

## LENNOX COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Portgordon Community Hall on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 6.30pm

Present: Maureen Burrows, Lynn Duncan, John Wright, Scott Sliter, Sue Lane, Councillor Howe

Apologies: Donald Cameron, Robert Gray, Chris Campbell, Douglas Ross MSP, Alison Hook, Mike Reid

Also in attendance: Thomas Upton and Noel Cummin of Beatrice Windfarm, James MacKenzie and Doreen Smith of Gordon Street, Portgordon, Kay Griffin of Lampie Hoose, Colin Hanover or Portgordon Community Harbour Group

2 Police Report	No police Report was delivered this month.	
Youth Rep Business	Exam time so no youth rep able to attend. We wish them all luck at this important time.	
3 Minutes Approved	Approved by Sue Lane and seconded by Scot Sliter Amendment – Mr MacKenzie of Portgordon would like it highlighted that footfall was not being prohibited along the rear of Gordon Street by the residents merely vehicular through traffic.	
Beatrice Windfarm Development	<p>Noel Cummin and Thomas Upton gave a very interesting and informative talk on the work that they are carrying out offshore and on land. The are two different under-sea pipes both making landfall at Portgordon; One is the offshore Beatrice Windfarm development, 60 miles north in the Moray Firth bolstering the electricity network and the other is with SSE bringing power down from Wick across the Moray Firth with both carrying the power to the national grid at the Blackhillock substation outside Keith.</p> <p>At Blackhillock good progress is being made and the transformers will arrive at Buckie harbour soon to be transported to the substation.</p> <p>Thomas made it clear that although there would be fencing around the area at the foreshore at the west tip of Portgordon there would be no restriction for walkers on the Speyside Way or along the beach and foreshore. There would however be a speed restriction in place along the top road from the Spey Bay/Fochabers direction past Auchenreath as the speed of vehicles was a concern and for the duration of the work onsite a 30mph limit will be set.</p> <p>A short question and answer session took place and then a reminder that applications were being encouraged from any member of the public who may like to join the panel of the voluntary group who will meet several times a year to decide how the Beatrice Community Fund in Moray is distributed.</p>	
4 Matters Arising		
347	Ownership of Portgordon Square still unknown.	

381b406	Speed Limit request to Moray Council Dept., re Spey Bay Hall area	
406	The new sign at the parking area at Tugnet advising that overnight parking is prohibited has caused a bit of interest as there have been several members of the public asking if this is only temporary as the sign looks a bit 'home-made'! Request that Crown Commissioners take another look at the sign.	
407	Anzac Day 2017 is on 25 <sup>th</sup> April which is a Tuesday and will take place at the Strike Wing Memorial at Dallachy at 10am. Scott Sliter of LCC organising and liaising with RAF.	
409	Vehicular Access through path at rear of Gordon Street, Portgordon. Information from Moray Council is that this path is part of the Speyside Way and was originally constructed as a vehicle path and its secondary purpose was as a core path. The track is not heavily used and vehicle speed is generally low therefore there are no legitimate safety concerns to justify vehicle restriction. As the residents of Gordon Street feel that they 'own' this path and have the right to restrict vehicular throughfare the LCC feel it is a legal matter with specific rights exercised over the title deeds of this path. If this is a dispute over ownership we cannot be involved as the Council do not 'own' the path they simply have a duty to keep it open and free from obstruction.	
421	Drain at Tugnet. This has been looked into and it is felt that after a particularly heavy amount of rain it may temporary flood over the road. It is not different to many other drains that struggle to cope but will drain away within a few hours of the rain abating. It is felt that the LCC has taken this complaint as far as we can. Should complainant still be unsatisfied we recommend discussing with the Moray Council directly.	
422	Emails to Dave Malpas of Moray Council Roads dept requesting a meeting to discuss the speed problem along the east section of Gordon Street, Portgordon and access to the speed survey which was carried out in 2014 as well as the request to consider speed calming measures to be introduced have not been answered. A further request has been made to roads dept to discuss this matter as we have now been told that Mr Malpas has left the area and no replacement has been appointed. It is not felt that an email would sufficiently provide the whole picture and history of this item. It is hoped that representatives from the Gordon Street Road Safety Campaign, the community council and moray council can hold a meeting in the very near future. It is noted that the police are taking the speeding along this stretch very seriously and recently caught one motorist at 62mph.	
Correspondence	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Keep Scotland Beautiful is holding a litter pick in the area on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan</li> <li>2. Moray Local Development Plan - Call for sites.</li> <li>3. Beatrice Local Fund – Advert for local panel members</li> <li>4. Anzac Day on 25<sup>th</sup> April</li> <li>5. Community council Grants</li> <li>6. Election of community council members in May</li> </ol>	
Planning	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Erect extension to rear of existing school to provide new</li> </ol>	

Applications	<p>nursery and early years accommodation, refurbish the existing dining hall and kitchen building at Milnes Primary School.</p> <p>2. Erect replacement signage and paint shop front at Scotmid shop, 73 High Street, Fochabers</p>	
Moray Council Business	Elections for new councillors at Moray Council will be in the first week in May.	
<p>AOCB - 423</p> <p>424</p>	<p>Dog fouling on the core path and along the Speyside Way around the Portgordon area has been highlighted by several residents and walkers. This will be brought to the attention of the community warden and a request will be made to Moray Council for a bin to be placed in this area to hopefully alleviate the problem of irresponsible dog owners.</p> <p>Complaints also about dog owners bagging their dog mess and then hanging on the nearest tree or fence post then “forgetting” to collect it on their way back from walk.</p> <p>More signage would not go wrong.</p> <p>Ship to Ship oil transfer in the Cromarty Firth is again highlighted and community council needs to discuss whether to support or not.</p>	

Next Meeting will be on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 in Spey Bay Hall at 6.30pm