

LENNOX COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Portgordon School at 7pm on Wednesday 25th March 2015

Present, Maureen Burrows, Liz Knight, Lynn Duncan, Alison Hook, Robert Gray, Mike Reid, Donald Cameron, Councillor Margo Howe, Sgt Tom Gorman, PC Debbie Price.

Also present: Alastair Kennedy from JCC, John McLennan and James Padgett making representation on behalf of Gordon Street, Portgordon residents to discuss speed of traffic

Apologies: Councillor Douglas Ross, Peter Horton, Mike Thomas, Maxine Horne, Audrey Johnston

Absent: Councillor Sean Morton

2 Police Report	<p>From 23rd Feb till 22 March 2015 there were a total of 18 crimes recorded in the Fochabers Policing section with 8 of these relating to the Lennox CC area. Of these 8 reports 7 have been detected. 4 of these relating to drink/drug driving. A further 1 was vandalism, 1 was anti social behaviour and one was a minor road traffic matter.</p> <p>The recent traffic survey on Gordon Street in Portgordon was discussed at length and it was appreciated that we had local residents involved in this as well as the police. The residents view that there are more and more vehicles speeding the length of the village from Stewart Street in the western tip to the eastern end of Gordon Street with wing mirrors routinely broken and many near misses. Councillor Howe will speak with Moray Council roads department re; traffic calming measures and to request on behalf of the LCC a full copy of the traffic survey that was carried out recently. This will be discussed again at next months meeting.</p> <p>From a police point of view there will be an increased presence of high visibility police cars from next week when an Anti-Social Driving Initiative begins.</p> <p>The police would also like to raise our awareness of bogus callers with doorstep crime identified as a national priority. Rogue traders can be very convincing and it is important that we immediately report any suspicious activity taking place at the home of a neighbour or family member.</p>	
3	Minutes of previous meeting approved and seconded Item 342 change 'control' to 'access'	LK RG
	Matters Arising from Minutes and any amendments to be made	
4 Matters Arising 295	Suggested that although we would be delighted to see a junior member on the LCC we shall remove this from the minutes as it has proved very difficult to get any junior reps to come to meetings	DC
318	Portgordon Harbour – The work to clear and tidy and repair the harbour area is almost complete. Further report at next months meeting	MB MH
322	Portgordon goalposts are now in position and being thoroughly enjoyed	MH

	especially that two sets of nets were gifted via LK from Elgin High that were surplus to requirements although some net repair may be required. MH has a contact for repairing nets.	LK
325	Hogweed Problem: Landfill Tax Sub Committee have a £5,000 fund for the eradication of invasive species and this amount is to be matched by the Spey Fishery Board. More information is to be sought on this. Innes Community Council have also acknowledged the Giant Hogweed problem and we may liaise with them.	MH LD
329	RG has taken delivery of the wreaths for the Remembrance Day Ceremonies. We have purchased 2 wreaths and 10 central inserts. These will be used for Anzac Day in April, Canada Day in July and Remembrance Day in November. The wreaths will be stored at Spey Bay Hall. Anzac Day is Saturday 25 th April with service at 10am at the Strike Wing Memorial at Dallachy.	RG MH
331	Problem of flooding at the Blair near Tynet caused by deforestation and ditches becoming blocked. As previously discussed the Forestry Commission need to take responsibility for the consequences of their tree felling on nearby roads and properties. Although a digger has recently cleared a length of ditch from the forestry site to Woodbine Cottage the ditch clearing ends abruptly and it is concerning that this was what had been done in the past causing the area around Auchenhalrig to be flooded as has previously happened This may be a matter that requires a letter to Richard Lochhead. It is appreciated that the Forestry Commission is 'proud of their wet woodland' but flooding of property must be prevented at all cost.	MB
332	Lennox Lane Drainage channel repaired	MB
337	Speed limit sign at East Street, Fochabers will appear shortly	DC
338	As a secretary for the LCC has not been found it was discussed at the meeting and as a trial LD will step in as minutes secretary with MB moving up from vice chairman to chairman. DC will review the correspondence and filter the relevant items and bring them to next meeting. This arrangement will be reviewed	LD MB
340	LD to contact KCR radio over an interview they requested to carry out with community council members	
341	The path from the village of Portgordon to Greenies Farm is almost impassible with the amount of sand that has blown in over the last few years and no effort has been made to clear this Right of Way. It has been requested that the community council look into this in conjunction with Moray Council. MH to speak with Ian Douglas who works with Core Paths etc at the council and will report back.	LK MH
342	LD as secretary will acquire set of keys for the notice board and post the minutes of the monthly meetings. Any local issues that you would like the community council to discuss please do not hesitate to contact the secretary, Lynn Duncan or any member of the committee.	LD
345	Two flood warning signs have been erected in Portgordon and concerned residents would like to know who and why these were put up.	MB
346	Village enhancement fund being looked into	MB
347	V.E. Day Celebrations in Portgordon – The plans are well underway with a Friday night memorial being organised around the village square.	MH

5 Correspondance		
6 Planning Applications		
7 Moray Council Business	Discussion on children and young peoples services and the rezoning of primary schools in the area. Portgordon shares head teacher with Portknockie.	MH
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AOCB	Letter from local Portgordon resident thanking LCC for getting road fixed as they had requested.	MB
	Steps from village hall to the school in Portgordon are becoming very slippy as trees overhang and this is a damp area due to natural springs and waterways. This has been noted but not sure if an easy solution can be found.	MB MH
	Complaints from Portgordon residents about amount of dog dirt on pavement especially around the primary school area. Community Warden to be contacted about this.	MB
	There is a yellow cycle path sign in Portgordon at a junction and nearby residents have complained that it blocks their view as it is too low on the post.	MB

Next Meeting will be at Clochan School Hall at 7pm on Wednesday 29th April 2015