

**PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD Monday 09 February 2026**

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

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attention |
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| 1 | Apologies:
Tracy Colyer (Councillor), Theresa Coull (Councillor), Jade Tindall, | |
| 2 | Police Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The most recent update was issued to members. | |
| 3 | Guest speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● <u>New Doric Interpretation Board:</u> The PCC was delighted to welcome a visitor providing an update on an exciting local project. Members were briefed on the upcoming installation (in the next 2-3 months) of an interpretation board near the Bow Fiddle which will provide lyrics from a Doric song about the famous rock formation along with access (by QR code) to a recording of the song. The creation of this song was part of a project to promote the Doric language and funding for the creation and placement of the board is also funded by an organisation promoting the Doric language. All necessary permissions have been obtained from both Moray Council and Seafield Estates. | |
| 4 | Adoption of minutes of last meeting
Proposed: SF. Seconded: JG. | |
| 5 | Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">● <u>Portknockie Common Good Fund</u> – applications to the fund are encouraged● <u>New Flag for the Fisherman’s Memorial</u> – quotes are to be sought for new flags and repairs to the flagpole.● <u>Renewal of village street map for Millennium Garden Information Board</u> – The PCC via AF will discuss with the PCA whether it might be appropriate for them to apply to the Common Good Fund for support in funding this initiative.● <u>SEPA Flood Risk Assessment</u> – SF to complete the form highlighting the risk posed by flooding of the A942 at either end | SF

AF

SF |
| 6 | Correspondence Received <ul style="list-style-type: none">● <u>Report of Shooting Noises</u> – a complaint was received from a dog walker re: their dog being frightened by the sound of shots being fired. On contacting Seafield Estates (SE), SF was advised that there had been no shooting carried out by SE staff or guests. There is however a known issue with poachers in the area and the assumption is that this may have been the source of the gunshot noises. It is standard practice that SE places notices in areas warning of any shooting activities due to take | |

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place (ie where noises may be heard), and local farmers also notify SE of planned shooting which are similarly posted where members of the public may become aware of the noise.

- Cycle Repair Stand - The planned cycle repair stand agreed following consultation last year should be in place by early March

7 Treasurers Report

- Account balance: currently sits at: £2,481.97 inclusive of the Moray Council grant.

8 Planning

- None

9 Events

- none

10 Members/Elected Members Updates:

- Standard meetings are ongoing in preparation for the budget.

11 Community Feedback

- Potholes – ongoing complaints have been received about potholes and the advice remains as before i.e. any potholes should be reported to TMC online. The link for reporting potholes has been posted on the PCC Facebook page previously and can be repeated to help residents get to the right part of the TMC website as easily as possible
- Obstruction of roads by parked vehicles – reports have been received of parking which could impede access for emergency vehicles. Any such parking should be reported to the Police either by phone on 101 or using the online reporting form on the Police Scotland website
- Dog Fouling – a significant amount of dog fouling has been reported around the village, in particular on Patrol Road. DG (Cllr) has agreed to raise this matter with the Community Warden.
- Use of PCC Village Crest – SF to contact the PCA to discuss usage.

JT

DG (Cllr)

12 JCC

- The next meeting will be held on Feb 12th

13 AOB

- Aultmore Windfarm – JG and SF met with representatives of the windfarm and whilst there have been objections made, representatives believed that these are resolvable.

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

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