

PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD Monday 12 January 2026

In attendance: Anne Anderson (Secretary - Minutes), Shirley Firth (Secretary – Correspondence), Alexandra Forsyth (Treasurer), Donald Gatt (Councillor), John Going (Chair), Jade Tindall

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attention |
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| 1 | Apologies:
Tracy Colyer (Councillor), Theresa Coull (Councillor), Lillian Urquhart | |
| 2 | Police Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The next quarterly update is due in February. | |
| 3 | Guest speaker:
None | |
| 4 | Adoption of minutes of last meeting
Proposed: SF. Seconded: JG. | |
| 5 | Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Christmas Lights Switch-on Arrangements 2026</u>: Recent changes in PCA leadership mean that a clearer delineation of responsibilities between the PCC and PCA will need to be formalised in order to ensure the village can continue to enjoy an uplifting start to the 2026 festive season when it comes. SF will contact the new chair of the PCA to discuss.• <u>PCA/PCC Facebook Page</u>: currently, all admin related to this page is handled by a member of the PCC. In order to ensure continued smooth running of the page, JT will contact the new chair of the PCA to discuss how the page can best be administered to ensure both organisations are fully represented. | SF

JT |
| 6 | Correspondence Received <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Bin emptying</u>: DG (Cllr) received clarification that bins in the village are regularly monitored and emptied as required.• <u>Bow Fiddle Bench stability</u>: Seafield Estates clarified that the bench (dedicated to NHS staff following lockdown), whilst on their land, was not placed there with their permission. They will however take the necessary steps to ensure that any erosion is rectified in order to make the bench safe.• <u>Clearing of the B942 into the village during snow</u>: during the recent and prolonged period of snowy weather, the A942 (joining the village to the A98 on the Cullen side) was closed by the police having become impassable and partially blocked by abandoned vehicles. As this is a 'Priority 1' road, it was felt that there should have been earlier snow-ploughing to keep the road clear and avoid the village becoming closed off. DG (Cllr) has agreed to raise the issue with TMC to see if there is any corrective action that can be taken to ensure earlier snow-ploughing in future. Members and residents are however reminded that any blockages or danger of blockages to roads | DG (Cllr) |

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(e.g. through drifting snow) can be reported via the Moray Council website, ensuring action can be taken promptly.

- Letter of Thanks: a letter of thanks was received from Portknockie Church of Scotland for the donation made by PCC in recognition of their contribution to village events organised by the PCC.

7 Treasurers Report

- Account balance: currently sits at: £2,257.55 inclusive of the Seafield Estates payment. There is however an outgoing payment due for the replacement of defibrillator pads.

8 Planning

- One planning application has been lodged relating to the building of a house on the site where the old railway line path meets Hill Street. **NB this will not affect access to the railway line path from Hill Street. Access will remain between No.8 Hill Street and the proposed new house site.**

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9 Events

- none

10 Members/Elected Members Updates:

- A Budget meeting is awaited following the delayed release of the Scottish Budget.

11 Community Feedback

- Some queries/comments have been received regarding grit bins (placement and refilling). Members/residents are reminded that a grit bin map of the village is available on TMC website showing placement of all bins in the village. A copy of this map has also been posted (during the snowy weather) on the PCA/PCC Facebook page to help all identify their nearest source of grit. It should also be noted that grit top-up to these bins can be ordered on-line at TMCs website. It doesn't matter if multiple requests are received for top-up of the same bin(s).

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12 JCC

- Last JCC minutes were circulated on 17 December

13 AOB

- Portknockie Primary School (PPS) staffing: It is noted that due to a reduced school roll, PPS will now operate as a two class school (P1-5 and P5-7, with P5 being split between the two classes).

14 Next meeting at 7pm on 9th February 2026 in the Macboyle Hall.

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