

LENNOX COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Spey Bay Hall on Wednesday 28th September 2016

Present: Maureen Burrows, Lynn Duncan, Robert Gray, Sue Lane, Alison Hook, Donald Cameron, Councillor Margo Howe and Head Teacher of Milnes High School, Trish Cameron

Apologies: Douglas Ross MSP, Peter Horton

Absent:

Also in attendance: Christine Lester

1	Minutes of previous meeting to be approved:- 406 – Up to 10 motorhomes can be seen regularly parked at Tugnet although actual numbers throughout the year are not known. Mr Bowie of Spey Bay Caravan Site had also expressed his concern that the facilities were being used by these campers. Previous minutes approved by Chris Campbell and seconded by Alison Hook.	
Youth Representatives	We are expecting three students from Milnes High School to become youth reps. Maureen Burrows and Lynn Duncan are to arrange to meet with the students at the school in the near future to speak about the role of the community council.	
2 Police Report	The police report was available online for all members to read. There is an ongoing national media campaign focused on Child Sexual Exploitation including online child abuse and grooming.	
3 Matters Arising		
341	Email from Crown Estates to say that the clearing of the sand on the road from Slackend Farm to Tannachy Terrance in Portgordon is still on the agenda and will be completed when time permits.	
347	The ownership of Portgordon Square is still to be decided.	
364	Branches still overhanging some of the footpath at Bogmoor.	
366	Remove from minutes	
366b	Unightly caravan still in field on edge of Portgordon. Community Warden to report back.	
381b	Meeting in Spey Bay Hall to discuss the requested speed restrictions. Richard Lochhead attended and will speak to the police commissioner as well as the transport minister. Suggestion of speed activated signs.	
387	Chair of LCC was interviewed by KCR	
399	Bike Rack in Fochabers Square. Suggested positioning next to the phone box.	
400	Phone Mast to be erected at Mains of Tannachy farm, Portgordon.	
404	Rural Parliament – Community Council Survey 2016	
405	Although as a community council we did not attend the meeting in Garmouth with NHS we are still able to contribute to the Patient Participatory Forum (Healthcare Scotland)	

406	The Crown Estate does own the land at Tugnet where the overnight parking of motorhomes has been taking place and signs will be erected. re: 'no overnight parking and no dumping of litter etc.,'	
407	Remembrance Day this year will be Sunday 13 th November with services at Fochabers War Memorial at 2.30pm, Bellie Cemetery at 3pm and Dallachy Strike wing Memorial at 3.15pm. There will be a temporary road closure at Bogmoor from 3.15 till 3.45pm for the service with traffic diverted through The Muir, Bogmoor.	
408	Reminder to all LCC members to regularly check the GMX website to access all correspondence and notices etc	
409	Still concern about the restrictions to vehicles sign erected at the rear of Gordon Street, Portgordon.	
411	Many residents of Fochabers and surrounding area have expressed concern over the closure of the Post Office in the Co-op and the provision of PO services at one of the tills at front of shop. Only certain staff are P.O. trained so extended opening times has proved not to be the case unless the trained staff are on shift. Lack of privacy is also an issue as well as poor signage so shoppers are confused as to where to queue.	
412	Bank of Scotland may be offering an mobile branch in Fochabers but no details as yet.	
414	John Wright was proposed by Lynn Duncan and seconded by Alison Hook to be co-opted onto the Lennox Community Council . We are delighted to welcome him and should any other residents of the Lennox area interested in joining please contact a committee member.	
415	Auchenhalrig Red Phone Box. Christine Lester, a resident of Auchenhalrig highlighted the proposed plan by BT to remove several hundred phone boxes from around the country. A poster was put up in the phone boxes indicating that the public had 42 days to contact their council during the consultation process. As the mobile phone signal is poor in the vicinity of the phone box LCC will support them.	
Correspondence	Beatrice Offshore Windfarm has asked for reps to attend meeting in Keith on 19 th October. Two members of LCC to attend. Special JCC meeting to discuss police coverage in the area on 13 th Oct- LCC member to attend. A96 dualling Hardmuir to Fochabers display to be in Bellie Church Hall on Tuesday 4 th October Blocked Drain opposite Floods Farmhouse at Tugnet causing flooding on road during heavy rain.	
Planning Applications	3 bedroom bungalow in Christie Place, Fochabers House and garage on site at Burniebank Cottage, Clochan Peat Kiln at Portgordon Maltings	
Moray Council Business	Unaudited accounts approved. Community Engagement Exercise took place today covering several diverse issues involving pupils, over 60's, business community and Moray Council. Heather Stanning also presented with the Freedom of Moray at a ceremony	

AOCB	<p>Donald Cameron proposed that Lennox Community Council be split into two separate community council areas. With Portgordon and Clochan having its own CC and Fochabers and Spey Bay joining to form one. This was discussed and although members were unsure whether it was a decision we could make it was agreed to vote and if supported to go to the council.</p> <p>The motion was proposed by Donald Cameron but was not seconded by any of the members and received no support. Donald Cameron had his dissent recorded.</p>	
416	<p>Some trees on the central grass grounds in Burnbank, Fochabers look as if the lower branches would benefit from a trim. Also mention of some overhanging branches to the rear of properties near Abbeyfield House in Fochabers. Moray Council notified.</p>	
417	<p>Contractor working on the pipeline in the Clochan area has taken to parking vehicles on the road and being very reluctant to move to allow traffic to pass. This is a main road running from the Enzie Braes to Tynet and regularly blocking the road is not acceptable. This is to be followed up by Councillor Howe.</p>	

Next Meeting will be in Milnes High School on Wednesday October 26th at 7pm