

Portknockie Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 14th December 2015

Present: Fraser Weir, John Herd, Bert Reid, Tony Barnes, Andy Dewar, Diane Anderson and Angela Mair.

Fraser welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies

Angela Mair

2. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were proposed and seconded.

3. Police Matters

1. LOCAL INTEREST INFORMATION

Since the previous meeting there have been 65 reports of crimes being committed within the area covered by Buckie Police officers. Of these 27 have been detected, while enquires are still on-going with 35 of these recorded crimes and following enquiry 3 were found to be 'no crime'. Of these recorded crimes only two of these relates to the Portknockie Community Council area.

Theft

Between 06/11/2015 and 14/11/2015 a boat was stolen from Portknockie harbour. A male has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal in relation to this crime.

Between 1200 hours on 28/11/2015 and 1200 hours on 08/12/2015, two lobster boxes which were suspended beneath the pontoon at Portknockie Harbour were stolen by cutting the padlocks off and removing lobsters from within.

2. FEEDBACK ON POLICE ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO MATTERS RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil

3. DETAILS OF ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO LOCAL PRIORITIES

We have listened to your concerns and are working hard to make improvements in the Portknockie area.

1. ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

You told us that rowdy, drunken and disorderly behaviour was occurring within your community.

We continue to carry out frequent visits to licensed premises in your community to deter drink-fuelled violent or anti-social behaviour. We regularly carry out high visibility patrols in areas known to be hot spots for criminal behaviour in order to deter offending and provide community reassurance.

2. ROAD SAFETY

You told us speeding motorists and other forms of antisocial driving were causing you concern.

We have responded to your concerns by targeting areas identified to us for action by local officers assisted by our colleges from Roads Policing. We have acted against inconsiderate and antisocial drivers, issuing warnings under the relevant antisocial behaviour legislation and seizing vehicles where appropriate over the previous periods.

3. DISHONESTY

You told us of your concerns about housebreakings and other forms of theft, including theft from motor vehicles.

We have participated in national and local initiatives to detect offenders linked with this type of criminality. We continue to provide a high visibility patrol presence on the streets and engage with local partners to identify and deal with this problem.

4. DRUG MISUSE

You told us that drug misuse and drug dealing was of concern.

4. Matters Arising

Fraser introduced Brenda Wood, a member of the Heritage Centre, to the group. She had taken a walk around Jenny's Well in August 2015 and discovered there was no water flowing, the pipe is blocked and water is running into land around the well creating a bog. Photos were shown to the group. Brenda estimated that about 6ft of 4" drainage pipe would be required to fix the problem. Moray Council are taking no responsibility for the well. Brenda has since phoned Community Payback and a path has now been cleared by their volunteers. During the clean up the volunteers found it would be easy to access the old pipe by lifting some stones. Following this it has been agreed that Cullen House will provide 2 workers to change the pipe and lift the boulders. They will be at the well at 8.30am on Thursday morning. Brenda will contact Community Payback to organise a twice yearly clear up of the path.

Andy has sent a letter to Moray Council regarding the traffic speed reduction issues in the town and has received no reply to date. If no reply is forthcoming Andy will send another letter to Moray Council and contact Alan Beresford to raise the issue in the local press.

5. Matters for Elected Members

6. Correspondence

All correspondence has been e-mailed to everyone.

7. Treasurer's Report

8. AOCB

Bert Reid advised us that the Sea School in Cullen is now fully functional and has a page on Facebook. All ages are being encouraged to attend

The next meeting will be held in the Snug at the McBoyle Hall on Monday 11th January at 7pm.