

## LENNOX COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Clochan Village Hall at 7pm on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Present, Maureen Burrows, Lynn Duncan, Robert Gray, Liz Knight, Audrey Johnson, Mike Reid, Donald Cameron, Alison Hook

Also present was Susan Lane and Community Warden Andrew Mackie

Apologies: Douglas Ross, Margo Howe, Maxine Horne, Peter Horton Chris Campbell

Absent: Mike Thomas Sean Morton

2	Police Report	Apologies from Sergeant Ali Bruce as there are staffing shortages so he may not be able to send anyone to our meeting. However the Police Report was discussed.	
3		Minutes of previous meeting approved and seconded with correction of the nets for the goal posts at Portgordon playing field being donated by Elgin High School not Elgin Academy.	AH LK
		Matters Arising from Minutes and any amendments to be made	
4	Matters Arising	.Email to inform Gordon Street residents that we cannot answer the road traffic survey queries as promised at this meeting as we had no local councillors at this meeting but it will be addressed at next meeting.	LD
318		Portgordon Harbour – Still a lot of shingle in piles which should have been removed as part of the clean up. There is no work going on at the moment so MB and LK will ask the harbour board for an update	MB LK
325		Giant Hogweed – Keep this on the minutes till we find out if there is any funding available to deal with it.	
329		Anzac Day Memorial went well but with a poor turnout from surrounding villages. Posters had been put up on village noticeboards but might try to put them up sooner next year and mention it in village magazines.	LD
331		Richard Lohead met with members of Community council to discuss the ongoing problem of flooding at the Blair , Tynet caused by the Forestry Commissions deforestation causing ditches to block. A meeting is to be arranged at the site with forestry commissioners.	MB MH
340		KCR –Planned interview is to be postponed due to illness at the radio station.	
341		Sand blowing in on the road to Greenies Farm, Portgordon. Councillors to speak with Moray Council to resolve the problem.	
345		Solar powered flood warning signs which appeared last month in two locations in Portgordon have caused confusion as to why they were erected and why local residents knew nothing about it.It is felt that they are unnecessary.	
346		Village Enhancement Fund application fund form for area within the catchment area of Buckie High School has been handed in to the	

	Lampie Hoose in Portgordon.	
347	VE Day Celebrations in Portgordon are weel underway with a service at the square on Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May at 7pm and Saturday night sees a Gala Evening in the village hall with a 'Big Band Stovie Dance'	
348	Steps leading from the school down to the bottom of the brae are very slippy with leaves etc from overhanging trees and boggy surrounding area Solution required before it gets more dangerous.	
349	Dog Fouling is especially a problem around the School area in Portgordon and along the railway line.As bad are the dog walkers who use 'poo bag' then leave them along the path. This was discussed with the community warden. There is a £40 fine for not cleaning up dog mess and an £80 fine for leaving litter. It is important that members of the community feel no guilt at naming and shaming the culprits. This is a problem that must be addressed and stopped. Certain areas in Moray are organising 'Clean-up Days' which should be encouraged locally. There has also been a huge increase in the amount of rubbish on the Speyside Way that has blown there from the Landfill Site. It is hanging on tree branches, lying over the path and stuck along fences. This will be brought up with councillors next month.	
5 Correspondance	Training Days have been offered for community councillors over the following months. Principles of Participation for Community Groups' and 'Conflict Avoidance and Resolution' Regional Marine Planning meeting in Inverness to be attended by MR	
6 Planning Applications		
7 Moray Council Business	No councillors in attendance.	
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AOCB	Maureen Burrows will step into Chairpersons role with Mike Reid as vice-chair and Lynn Duncan will be secretary. Correspondance will be addressed by Donald Cameron. Husky training in the Deer Park near Fochabers was brought to notice when a local walker lost a dog recently when it took fright on coming across the huskies and sleds. It was asked if there is a demand for signs to be put in place by the husky owners warning walkers that they are in the area. Discussion took place re the plans by local builder to develop 50 sites at south end of Ordiequish Road, Fochabers. It was felt that the increase in traffic on East Street would be a concern as well as at the Murrayfield bridge.This narrow section is already a traffic concern.There was also concern about the narrowness of the Ordiequish Road pavement with many more pedestrians including children. The lack of parking and development of the plans for new shop area in High Street were also discussed. 'Speyside Way' sign at end of Stewart Street in Portgordon needs replaced. Jemma Campbell has decided to abandon plans for land, plots and boat shed development. She was disappointed it came to this and wished	

	any future plans the best of luck. It is to be sold by auction this month	

Next Meeting will be at Milnes High School in Fochabers at 7pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May