

MINUTE of MEETING No. 243 at 7.00 pm on Wed. 29 NOVEMBER 2017 in The Lampie Hoose, Portgordon.

01. PRESENT. G. Garden, CH, M. Reid, VCH, D. Cameron, Secretary, R. Gray, Treasurer. A. Flett, C. Hanover, A. McNair, J. Wright, Moray Councillors. D. Bremner, M. Macrae, S. Morrison.
In Attendance – P. George, K. Griffin, D. Robson.

02. APOLOGIES. A-M. Overing.

03. POLICE

No Police Report. / Community Safety Partnership Report Issue 12 of 03/11/ 2017. Noted Vandalism and Speeding in Fochabers and a chair dumped at Spey Bay Rd.

04. MINUTES APPROVAL

Minute of Meeting 242 on Wed. 01 November 2017. This was approved subject to a correction for Item 10 (1) “JW reported as urgent that at White Lodge, Fochabers the workers had refused to empty the Recycling Bins.”
Prop. J. Wright Sec. M. Reid.

05. Review of Old Business in previous November Minute 242.

435 – Portgordon and Fochabers Defibrillators. No report from CH. RG reported that a Communication had been sent to SSE but there had been no reply. GG reported that he believed M. Burrows was acting on it. LCC are awaiting a reply from SSE.

444 – Den Farm Road – MR will make a personal visit to Savills to find out their views about potential damage to the road structure by large HGV running on it

454 – A formal letter has come from Moray C. confirming Fochabers Bike Racks installation arrangements. LCC approved them and Secretary will write to confirm Council agreement. REMOVED

463 – Pot Holes at Double Corner at W. end of Portgordon. GG visited and found no pot holes but HGV are using the road. RG stated the previous Planning Decision for works ruled that HGV were forbidden to use that road. Cllr. S. Morrison will report the offence to the Planning Office for enforcement.

464 – Tugnet Broadband problems. Cllr. D. Bremner Stated there were no new developments. He will continue to pursue improvement and report any new information.

465 – Community Council Research Workshop Tue. 28 Nov. in Elgin – LCC approved the Expenses of those attending on advice of the Treasurer. Noted and REMOVED.

466 – F. High St. 20 mph limit. Majority of Public believed to be in favour and majority of LCC in favour. Noted a Motion in favour of 20 mph limits was defeated at Moray Council. LCC agreed to wait for changes in public opinion. REMOVED.

467 – Two Visitors in attendance indicated they were willing to join the Lennox Community Council. They were nominated and unanimously elected by the Members to be Co-opted on to the Council. Mrs. Pringle George and Mrs. Denise Robson completed Membership and Data Consent Forms for the Secretary to give to the CCLO. REMOVED

468 – The Rules on Expenses explained by the Treasurer at Meeting 242 were noted. REMOVED

469 – Remembrance Day Ceremonies. These are causing problems and raised a variety of discussion

among Members about responsibilities for arrangements. It was agreed to continue discussion at the next Meeting.

Meanwhile, LCC would be grateful if the Cllrs. could get information on the separate responsibilities of Moray Council and Community Councils.

470 – Noted that the Treasurer will report updated statements in March and September. REMOVED.

471 – Noted problem of emptying Recycling Bins due to parking difficulties had been resolved by Cllr. D. Bremner in discussion with the appropriate Moray C. department. REMOVED.

472 – Verge caving in Clochan. AM reported that cones had been placed at the danger by Roads Department. It is expected repairs will be made when resources permit. REMOVED.

New Business:

473 – JW commented on difficulties with the previous Agenda. Secretary explained the benefit of conducting a meeting from an explanatory agenda rather than using a previous minute. This was noted. REMOVE.

474 – Meeting Places. There was a full discussion on the advantages of meeting in Portgordon and Fochabers, with a summer meeting each in Spey Bay and Clochan, against continuing the previous pattern. After a vote it was agreed to use the previous arrangements in 4 villages. Members from each village will make booking and room arrangements for their own village. REMOVE.

475 – The LCC after a vote agreed not to meet in December. REMOVE.

476 – CH spoke on the poor weedy state of our War Memorials and the need for a good appearance on Remembrance Day. Cllr. S. Morrison will research the position and report next meeting.

477 – Secretary reported on a letter copied to LCC 11/09/17 from J. McKenzie about Portgordon roads. I was noted previous LCC had decided this was Police business and not LCC business. REMOVE.

478 – DC reported that Residents complained that Woodside Rd. F. was constantly covered in leaves that caused a danger of slipping when wet. They wanted the footpath swept clean. Cllr. M. Macrae agreed to act on the problem.

07. CORRESPONDENCE from gmx Mail – The Items distributed by gmx Email were noted. Noted LCC have received their Approved Constitution from Moray Council. Noted LCC have received 1 copy of the Moray Council Report for 2017.

08. PLANNING from gmx Mail

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

09. MORAY COUNCIL

Current Business – Cllr. M. Macrae commented on the new Moray Development Plan that will become active in January. LCC will be asked to comment.

10. A O C Late and Urgent Business –

[1] Fochabers P. S. Playground. JW stated that a new Extension is being built at the School Playground and the place is now a muddy quagmire. Pupils and all users are complaining about the dirt but to date no action has been taken. Cllr. S Morrison explained that Moray Council know of the problem and will remedy it as soon as circumstances permit.

RG contributed that the Playing Field was not repaired after Speyfest and the Football Pitch is very bad. LCC agreed to contact Gordon Christie CH. Of the Playing Field Committee and ask them to repair the pitch. DC to mail G Christie.

[2] AM stated Residents complaining of a road C67L near Arradoul flooding and there is a large Pot Hole hidden under it. It has burst the car suspension of a Resident. Cllr. D. Bremner agreed to inform the Roads Department.

[3] It was stated by a Resident that big lorries are coming down W. High St., P/G to the Double Corner and one 60 feet long got jammed to some inconvenience. There are also cars parked illegally on March St. It was decided this was not under control of LCC. No Action.

[4] It was stated that 38 Crown Terrace, P/G has lain empty for years. The Owner is believed to be in Prison. No Action.

[5] It was stated that certain Street Lights in Tannachy Terrace and Richmond Place are unlit. This will be dealt with by Moray Council regular program for Lighting Surveillance. No Action.

[6] AF complained that he had not understood at the previous meeting that when it was agreed to purchase a computer that a second hand computer with an old Operating System would be purchased for LCC and so he wished it returned to supplier and a new computer with OS Windows 10 purchased from Curry's Store. DC replied that the computer was not second hand but new and unused and had been purchased at sale price with the help of a reputable IT business, set up with antivirus protection, a good OS Windows 7 and free Word Processor Software. It was in excellent condition, was connected Wi-Fi to the internet and it was already set up with GMX for receiving and sending Email.

After a spirited debate and a vote of 5 to 1 in favour of AF Motion, it was agreed that AF would purchase and set up a new computer for the use of LCC. As the previous computer, as a sale, could not be returned to supplier and had been paid for by DC on behalf of LCC, and presumably he would not now be reimbursed for £150, he would take possession of it immediately.

11. NEXT MEETING

At 7.00 pm on Wednesday 31 January 2018 in The Community Hall, Spey Bay.
To be booked by John Wright.

Meeting completed 9.05 pm.