

## LENNOX COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Clochan Hall on Wednesday November 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 6.30pm

Present: Maureen Burrows, Lynn Duncan, Mike Reid, Robert Gray, Sue Lane, John Wright, Chris Campbell, Alison Hook, Scott Sliter, Councillor Margo Howe, Community Warden Christopher Hayward and Student Representative Weronika Cichosz

Apologies: Head Teacher Patricia Cameron, Donald Cameron and Councillor Douglas Ross

Absent:

Also in attendance: Mr James Mackenzie (Gordon Street Safety Campaign). Sarah Crowe of Moray Council

2	Police Report	Police report did not appear this month.	
3	Minutes Approved	Chris Campbell's apology for not attending Septembers meeting was accidentally missed from Octobers minutes. Discussion took place as to whether we could change the start time of our meetings to be at 6.30pm and with a planned finish at 8.30pm and in exceptional circumstances the meeting could run beyond the 8.30pm – everyone present was in agreement. Last months minutes approved by Chris Campbell and Sue Lane.	
	Youth Rep Business	Weronika gave us an interesting and detailed account of recent activities within the school. "Cookies and Caroling" was one of several events at Milnescroft arranged by school students from Milnes High School this month. The students also arranged for hampers to be made up and distributed for all residents at Milnescroft with help from Baxters, parent council etc., Continuing involvement with Mens Sheds – Students have helped with their internet improvement and publicity and the men have helped create a lovely garden space in the centre atrium of the school including a greenhouse. Their recent litter pick went well (with a large amount of rubbish collected) and was much appreciated by the community. The Charities Committee raised over £100 selling poppies. Children In Need fundraiser raised over £250. Upped the Anti-Bullying Program within the school.	
	Matters Arising		
341		Several items that we would like to discuss with a representative of Crown Commissioners – Ask William Hawes from Savills if he could arrange for someone to come to one of our meetings.	
347		Ownership of Portgordon Square still in question.	
381b		Richard Lochhead is now taking an interest in this issue and has written to chief executive of Moray Council and is supporting any solutions that we feel would be effective with safety in mind. Dave Malpas of Roads Dept., will be kept informed of our progress. 30mph signage is to be erected through The Muir at Bogmoor. There was no consultation with the residents and a quick poll showed that	

	<p>the signs were felt to be unnecessary on this quiet country track. Request will be made to Mr Malpas to explain his reasons for thinking this was a requirement yet our requests to reduce the speed on the main road to Spey Bay and Tugnet is not being considered.</p>	
406	<p>There are now signs up at the Tugnet Car Park area advising that overnight parking is prohibited.</p>	
407	<p>Remembrance Service at Dallachy went well and was well attended but it was found that the timings were very tight for the three services (Fochabers, Bellie Churchyard and Dallachy) resulting in the last one at Dallachy being delayed and we would hope that next year we can request that the Dallachy time changed from 3.15pm to 3.30pm.</p> <p>Big thank you to Scott for all his work and also to Fochabers Brownies who attended the service and then served tea and homebakes to a packed Spey Bay Hall afterwards.</p>	
409	<p>Vehicular Access along the rear of Gordon Street in Portgordon was discussed. Councillor Howe had discussed the matter with the Moray Council Core Paths officer and the general feeling was that the public can drive along the core path no matter what any sign erected by residents says. The core path is part of the Speyside Way.</p> <p>This was disputed by Mr McKenzie who was in attendance at our meeting. He and several other residents bought the land this path is on last year and they do not want this being used except by residents who require access. This was questioned by council members and after discussion felt that it was more a legal matter and will be referred to Moray Council Legal Department.</p>	
411	<p>Fochabers Postal Services are being very poorly served at the moment with haphazard opening times. A hand written cardboard sign at the till informing the public when a Coop staff member trained in postal duties is working that day. Locals are feeling apprehensive of using the services on the limited timings they are available.</p>	
412	<p>Bank of Scotland Mobile Van has been spotted in the square.</p>	
415	<p>Save the Red Phone Box in Auchenhalrig! Contact Christine Lester to ask if she has heard any more about this box.</p>	
418	<p>Beatrice Offshore Windfarm – Two reps to come to January meeting to discuss progress.</p>	
421	<p>Email from Spey Bay resident. 1. The drain at Tugnet is still blocking when there has been heavy rain. Problem has been looked at and the problem has been addressed.</p> <p>2. Due to council budget cutbacks the policy is that the grass and verges (also mentioned in email) will receive at least one cut a year and a possible second one) We can only hope that if residents see a problem in their close neighbourhood they might manage to deal with it themselves where possible.</p> <p>3. School buses are unable to turn at the Dolphin Centre and have permission to turn at the Spey Bay Golf Course car park as this has been considered the safest and most convenient option.</p>	

	4. We do not see any problem with the facilities at the Spey Bay Hall and have found the general opinion to be the New Playground is that is it a great new amenity.	
422	Requested Speed Restrictions in Gordon Street, Portgordon. Residents are concerned as discussed and minuted last month by the increase and speed of vehicles through this part of the village. Mr James McKenzie of Gordon Street voiced the residents concerned and asked for our support. After discussion it was decided that we would contact Mr Malpas at the Roads Dept requesting that he considers some form of traffic calming measures and that we might arrange a meeting with himself, the LCC and a representative from the Street. We feel it would be most beneficial if a meeting with the residents took place. The residents would also like a further speed survey similar to the one carried out in 2014 as they are would also like further info on the results at peak times.	
Correspondence		
Planning Applications	Amenity land to garden ground in Tannachy Terrace, Portgordon. Bungalow to be built on ground in Christie Place, Fochabers.	
Moray Council Business	Tenant Arms Hotel, Lhanbryde – argued to keep the hotel rather than demolish and build a new Coop. No real planning objection could be upheld.	
AOCB	Treasurer reported the accounts are in for last 6 months. Serious accident on the Enzie Braes recently – Unfortunate that we were assured funding had been set aside after our request for this road to be upgraded was taken from the budget . This stretch of road as we have said often in the past requires upgrading. Xmas Tree in Portgordon was paid for by LCC chairman putting a collection box in the local shop and the Fireworks Committee paid for the lights.	

Next Meeting will be in Portgordon Community Room at the Portgordon Primary School **at 6.30pm**  
on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017