

## LENNOX COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Clochan Hall on 29<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm

Present: Chris Campbell, Donald Cameron, Lynn Duncan, Mike Reid, Scott Sliter, Sue Lane, Councillor Howe

Apologies: Maureen Burrows, Alison Hook, Chris Haywood, Trish Cameron, Peter Horton, Robert Gray, Councillor Ross

Absent:

Also in attendance:

1	Minutes of previous meeting proposed accurate by Donald Cameron and seconded by Chris Campbell	
2	No youth business to discuss this month as students are into the summer school break.	
3 Police Report	Police Report read through by committee and discussed.	
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 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 a	We have received and sent correspondence relating to the work continuing at the pipeline at Portgordon and will be kept informed of all future developments and are happy for us to be involved in any future relevant meetings	MB
b	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	At the Dallachy Strike wing memorial fresh soil is now in the whisky barrel planters, the area around the memorial wedded and wire in place to hold the wreaths secure.	SS
381 a	Flood signs still in place in Portgordon. Moray Council Roads dept to be asked when they may be removed.	
b	Lennox Community Council still concerned about the lack of any speed restriction on the road through Bogmoor where it is felt that 40mph could be reduced and the fact that there is no speed restriction at all at the area around the Spey Bay Hall where on this straight stretch of road	

	vehicle speeds are a concern. A meeting with Dave Malpas of the MC roads department is planned and will take place shortly at the Hall where the Hall committee unanimously agreed that a speed restriction was required.	
379 + 384	Larger bins are still requested in some areas of Fochabers so that not only litter but dog fouling can be reduced in the streets. These bins are seen in other areas of Scotland and clearly marked 'Litter and Dog Waste'. Request made by mem	
385	Unoccupied house in Portgordon – Councillor Howe spoke to MC Estates Dept and a relative of the previous, now deceased owners, has been found so they will deal.	
386	Prize Giving at Milnes High School to be attended by Chris Campbell and Maureen Burrows and the new Lennox Community council Shield will be presented	
387	John Calder from KCR will attend our August meeting	
388	We now have a link to our fb page from the Moray Council website. Meeting with Jane Turner to update our list of members.	
390	Planning and Regulatory meeting were asked about the narrowing of the Fochabers High street with barriers on the pavement which were seriously adding to the congestion in the High Street. Planning Officer to have a meeting with the developer to suggest that if his men are working at the Maxwell Street side of development could the barriers not be removed. Also request that barriers are removed at weekends when no work is being carried out. The lack of parking and congestion is having a detrimental effect on local businesses and residents.	
391	Fence in Portgordon that has been erected and may be on council land and not on the boundary of the neighbouring householder.- The strip of land in dispute is owned by the council and will now become available for sale.	
393	Complaints Procedure – Felt that it could be modified slightly. Queries over the fact that we only have 7 days for actioning any problems. As we only have one meeting a month we may need more time. Mixed feelings within the CC with some members very keen to adopt this new procedure and others unhappy with it. A vote was not taken at this meeting as several members were absent but a decision will be taken at next meeting.	
394	A query regarding the structural state of the Portgordon School Annex where we hold our meetings was addressed. The building is fit for purpose.	
396	Money for Moray – Meeting held in Rothes town hall – £4,900 awarded to start up a community café in Portgordon £1800 for Portgordon xmas market £5,000 to Fochabers village assoc Rejected request for £2700 to clear up Portgordon harbour	
398	Damage to wall on Fochabers bypass to be repaired in due course by Transport Scotland.	
399	Suggestion that a bike rack/stand around Fochabers square might be useful. Councillor Howe will speak with roads dept suggesting that perhaps not at the square. It will be looked into.	

5 Correspondance	New mast may be erected on land above Portgordon. Community council grant now banked Community choices fund –applications now open	
6 Planning Applications	Garage demolished at Crossroads Change of use to Fitness studio at unit 3 , The Nurseries, Fochabers 11/2 storey house at Plot 4 Broadley House, garage and detached garage at plot 5 Station house , Clochan	
7 Moray Council Business	Councillor Howe gave a report. Unaudited accounts at council. Warnings that the administration will need to be very 'canny' in their spending. More cutbacks will be required. Cutting of grass verges etc will only take place twice in a year.	MH
8 - AOCB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The recent complaints procedure for community councils was discussed. Although we felt on the whole it required some slight changes they were only minor. Some members were keen to adopt while others were against it. 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.</li> <li>2. Sue Lane requested that our next meeting takes place in Portgordon Village Hall so that we can view the map and priority plans which have been set in place by the Portgordon 'Planning for Real'</li> </ol>	

Next Meeting will be in Portogordon Village Hall at 7pm on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August