

## LENNOX COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Spey Bay Hall at 6.30pm on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017

Present: Maureen Burrows, Lynn Duncan, Donald Cameron, Alison Hook, Robert Gray, Chris Campbell, John Wright, Councillor Howe, Trish Cameron (Headteacher at Milnes High School)

Apologies: Sue Lane, Scott Sliter, William Hawes (Savills) Councillor Ross

Absent:

Also in attendance: Mr James McKenzie (Gordon Street Safety Campaign), Anna Mary Overing

1.Youth Reps Business	Exam time so no reps from Milnes.	
2 Police Report	No police report received	
3 Minutes Approved	Correction to last months minutes regarding Council Elections – The Moray Council Elections take place in May and the Community Council Elections will be in September. Approved by Maureen Burrows and seconded by John Wright.	
4 Matters Arising		
347	We are no further forward in determining who owns Portgordon Square so a final attempt will be made by writing to the Crown Estate Office in London as directed to do so in our reply from Buckingham Palace.	
381b	Speed limit request to Moray Council Dept regarding the stretch of road past the Spey Bay Hall. In The absence of Dave Malpas who has now left Moray Council Roads Dept has set our appeal back but we have been assured that it is still being looked into and we are hopeful that a roads dept representative will attend our next meeting to discuss our concerns regarding this stretch of road and the speeding traffic concerns of residents along Gordon Street in Portgordon. It was brought to our attention that several residents in the Muir, Bogmoor expressed surprise at the erection of 30mph signs on the track leading to their homes.	
406	Mr Hawes of Savills will inspect the signage at Tugnet advising that overnight parking is prohibited as we felt the signs looked less than permanent and not of the standard usually provided by the Crown. It was also noted that there have already been several overnight camper vans there this week and we may need to think of a further sign reinforcing the No Overnight Parking rule at the turning/ car park area. We hope that something can be done before the season starts as the residents of Tugnet and the Spey Bay golf club do not want a repeat of last year.	
407	Another reminder that Anzac Day is Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April at 10am at	

	Dallachy Strike Wing Memorial. Discussed how to better advertise this service.	
409	Core Path behind Gordon Street, Portgordon – Residents who own this path have erected signs to restrict vehicular traffic. As it is part of the Speyside Way there is no restriction on walkers.	
421	Chair has dealt with the requests from a Tugnet resident and it is felt that the Lennox Community Council have exhausted our resources and done all we can do as a community council.	
422	Speeding along Gordon Street, Portgordon – as previously stated in the minutes we hope that we can have a discussion at next months meeting with a member of Moray Council roads Department about the residents concerns. It is also hoped that we shall have the results of a recent speed survey as well as the one that was carried out in 2014. We are also looking into the Lower Speed Communities Initiative which is being promoted by Living Streets which is a UK charity for everyday walking and has secured 12 months of funding to support the introduction of 20mph speed limit in village high streets.	
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423	Irresponsible dog owners not cleaning up behind their pets has again reared its ugly head. Portgordon and Fochabers are both having problems with this and the problem has also been highlighted on tv this week. We hope to discuss this with our community warden in the hope there is more that can be done to encourage dog owners to be responsible and clean up behind their pets.	
424	We believe that the idea of ship to ship oil transfers in the Cromarty Firth is being re-examined and the application to carry this out has been withdrawn.	
425	A concern has been voiced that there could be a safety hazard at the East end of Portgordon whereby cars break suddenly when the occupants spot the seals and decide to stop – An idea that has been mooted is to put up an advance warning sign to show the ‘Seal Area’ in the hope that cars may plan there stopping sooner and indicate as such. A mock up sign has been prepared and the owner of the land where it might go will be consulted.	
426	A resident of Nether Dallachy complained that the path leading to the hall was muddy and might benefit from some additional hardcore. At this time of year there may well be days that the path is soft and we must remember that a consequence of living in a lovely rural environment may require us to wear boots at this time of year and put up with a little mud. The path is owned by the Crown not the Council so any requests should be made to them.	
428	Donald Cameron asked the committee if we should consider a 20mph along Fochabers High Street but it was felt that with the congestion already in the street during the busy part of the day there did not seem to be any possibility of going much more and there is also a large traffic calming raised area in the area of the square.	
430	The postal provision in Fochabers can only be described as a shambles – there is often no cover at the Post Office Counter during the day and even when hand made notes go up to say when they are open they do not bear any accuracy to the actual opening times.	

	We shall again try to contact the Post Office for some assurance that they will improve this.	
431	There have been problems with the location of the mobile Bank of Scotland van. Until it can take up its permanent position at the Institute Car Park it is finding it difficult to park around the area of the square. It is hoped this can be resolved.	
431	School steps in Portgordon have been scattered with broken glass which we hope will just be a one off but although cleared up a close eye will be kept on them.	
432	Kevin Price of Moray Council Roads Department will be invited to our March meeting.	
433	We can make our communities safer with a public defibrillator in a central point in each village. We as a community council would like to support this and will look into how we can progress such an amenity. We already have interest in Fochabers from a shopkeeper and we shall look into this further.	
Correspondence	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Letter of complaint from Tugnet resident</li> <li>2. Keep Scotland Beautiful – meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> March at Moray Coucil Access Point.</li> <li>3. Lower Speed Limit initiative letter</li> <li>4. The Moray Way Association will hold an information day at Baxters on Wed 22 March at 4.30pm</li> </ol>	
Planning Applications	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Demolish rear vestibule and erect extension at 7 Garden Lane, Portgordon</li> <li>2. Demolish existing farm shed and erect a replacement steel shed roof capped with an octagonal glazed lantern at the Tower Yard, Gordon Castle.</li> <li>3. Alter and extend house at 32 Burnbank, Fochabers</li> <li>4. Erect advance sign within Gordon Castle grounds.</li> <li>5. Extend Icehouseto form coffee shop and well-being centre with manageress flat at Gollachy Ice House, Portgordon</li> </ol>	
Moray Council Business	The budget set by Moray Council last week has been widely covered in the local newspapers with little good news!	

Next Meeting will be in Milnes High School on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 6.30pm