

LENNOX COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Spey Bay Hall at 7pm on Wednesday 24th June 2015

Present, Lynn Duncan, Mike Reid, Donald Cameron, Liz Knight, Chris Campbell, Robert Gray, Sue Lane, Margo Howe, Audrey Johnson, Sgt Bruce, Peter Horton.

Apologies: Maureen Burrows, Mike Thomas, Maxine Horne, Alison Hook, Douglas Ross

Absent:

2 Police Report	14 Crimes reported in the area – mostly road traffic offences and vandalism. A spike in break-ins around Lhanbryde and Garmouth over a couple of nights (hairdressers and shop)	
3	Minutes of previous meeting approved and seconded Proposed by AJ and seconded by LK	
	Matters Arising from Minutes and any amendments to be made Speed Review in Portgordon. There have been speed checks taking place in the area and figures will be available at the next LCC Meeting	
4 Matters Arising	.	
318	Portgordon Harbour – The harbour is still closed to boats and the shingle banks that was mentioned in last months meeting is not the cause for the delay in the harbour opening. Pier on other side of harbour is now in a very poor state of repair and is in danger of falling down and as this is a safety issue the harbour will remain closed until it is made safe. Rectifying this issue is not imminent	
325	.Giant Hogweed – Work is being carried out and will be ongoing until the £15,000 runs out. Major issue with the hogweed in several parts of our area and doubt that the money involved will be a fraction of what is required to make serious effort to eradicate it.	
331	Flooding at the Blair, Tynet. – Meeting with Mr Thomson from Forestry Commission - Although acknowledging that reinstating the ditches would alleviate the flooding problem they did not have the resources to carry this out! Flooding at Tulloch Moss – Moray Council will check the drains to see if they are choked and should be able to clear them.	
341	Sand filling in the track from Slackend Farm to Portgordon – LD to speak with Smiths Gore about clearing the build up of sand.	
345	Flood warning signs in Portgordon. – Councillor Ross to investigate their removal.	
346	Village Enhancement Fund for Portgordon – SL to speak with staff at The Lampie Hoose to see if they are interested in a project.	
347	Cleaning of area around the square in Portgordon – Although not unhappy to help LCC would like to know more about what exactly is to be cleaned and the methods to be used. Also require to know who owns the square. Councillor Howe to look into ownership.	
348	Cleaning and upkeep including drainage of the steps in Portgordon from Richmond Terrace heading down the brae. Councillor Howe to speak	

	with relevant officer at Moray Council. School steps are to be adopted shortly by Moray Council.	
349	Complaints about dog mess left on streets. – Encourage reporting to the community warden or to the police if this is witnessed. LCC will make enquiries about getting posters for village notice boards with relevant contact numbers. This had happened effectively in the past. Also make dog-poo bags available free of charge at local library or similar buildings.	
352	Spey Bay Play Area – Site is cleared and new equipment on its way. Official opening is planned with a family fun day on 29 th August. The Comedy night held last month in the Spey Bay Village Hall was very successful and another event is planned for later in the year.	
353	Many Fochabers residents enquiring why the speed limit between the Spey Bay roundabout and the entrance to Gordon Castle (Start of Fochabers village) is 30mph. Many requests that this is increased to 40mph as there is wide pavements and few pedestrians in this area. Also no evidence of any traffic queuing in either direction.	
354	Complaint about hedge in Westmorland street encroaching on pavement. Councillor Ross to discuss with roads department.	
355	Can we reduce the length of the double yellow lines at the chemists shop and at Scotmid? Is there a statutory minimum distance from each junction.	
356	Confirmation on action required about LCC members who do not attend meetings over several months. We would like to encourage new blood into the community council as well as regular attendance at our monthly meetings.	
5 Correspon- Dance 357	Letter of complaint for Spey Bay resident about the untidiness around the Spey Bay Hotel and car park area. It was requested that a public meeting be arranged. LCC decided that the first step was to encourage a discussion to be held with the developer, the owner and the resident to see if concerns can be addressed before a public meeting is convened. Councillor Howe to alert Moray Council Environmental Health to visit the Hotel building.	
358	Planning has been passed by Moray Council for 49 houses on Ordiequish Road, Fochabers despite concerns over planning conditions. LCC will write to council planning dept to say how disappointed we are that our local councillors views were disregarded. Councillor Howe expressed views highlighted through the community council about lack of planning conditions and infrastructure. The narrow pavement down Ordiequish Road from the Development to the area of the Playing Fields and the narrowness of the road especially at the Murrayfield bridge. The danger of the road along East Street has been discussed regularly at LCC meetings over the last few years with increased traffic a major problem without taking into account the increased construction traffic and traffic from 49 households.	
6 Planning Applications	Application for residential site adjacent to Wellheads Croft –LCC object to this application	
7 Moray Council	Institute Hall in Fochabers – Community Asset Transfer from Moray Council was passed today. £150,000	

Business	Councillor Howe put forward a case for the buildings upkeep having been neglected in the past by its landlord and repairs that should have been carried out in the past were overlooked.	
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AOCB	Rumours in Portgordon that the only shop in the village may be closing is concerning.	

Next Meeting will be at Portgordon School Annexe on Wednesday 26th August at 7pm