Portknockie Community Council Minutes of meeting on 11/2/13 Present: Alan Beresford, Gladys Mckenzie, Angela Mair, Cathleen Harper, Kerry Reid, Karen Campbell, Tony Barnes, Fraser Weir Cllr Ron Shepherd, Cllr Gary Coull

1 Apologies – none

2 Minutes were proposed by Angela & seconded by Alan.

3 Matters arising were suspended to hear from Duncan Falconer of Moray Council with regard to new recycling bins. Households in Portknockie will be furnished with a blue bin for all paper & card products and a purple bin for cans and plastics in April. The new bins will be collected fortnightly, the collection cycle will be confirmed shortly. The current blue recycling box will no longer be used for waste collection and can be taken away by the waste collection team if householders have no use for them. The orange recycling box will still be used for glass collection. Only one green bin will be collected from each household. The waste hotline 01343 557045 should be contacted by anyone who requires assisted collection. This number should also be called if anyone wants the new bins removed. It was suggested for some areas communal recycling bins would be preferable – this can be considered once the blue & purple bins have been circulated.

4 Police Matters – February Police report was circulated by email

5 Matters for elected members - The Councillors were asked to deal with an increasing number and size of pot holes especially by the McBoyle Hall, the unacceptable state of gardens at 1 Samson Street & 3 Bruce Place and dog fouling.

Concern was raised about proposed council cuts in particular the removal of public internet access and learning hub currently available at the library.

6 Correspondence It was agreed to accept requests from Andrew Mackie (Community Warden) and Prof N Ashley Mowat (Cullen Community Council) to attend a meeting to share information.

7 Treasurer's report £1976.65

8 AOCB Fraser advised that the Bowling Club is currently exploring options on how to move ahead in upgrading the amenity including the tennis courts.

Karen advised that she has to get back to Entrust about application to register as PEG and is hopeful the process will be completed soon.

9 Fraser closed the meeting at 1930

The next meeting will be at 1900 on 11 March in the library