

PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 12th JUNE, 2017

Present: Alan Beresford, Angela Mair, Gladys MacKenzie, Cathleen Harper, Diane Anderson, Cllr. Ron Shepherd, Cllr. Donald Gatt, Cllr. Theresa Coull and Sgt. Ross.

The Chair, Alan Beresford welcomed the new Councillors to the meeting.

1. Apologies

None.

2. Minutes

The minutes from the May meeting were proposed by Cathleen Harper and seconded by Gladys MacKenzie.

3. Matters Arising

Gladys MacKenzie advised that she had not heard anything further from John Tasker since she gave him the go ahead for the erection of the replacement sign at the harbour. The Community Association are willing to contribute a one-half share of the cost of the replacement sign.

4. Police Matters

The Report has been emailed to all members. Sgt. Ross advised that there have been no incidents reported in the Portknockie area. Sgt. Ross will look into the incident which was reported regarding a motor cycle being driven up Wood Place and through the Play Park.

5. Matters for Elected Members

The situation with the potholes in the village has been passed to the Roads Inspector. Jane Martin forwarded a response from Ian Cameron advising that the Roads Inspector was on holiday until the 23rd of May and would visit the village on his return. The Council are busy at the moment with resurfacing works and it may well be July before they get round to it.

The condition of a council house garden at 6 Craigview Road, Portknockie was reported to the elected members. Both the front and rear gardens are overgrown. The Moray Council were to have been keeping an eye on the condition of the garden at the property.

A Street light is out between Numbers 10 and 12 Craigview Road, Portknockie.

No report has been received from the Community Warden, Chris Haywood regarding the dog fouling. Secretary asked to correspond with Jane Martin regarding this.

6. Correspondence

All correspondence has been emailed to members.

A letter has been received from Transport Scotland with an invitation to the public exhibitions being held in Forres, Elgin and Fochabers with regard to route options to provide a new A96 dual carriageway between Hardmuir and Fochabers. The Chair, Alan Beresford will be attending the public exhibition.

A letter has been received from the Cullen, Deskford and Portknockie Heritage Group seeking our support and endorsement for the acquisition of the Memorial Hall suite on the ground floor of Cullen Town Hall to create a permanent Heritage Centre. The members felt that this was a matter to be discussed with the users of the Town Hall in Cullen and the Heritage Group Committee. A response to this effect will be issued.

Correspondence has been received regarding the 'Merchant Navy Day on 3rd September, 2017 – Fly the Red Ensign'. It was agreed that we will take part and Gladys MacKenzie will order the relevant flag which will be erected at the flagstaff. Alan Beresford will also speak to Karen Murray to see if the School would be interested in taking part at a service to be held. The correspondence states that a service can be held anytime during the year but the suggested date is Friday, 1st September, 2017.

7. Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance - £1,295.44

8. AOCB

Gladys MacKenzie will look at obtaining a price for a replacement Saltire flag for the flagstaff.

Gladys MacKenzie advised that Kirsty Farquhar had been in touch with her direct regarding materials for the annual Paddling Pool clean-up. The total cost of the materials amounted to £36.00 and this has been paid to Kirsty Farquhar.

The meeting was closed at 7.25 pm.

Next meeting will be held in the Snug at the McBoyle Hall on Monday, 14th August, 2017 at 7 pm.