

LENNOX COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Milnes High School, Fochabers on 29th March 2016

Present: Maureen Burrows, Lynn Duncan, Scott Sliter, Chris Campbell, Donald Cameron, Sue Lane, Mike Reid, Councillor Howe, Councillor Ross, Community Warden Christopher Haywood

Apologies: Robert Gray, Alison Hook, Maxine Horne, Trish Cameron- Head Teacher Milnes High

Absent:

Also in attendance: Pam Gowans Chief Officer Moray Health Care +Health Social Care Partnership, Dave Malpas Moray Council Senior Roads Dept Engineer, Concerned Castlehill Residents re council planning application

	<p>Pam Gowans was invited to give us a brief talk on the integration of the of health and social care with the new public body formed between council and the NHS so all resources will come together under the one body with budgets pooled together. This should improve efficiency across the board with all council and nhs employees working together as one joint team rather than restrictions of “not my job” This new partnership should be more efficient and will engage more with the public. Any issues we have Pam will be happy to discuss. A short question and answer session then followed.</p> <p>It was then decided to address the concerns of the residents around the area in Castlehill Road which Moray Council has just applied for planning for 2 houses. The residents have written objections to this as they will lose the area of grassland in front of their homes and then be overlooked by the proposed development. They also voiced concern that there is already a lack of parking in the area and this would exacerbate the problem. It was the residents belief that when the Slorachs Brae development went ahead there was an agreement that this piece of amenity land would be kept as such and the residents feel this is important. It is enjoyed by all ages whether as a play area for children or for a pleasant view for older or disabled residents to look onto.</p> <p>Councillors Ross and Howe took email addresses of some of the representatives and will email them with further information. The councillors will also approach the planning department to discuss.</p> <p>Item 378 was then discussed with Mr Dave Malpas of Moray Council Roads Department who attended the meeting to address a few concerns which had been raised recently.</p> <p>Residents of Portgordon are not happy with the Flood Warning signs and their positioning as they are at the bottom of the brae so that by the time a motorist saw them they would already be in the floodwater</p>	
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	<p>and there is no road or area offering a turning point. Surely the logical position for Flood Warning signs would be on higher ground to allow the motorist to take evasive action.</p> <p>It was agreed after discussion that the signs would be removed and at times of high tides the Highways Staff or the police would put up warning road signs so the safety of motorists would be maintained and no drivers would be put at risk.</p> <p>Item 381 concerning vehicles parking on the pavement opposite the Spey Bay Hall and also the introduction of a reduced speed limit from Bogmoor to the Hall was discussed. With the new playpark at the hall as well as increased traffic on this stretch of road it was felt that the 60mph was a concern and that perhaps a 30mph would be safer. Dave Malpas felt that it was difficult for the roads department to justify speed restrictions in the rural area with so few houses. Mr Malpas did agree to do a data study on speed in this area and will report back. The speed limit at Bogmoor is 40mph and Mr Malpas said the roads department could not justify reducing this to 30mph.</p>	
2 Police Report	The police report was read over at the meeting. Community Warden, Christopher Haywood in attendance but no police officers.	
3	Minutes of previous meeting approved and seconded Approved by Donald Cameron and seconded by Scott Sliter	
	Matters Arising from Minutes and any amendments to be made	
4 Matters Arising		
318	Shingle around Portgordon harbour area seems to have lessened and has been shifted by the tides.	SS
341	Sand to be shifted from the Slackend farm road still to be cleared by the Crown as previously agreed.	WH
347	A letter was received from the Portfolio coordinator for Crown Estates to say that they do not own the square and perhaps the Moray Council own it after all.	
364	Overhanging branches on the Bogmoor to Spey Bay Road have still to be cut back as previously discussed.	CC
366	There is a traffic management plan in place where vehicles coming and leaving the site in Portgordon should do so from the west side of village. Ugly abandoned caravan still to be dealt with in corner of field at end of Stewart Street.	MB
372	Wreath arranged by Joy Malcolm, chairperson of Spey Bay Hall for the Anzac memorial day on Monday 25 th April at 10am at Dallachy Strikewing Memorial. The whisky barrel planters require upgrading or repair. This will be discussed at next months meeting.	LD MH
379	Request for additional large size litter bins in Fochabers between the High Street and the High School. Still waiting to hear if this is possible	LD DR
380	Hedge in Charlotte Street, Fochabers – site visit took place by Moray Council. Nothing further to be done. Remove from Minutes.	
384	Dog Fouling . There seems to be an increase in irresponsible dog owners in every area – This was addressed by our community warden who again asked for the publics help – If you see an owner not cleaning	

	up behind their pet then please report them. The fine has now increased from £40 to £80. We shall have posters shortly to display in various notice boards in the area.	
391	The trees that were recently cut down in Portgordon at the Bowling Green were diseased.	
385	Unoccupied house in Portgordon which is becoming a safety issue and is an ongoing problem. Has been inspected by council official. In present state it does not pose a danger and therefore no action will be taken at the moment.	MB
5 Correspondance	This was read over by DC and discussed at meeting.	DC
6 Planning Applications		
7 Moray Council Business	Good to hear that thanks to our councillors the local bus service No34 which Stagecoach withdrew from service will now continue to run and subsidised by Moray Council. Western Link Road through Elgin has had the plans cancelled.	DR MH
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AOCB	386 - CC suggested that Lennox Community Council sponsor a prize at Milnes High School. This will be discussed further at next months meeting. 387 - Keith Community Radio to be contacted re: a request made for a member of the community council to be interviewed on our role. 388 -Suggested that Lennox Community Council adopt a FB page – It was agreed that this would be looked at a lot more than the LCC website page.	CC CC

Next Meeting will be in the Spey Bay Hall at 7pm on Wednesday 27th April.