

Portknockie Community Council  
Minutes of meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2016

**Present** – Cathleen Harper, Angela Mair, Gladys MacKenzie, Andrew Dewar, Bert Reid, Diane Anderson and Cllr. Ron Shepherd.

In the absence of a Chair and the Vice Chair the meeting was chaired by Angela Mair.

Sophia MacDonald introduced herself to the group. She has lived in Cullen for twenty years and is a passionate environmentalist. She has noticed that the coastal path leading from the beach to Jenny's Well is in a disgusting state due to dog bags, litter etc. The cave beside the beach is also full of rubbish. She has already put up a "friendly" sign at the Cullen side of the beach asking people to take their litter/dog bags home and this has had moderate success. The council decided to try the same approach at the Portknockie end and laminated signs will be erected at the start of the walk at the head of the cliff leading down to Jenny's Well. If this is successful a more durable plastic sign could be put up.

**1. Apologies**

John Herd and Elaine Davidson

**2. Minutes**

The minutes from the last meeting were proposed by Bert Reid and seconded by Gladys MacKenzie.

**3. Matters Arising**

Bob Croucher has informed Gladys that a sign at the harbour has been vandalised.

There is still a trailer lying at the top of the harbour. Colin Mowat will be contacted about this.

Elaine Davidson has resigned as Vice Chair due to work commitments.

**4. Police Matters**

No police in attendance.

**5. Matters for Elected Members**

The potholes in Admiralty Street, Seafield Street, at the Square and on the road leading down from the Seafield Hall are all getting worse. Cllr. Shepherd asked to look into the matter.

Andy asked Cllr. Shepherd about Asset Transfers and who could be contacted in Moray Council with regards to handing over the lease from Moray Council to Portknockie Bowling/Tennis Club. Cllr Shepherd gave details of a contact to Andy.

**6. Correspondence**

Correspondence was discussed. A thank you card was received from Tony Barnes. The council has received paperwork from Moray Council about “Bridging the Gap” and this is available for members to read.

**7. Treasurers Report**

Bank Balance - £1238.60. Grant from Moray Council has been received. Sandy Laing received £100 for work on the paddling pool.

**8. AOCB**

Andy Dewar asked about the procedures when the Chair/Vice Chair is not here. As Elaine Davidson has resigned as Vice Chair the Council decided to elect a new person for this role. Andy Dewar was proposed by Gladys and seconded by Kathleen.

Fraser Milton is keen to become a member of the Community Council and he will be invited along to the next meeting.

Portknockie Community Association are keen to lend out the mower and strimmer currently held in the McBoyle Hall. They would like it to be signed out when in use. Bert Reid will look into the possibility of storing the mower and strimmer in his shed.

The next meeting will be held in the Snug at the McBoyl Hall on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.