

MINUTE of MEETING No. 242 at 7.00 pm on Wed. 1 NOVEMBER 2017 in The Hub, Fochabers Public Institute.

**01. PRESENT.** G. Garden, CH, M. Reid, VCH, D. Cameron, Secretary, R. Gray, Treasurer.  
A. Flett, A. McNair, A-M. Overing. J. Wright,

Moray Councillors. D. Bremner,

**02. APOLOGIES.** C. Hanover, M. Macrae, S. Morrison.

**03. POLICE**

No Police Report. / Community Safety Partnership Report Issue 10. Of September 2017 read. No particular reference to events in the Lennox Area.

**04. MINUTES APPROVAL**

Minute of Meeting 240 on Wed. 20 September 2017.

Minute of Meeting 241 on Wed. 25 October 2017. Both Minutes were agreed Prop. J. Wright. Sec. M. Reid. A problem arose at Meeting 241, as the new Chairman has no Computer it was unanimously agreed that a cheap Computer be purchased for Lennox Community Council and loaned to him for the more efficient conduct of Council Business.

A Quote of £ 150 had since been obtained from P. C. Clinic Elgin for a Computer, Mouse and a Word Processor program. The Quote was accepted.

**05. Review of Old Business in previous September Minute 240.**

435 – Portgordon and Fochabers Defibrillators. Agreed it be placed at the Lampie Hoose. Siting discussed and agreed external. GG & CH to discuss further action with Mrs. M. Burrows.

444 – Tynet Burn Fence – not their ground so no action. Savills suggest contact Landowner/Farmer.

Den Farm Road Sign – Sign is in correct place – Tenant responsible. GG willing to speak to Crown Estate about problems of use on this road. Details available from MR

454 – LCC waiting for formal letter to come from M C confirming Fochabers Bike Racks installation arrangements agreeable to LCC.

456 – Present Fochabers Co-op Post Box – Royal Mail Not Moving it. REMOVE ITEM.

457 – Portgordon Planning for Real Group have taken over Christmas Tree erection. Mike Burnett in charge. Local Portgordon Councillors to act. REMOVE ITEM.

459 – Tugnet Mosaics – Milne’s H S contacted for repairs as they constructed. School considered to be responsible for weeding. REMOVE ITEM.

461 – Complaints of flooding at PG Bowling Green. M. Councillor Shona Morrison is taking action. REMOVE ITEM.

463 – Pot Holes at Double Corner at W. end of Portgordon. Some are now resurfaced. GG to examine road at Vimy Ridge area for pot holes and report.

464 – Tugnet Broadband problems. M. Councillor David Bremner is taking action. He reported that it is not technically possible to extend certain connections to Spey Bay Area. It was noted there is a Telephone Supply Cabinet at the Byres Farm Road junction. DB will continue to pursue improvement and report any new information.

**06. New Business Tabled at Meeting 242.**

465 – Community Council Research Workshop Tue. 28 Nov. in Elgin – Noted JW, MR, and GG have registered to go.

466 – DC introduced a discussion on the views of LCC about an application to Moray Council for a 20 mph Speed Limit in High Street, Fochabers. There was a 4 to 2 majority in favour at present but further discussion and canvassing among the Public will be needed. It was noted that Moray Council have been considering 20 mph limits. DC will report.

467 – It was noted two persons from Portgordon may apply to be co-opted. P/G members to report.

468 – MR raised a question on Members receiving Travel Expenses on LCC business. The Treasurer gave a very full explanation of how the System Works in community councils and that any expenditure including expenses must be formally approved by the Community Council and permission has to be obtained first.

It was noted that all Scottish Community Councillors are Volunteers and unpaid and do not have the privileges of English Parish Councils. There are difficulties for Community Councils that cover a wide area.  
469 – Remembrance Day details noted. MR to take action. Services at 2.30, 3.00 and 3.15. MR to get PA System from High School. O of Service – JW for Dallachy, DC for Fochabers. DC to print 11 copies of a Road Closure notice to be delivered to neighbouring properties.

470 – The Treasurer reported that the LCC Account held £ 3878. 25 and that he will report updated statements in March and September.

**07. CORRESPONDENCE from gmx Mail** – The Items distributed by Email were noted. The recent Vandalism over the destruction in the Fochabers Public Toilets was discussed and agreed to be a shocking and mentally disturbed action.

#### **08. PLANNING from gmx Mail**

The Planning Applications for Lennox C C Area were read by Members and no objections made.

#### **09. MORAY COUNCIL**

**Current Business** – Cllr. D. Bremner spoke on minor up to date affairs.

**10. A O C B – 1.** JW reported as urgent that White Lodge, Fochabers had no Recycling Bins. This was passed to Cllr. D. Bremner for action.

**2.** AMcN reported as urgent that verge is caving in on Road U71aL Pathead Wood to Berrybauds Road and Mrs. Val Derbyshire had complained already to Moray Council. It was agreed AMcN send Email details to Cllr. D. Bremner. Action to be taken when resources permit.

#### **11. NEXT MEETING**

At 7.00 pm on Wednesday 29 November 2017 in The Lampie Hoose, Portgordon.

Meeting completed 8.55 pm.