

LENNOX COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Portgordon School Annex on Wednesday 25th May 2016

Present: Maureen Burrows, Alison Hook, Lynn Duncan, Mike Reid, Scott Sliter, Donald Cameron, Robert Gray, Chris Campbell, Councillor Margo Howe, Trish Cameron-Head Teacher at Milnes High School and Chris Haywood- Community Warden

Apologies: Councillor Douglas, Ross Sue Lane, Peter Horton

Absent:

Also in attendance: Jennifer Garden

1	No Youth Rep due to exam leave. The school coffee morning two weeks ago was well attended and a success. Exam time now so much of the school on study leave. The community council hope that we can become more involved in the school events and will do our best to develop more involvement.	
2 Police Report	Local officers and colleagues from Roads Policing have been very proactive in terms of dealing with road traffic offences in the area. Offences included driving with only a provisional license and no 'L' plates, using a motor vehicle without insurance or tax and dangerous driving. This highlights a continued commitment to deal with road safety. Other ongoing investigations are in progress. Anyone with any information relating to controlled drugs or drug dealing please call Police Scotland on 101	
3	Minutes of previous meeting proposed by Alison Hook and seconded by Robert Gray	
	Matters Arising from Minutes and any amendments to be made: Item 381 – Should have read 'there are now <u>more</u> than 20 houses in Bogmoor area' not 'less than'	CC
4 Matters Arising		
341	Sand build up still to be cleared as agreed last year by SmithsGore-Savills on the road leading from Slackend Farm to Portgordon.	WH
347	Ownership of Portgordon Square is still unknown. As all other avenues have been proved fruitless Scott to contact Buckingham Palace for advice so we can finally remove this from the minutes.	SS
364	Overhanging branches will be dealt with once the survey of all trees on the Fochabers Estate is complete.	CC
366	Seems to be an increase in the movement of heavy vehicles again at west side of Portgordon – Green Light has just been given to the £2.6b Beatrice Oil Field Chris Haywood, Community Officer will deal with the abandoned caravan lying in the field in Portgordon next to Vimmy Ridge as it has been an eyesore for some considerable time.	

372	<p>Scott Sliter will take over the organising of the 3 memorial days with the help of other CC members.</p> <p>The wire is now in situ to hold the wreaths in place at the memorial which will be such an improvement as our wreaths were poorly secured at the last memorial day and were blown away within days.</p> <p>The half whisky barrel planters to be repaired if necessary and varnished. Hopefully we will find plants to fill them with.</p>	
381 a b	<p>The flood signs at Portgordon have still to be removed.</p> <p>There are approx. 40 houses in the Bogmoor area, a much larger number than quoted by Roads Dept Officer during unsuccessful request for speed limit along the Bogmoor area to be reduced.</p> <p>CC highlighted perhaps an even bigger issue which is the lack of a speed restriction at the area around the Spey Bay Hall. At the recent AGM at the hall there was unanimous support for a speed reduction from 60mph which it is at present. Roads Dept have agreed to have a meeting with the Hall committee to discuss. The signage also require to be reviewed and its positioning needs repositioning perhaps.</p> <p>A speed awareness campaign was also suggested.</p> <p>The car parking on the pavement next to the Spey Bay Hall is now being dealt with by the police.</p>	
379	<p>Although there is still no sign of extra or larger litter bins appearing in Fochabers especially along the route taken by High School students at lunchtimes we were assured that students due undertake regular litter picks – A volunteer group of students took part in a litter pick from Fochabers to Spey Bay filling a quantity of large bags.</p>	
384	<p>Dog Fouling is still and issue in the area and the irresponsibility of some dog owners. Posters warning of the fines will be displayed around the villages shortly. If any member of the public witnesses a dog owner not cleaning up after their dog please report it.</p>	
385	<p>Unoccupied house in Station Road, Portgordon is to be looked into by Building Standards as it is getting progressively worse and is becoming in a dangerous condition.</p>	
386	<p>Lennox Community Council agreed that it will provide and present a cup or trophy to Milnes High School and it will be awarded to a student who has shown commitment to the community in some way.</p> <p>Mrs Cameron of the school hopes this will strengthen our links between the CC and the school and is delighted to accept the prize. Chris Campbell of CC to liase with the school as to details. The school prize giving will be on 21st June and we are invited to attend.</p>	
387	<p>LD to contact KCR radio as they have requested attending one of our meetings.</p>	
388	<p>Lennox Community Council are now on Facebook! This will be a great tool for communication. Looking forward to all comments!</p>	
390	<p>Concerns about the congestion along Fochabers High Street has been made by several people – Also the width of road has been reduced by developer at site of new shop and it is thought that this is to be in position for 18 months. Also concern raised by public that cones have been put along roadside opposite which is restricting parking for residents and other shopkeepers. This will be referred to Moray Council Roads Dept</p>	
391	<p>Fence erected by a householder on Council land which is restricting</p>	

	access for other home owners is to be dealt with through Moray Council. This land dispute should be dealt with the council issuing an application for the piece of land in dispute to be bought .	
5 Correspondance	Beatrice Offshore Windfarm – Landfall at Portgordon – LCC has been invited to meet with representatives to overview plans for the onshore construction phase. LD to contact them to arrange a meeting. Letter from resident in Spey Bay with concerns about the work and demolition of Spey Bay Hotel. LD to reply.	
6 Planning Applications		
7 Moray Council Business	Margo Howe very disappointed that the work planned and budgeted for from Buckie to Keith at the Enzie Braes have been cancelled and removed from the capital budget.	MH
8 - AOCB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The domain name has been paid for our website for the next 2 years. 2. The recent complaints procedure for community councils was discussed. Although we felt on the whole it required some slight changes they were only minor. It is hoped that all CC members read through the whole document by the next meeting so we can vote on whether to adopt it or not. Members can express their thoughts on whether we require it or not. 3. Query whether the hall we were having the meeting in was deemed 'condemned' 4. Portogordon are have a party on June 4th to celebrate the Queens 90th Birthday. It will take place around the Harbour Green and will involve lots of activities including treasure hunts, picnic and disco at night. 5. Meeting in Rothes for Money For Money – Grants available -82 applications for every application with £120,000 available. 6. Do we join forces with the group organised by Jim Mackie for reps from all CC's to work together re the community funds available from windfarm projects. 7. Request made for a July meeting. Voted on and rejected. 	

Next Meeting will be in Clochan Hall at 7pm on June 29th 2016