

LENNOX COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Clochan Village Hall at 7pm On Wednesday 24th February 2016

Present: Lynn Duncan, Mike Reid, Scott Sliter, Donald Cameron, Robert Gray, Councillor Margo Howe, Maxine Horne, Sue Lane.

Apologies: Maureen Burrows, Alison Hook, Chris Campbell, Councillor Douglas Ross, Trish Cameron Milnes High School Head Teacher.

Absent: Mike Thomas

2 Police Report	A total of 20 crimes and offences were recorded in the Fochabers Policing Section and 3 reported incidents in Portgordon. Of these, 10 have been detected whilst 13 remain undetected. Of the undetected, there are positive lines of enquiry relating to 6 investigations. The crimes and offences reported since the last meeting are varied and include fraud, thefts, theft by housekeeping, vandalism, assaults and a range of road traffic offences.	
3	Minutes of previous meeting approved and seconded Approved by Donald Cameron and seconded by Robert Gray.	
318	Matters Arising from Minutes and any amendments to be made: The build-up of stone in and around the harbour area in Portgordon should be referred to as shingle and not shale. The cost of the dredging of the harbour should be put at £30,000 rather than £20,000 as stated.	SS
4 Matters Arising		
318	Portgordon Harbour; There is an increasing amount of shingle build up in front of Lennox Place and now encroaching on Stewart Place is causing concern among residents. It is forming a natural ramp against the sea wall which would reduce the effect of the sea wall during high tides or storms.	SS WH
341	The Slackend Farm Road in Portgordon has not yet had the sand cleared to allow better access. This was to be cleared over the winter months by the Crown Estates.	WH
347	The ownership of Portgordon Square is still unclear. Crown Estates have been investigating but it was decided by Lennox Community Council to write to the Queen to ask if she might help. Watch this space!	
364	The cutting of the strip of grass along the Bogmoor to Spey Bay Road is cut out of courtesy by the Crown but the verge is owned by the Moray Council. There was also concern about overhanging branches.	CC
365	Upgrade of road B9016 at Enzie Braes. Moray Council have set aside money in the 10year plan to complete improvements.	MH
366	Photos and complaints from Portgordon residents were passed to Councillor Howe. It was understood that an assurance was given that no work traffic for this project would use the old railway bridge. LCC have asked Councillor Howe to obtain a copy of the Traffic	MH

	<p>Management Plan to clarify the movement of lorries around this area of Portgordon.</p> <p>It is disappointing that the residents of Portgordon were not afforded the courtesy of being informed that there would be an increase in heavy traffic.</p> <p>The other item associated with this is the old caravan that has been deteriorating in the corner of the field.</p>	
367	<p>Although a request was made to Transport Scotland for improved signage at the bottom of Fochabers Bypass to SLOW drivers before entering the Spey Bay roundabout. What they have done is paint in two lanes on bypass just before roundabout which is no help when the exit is only one lane.</p>	LD
369	<p>Pam Gowans of Moray Health and Social Care Partnership will attend the March meeting of Lennox Community Council in Milnes High School.</p>	LD
372	<p>Councillor Howe will organise the provision of a wreath for the Anzac/Gallipoli Day service at Dallachy Memorial. This will take place on Monday 25th April – More information on next months minutes.</p>	MH
376	<p>Park Bench in the Bicentenary Park which had deteriorated is to be replaced by the family of David and Geraldine Lipp who donated the original one. They also donated £200 to the village association.</p>	DC
377	<p>A Roads engineer from Moray Council made a site visit to the road on East Street at its junction of Duncan Avenue due to concerns about the visibility of traffic at this area and their speed. It was agreed that the removal or reduction in height of some of the scrub/trees and hedging would improve sign lines for traffic exiting Duncan Avenue but would also improve the forward visibility for vehicles on the farm road negotiating the left hand entering East Street and very likely increase vehicle speeds. Recorded vehicle speeds monitored in October 2014 were very low with a mean speed of 16mph and 85% at 20mph similarly in both directions.</p>	DC
378	<p>Mr David Malpas of Moray Council Roads Department is to be invited to our next meeting to explain the reasoning behind the two Flood signs in Portgordon and their location. It was previously stated in the minutes that the residents did not want the signs and have requested their removal.</p>	MB
379	<p>Request for additional large bins on the route to Milnes High School to encourage students to keep Fochabers tidy.</p>	DR
380	<p>Hedge in Charlotte Street – Site visit will have taken place</p>	DR
381	<p>Concern over cars regularly parking on the pavement opposite the Spey Bay Hall necessitating pedestrians to walk on the road.</p>	CC
382	<p>'No Dogs' signs on fields around Spey Bay – The field in question is sown with crop and farmer is concerned about amount of dog excrement left by the frequent dog walkers.</p>	CC
384	<p>Dog Fouling being left in the streets is rearing its ugly head again – Please if you know of a dog owner who does not pick up the mess REPORT THEM. This is the only way to deal with this.</p> <p>On this subject of picking up dog mess – If you are walking your dog in the countryside or in the woods consider the 'stick and flick' method rather than leaving used poo bags on country pathways or worse</p>	

