentioned that although Moira had taken on the upkeep of the memorial she thought there should be a rota. This was discussed.

**Area Updates:**

Fochabers- Roger said that the Public Institute car park has now been resurfaced and white lined. The Bowling Club has had a successful season. The Cricket Club have acquired some new younger members. There was a library Talk on Lewis Grassick Gibbon by Bill Malcolm which was very enjoyable. MIA lecture to be held on 23 September. There is now a ukelele group and a singing group being held in the Institute.

Portgordon – Michelle thanked Marc and members for their support of the Portgordon Trust Cottage and the problems with

the disgusting smell in the village. This does not happen in any other coastal village and the cause was unclear. The relevant agencies had been contacted but matters were no further forward. The matter was discussed at length. It was suggested that people need to contact SEPA and other organisations and not accept the disgusting smell. Michelle suggested people go to the link on the Portgordon Trust page. On a different note, she said that there was quite a lot going on with the Trust but would update us when this when matters had progressed further. The LPP had been registered with Moray Council and thanked everyone for their support with this. At the last meeting it was mentioned that there had been some complaints about the state of the grounds at the Ice House. A digger had been seen working in the area. Pringle asked if there was any information on this but no one knew for sure. Many folk have been complaining about the telephone signal in the area. Problems had arisen due to damage to the O2 mast during the last storm. However, some time had passed and this was causing problems. A Welfare cabin had been erected at the hall for workmen who were replacing the street lamps. It was thought that this should be finished next week. Paul had been approached and asked when the rest of Portgordon was going to have the weeds sprayed. The weeds at the Square had already been done. It was felt that Michelle should be congratulated for the work she had carried out regarding the LPP registration with the Council.

The elections for the Community Council will be held soon. Anna Mary apologized as she would be unable to attend. Paul said that he would be standing down as Chairman. He had completed five years in the post and thought it was time for someone else to take up the post. There had been a lot of ups and downs but he felt a lot had been achieved and was proud to have been part of it. He was congratulated for his efforts.

**Next Meeting will be held on Wednesday 24 September 2025 at 7.00pm by Zoom**

Pringle

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**VE Day service will be held on 8 May at St Giles in Elgin at 2.00pm. This is open to the public so everyone is welcome. Canada Day is on 1 July.**

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**Date of Next Meeting:**      Wednesday 28 May at 7.00pm by Zoom