

LENNOX COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Spey Bay on Wednesday 27th April 2016

Present: Maureen Burrows, Robert Gray, Lynn Duncan, Scott Sliter, Chris Campbell, Donald Cameron, Alison Hook, Michael Reid, Sue Lane, Student Rep Rachel Stoker, Councillor Margo Howe, Councillor Douglas Ross.

Apologies: Maxine Horne, Peter Horton, Trish Cameron-Head Teacher at Milnes High School

Absent:

Also in attendance:

	Youth Representative Business: On Saturday 14 th May Milnes High School Parents Council are holding a coffee morning for school funds and would appreciate all support.	
2 Police Report	Between 26 th March and 31 st March two thefts by housebreaking took place at rural properties where a number of items were stolen. The individual responsible was traced a short time later by responding officers. Local officers are aware that rural properties can be targets for such crimes and would like to make the public aware. A vehicle failed to stop following a road traffic collision on Fochabers High Street. Sergeant Alan Milton has now taken over from Sergeant Thomas Gorman.	
3	Minutes of previous meeting proposed by Chris Campbell and seconded by Donald Cameron	
	Matters Arising from Minutes and any amendments to be made	
4 Matters Arising		
341	Sand build up on the road from the village of Portgordon to Slackend Farm is still needing to be removed as agreed previously by the Crown Commissioners at SavillsSmithGore	WH
347	Discussion again took place as to the ownership of Portgordon Square. This investigation came about as enquiries had been made about cleaning the area. It may be that ownership of the square was held by the now non-existent Banff County Council.	MH
364	Overhanging tree branches have yet to be cut as the review of all trees on the Fochabers Estate has not begun yet.	CC
366	Concerns of heavy traffic at the West side of Portgordon accessing the work site seems to have improved with the traffic management system in place. Still concern that the abandoned caravan in field at the west corner of the village is an eyesore. Ownership is being sought.	SS
372	Anzac Day memorial took place on 25 th April – poor attendance but it was a very cold day. RAF ran it most efficiently. Thanks must go to Keith Roads Dept team who handled the road closure during the ceremony and thanks to Audrey from Moray Council	MH LD

	<p>Roads Department for all her help in securing the correct procedures for the temporary road closure.</p> <p>Whisky barrel planters need to be inspected as it was mentioned that they are in a poor state. Treasurer to look into any funds historically left over from the funds raised when the memorial was built.</p> <p>A contact for help with funds might be Sam Thomson, Community Liaison Officer for Tesco (Buckie)</p>	LD
381	Removal of Flood Signs from Portgordon – Fund available in budget to carry this out	
379	Aware of request for bigger bins in Fochabers on the route between the High School and the High Street.	LD
381	<p>Data information from Moray Council Roads Dept after LCC request for a reduction in the speed limit at Bogmoor and at Spey Bay village Hall. It was stated that the Moray Council Roads Dept would not consider reducing the speed limit unless the number of houses in the vicinity was less than 20 and their calculation of number of properties did not amount to that number. However this is not accurate as Bogmoor does have more than 20 homes.</p> <p>The data was also questioned on the speed of vehicles passing the Spey Bay Hall – low average speed was low which was surprising with an average speed of 42mph being recorded, although there was at least 6 vehicles travelling in excess of 70mph. The Spey Bay Hall Committee are unanimous in their request that speed limit should be reduced.</p> <p>Parking on pavement near Spey Bay Hall was also discussed and this has been referred to the police with photographic evidence.</p>	CC
384	Dog Fouling – We should receive posters informing irresponsible dog owners of the fines now imposed. These will be distributed around the area to be displayed on notice boards.	
385	Unoccupied house in Station Road, Portgordon mentioned in last months minutes – Update – Building standards at Moray Council are looking into the condition of the property and are trying to trace the owners or dependants of the late owner.	MB
386	Discussion on the awarding of a prize at Milnes High School on behalf of Lennox Community Council. Chris Campbell to meet with Head Teacher	CC
387	Invitation will be extended to John Calder of Keith Community Radio to attend our next meeting.	LD
388	Facebook page to be set up by Chris Campbell for Lennox Community Council.	CC
5 Correspondence	<p>Training opportunities for community council members in Elgin</p> <p>Report from D Malpas of Moray Council Roads Dept on traffic survey at Spey Bay Hall</p> <p>Faster broadband in Moray – National Satellite Broadband Scheme for users with less than 2M</p>	
6 Planning Applications	Bungalow to be erected at adjacent to 19 Bogmoor, Spey Bay.	
7 Moray Council Business	<p>Education Committee – discussion on shared head teachers within shared ASG.</p> <p>Decided by Moray Council Planning Dept not to support the estates application for 2 houses in Castlehill Road, Fochabers</p>	MH
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389	Transport Scotland to repair wall at bypass following damage caused by accident.	
390	Request for Moray Council Roads Dept to look at the congestion on Fochabers High Street from junction at corner of East Street to junction at Westmorland Street.	MB
391	Concern in Portgordon over a fence erected by a homeowner that is on Moray Council land and causing access problem to neighbouring properties. Additional parking in Castlehill Road , phase 1, is complete. Additional parking will be provided over the next 3 years.	

Next Meeting will be in Portgordon community School Annex on Wednesday 25th May at 7pm