	hanging on trees as has been seen recently.	
385	The unoccupied house in Portgordon with the derelict garage was inspected by Environmental Health officers and although they agreed it was unsightly it was not in a dangerous condition so nothing to be done about it meantime. It is however listed on the derelict houses in Moray list.	MB
386	Puppy farming in Portgordon? Under investigation.	MB
387	The steps in question in Portgordon do get cleared of leaves by the council but there are many natural springs on this brae and nothing can be done about the regular amount of water (and Ice) on them.	
388	The ground churned up behind the old railway station in Portgordon after recent council work is to be tidied up and reinstated.	MB
389	The cones put out by a resident in Crown Street each day by a resident in Crown Terrace area of Portgordon is to be mentioned to the police.	MB
391	In last months meeting it was mentioned that some trees in an area of Portgordon had been cut down – keep on till next month till CC member can attend meeting to inform of location.	MB
5 Correspondance	Dealt with at meeting. Request from KC Radio to come to future meeting.	
6 Planning Applications	1 Erect dwelling house with integral double garage and standalone single garage on plot 5 at Enzie Station, Clochan 2 Erect new single storey study and studio block in the grounds of Wildwood, Fochabers (appears to be near Den Farm) 3 Alterations to build up door to form window and replace front door at 54 High Street, Fochabers.	
7 Moray Council Business	Budgets decided and now in place	MH
8		
AOCB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At last months meeting a short presentation was given by Karen Delaney on the preparations for the 60th anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh awards. It was considered that an area in Fochabers near the new pond (Spey Bay Roundabout area) might be used to lay bounders and information plaques. LCC will write to Karen asking that they also consider an area in the Bicentenary Park that we think would also be ideal and is on the Speyside Way so walkers will be able to stop en- route and not make a detour to the pond area. 2. A query was made regarding the meeting and arranged by Morlich Homes in Fochabers on Tuesday 2nd February to show plans for their proposed development. This meeting was advertised and promoted including in the Northern Scot and was well attended. Banffshire Advertiser also attended. Anyone who did not manage to attend will find details on Morlich Homes website and on their facebook page. John Main of Morlich Homes has already spoken with individuals who did not manage to attend and has emails them plans etc. He is also very willing to discuss any queries anyone may have if they wish to contact him. 3. Concern that the No 34 (Kingston/Garmouth/Lhanbryde) bus service is to be cut and this may affect some residents in the 	LD DC MH

	<p>Lennox area. There will be a meeting in March to discuss the effect of this proposed cut.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Donald Cameron attended Februarys Joint Community Council meeting and gave a summary of what took place.5. Expenses paid to Mike Reid of £100.80	DC
--	---	----

Next Meeting will be at Milnes High School in Fochabers at 7pm on Wednesday 30th March 2016