

MINUTE of MEETING No. 244 at 7.00 pm on Wed. 31 **January** 2018 in The Community Hall Spey Bay.

**01. PRESENT.** G. Garden, Ch, M. Reid, VCh, D. Cameron, Secretary.

A. Flett, C. Hanover, A. McNair, A-M. Overing, J. Wright,  
Moray Councillors - D. Bremner, S. Morrison.

In Attendance – K. Griffin, C. Overing.

**02. APOLOGIES.** P. George, R. Gray, Cllr. M. Macrae, D. Robson.

**03. POLICE**

No Police Report. / Community Safety Partnership Report Issue 13 of gmx 12/01/17;

Issue 14 of gmx 01/08/18. Nothing noted.

**04. MINUTES APPROVAL**

Minute of Meeting 243 on Wed. 29 November 2017. This was approved. Prop. J. Wright Sec. C. Hanover.

**05. MINUTES REVIEW** - Old Business in previous November Minute 243.

435 – Portgordon and Fochabers Defibrillators. - No reply from SSE to letter from R G. Decided CH to contact Mo Burrows and chase up action locally in Portgordon. Similarly, AF to update with RG and chase up action locally in Fochabers.

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444 – Den Farm Road – MR made a personal visit to Savills to find out their views about potential damage to the road structure by large HGV running on it. They are not co-operating about the road. Moray Council not willing to place a notice restricting lorries or making a weight restriction. MR is watching the road and there is less traffic. CONTINUE ACTION.

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463 – W. end of Portgordon. - HGV are using the road. Cllr. S. Morrison has reported the offence to the Planning Office for enforcement. She spoke to Kevin Price and Managers at the site have been informed that lorries must use the correct route. REMOVED

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464 – Tugnet Broadband problems. - Cllr. D. Bremner stated no further report but BT Engineers are busy. Decided wait on BT action. REMOVED.

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469 – Remembrance Day Ceremonies. - Responsibilities for action by Moray Council and LCC.  
To be continued as no information yet from Moray Council to M. Cllr's enquiries. Waiting information.

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476 – Weedy state of our War Memorials – Cllr S. Morrison reported that K. Kennedy of M. Council stated it does maintain the sites, except Dallachy, and to contact him if there are any issues. REMOVED

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478 – Woodside Road, F. leaves. - Received an Email from Cllr Macrae that M. Council does not sweep leaves off paths and they are caused by trees in Private Property. REMOVED

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479 – Mud at Fochabers P. S. – It was tidied up but is back again so M. Council are considering further measures to correct it. Agreed M. Council are doing their best. REMOVED.

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480 – Damage to F. Playing field – Believed Speyfest lorries did the damage and they are negotiating with M. Council about who pays for repairs.

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481 – AM reported flooding of road near Arradoul – Cllr. D. Bremner reported large pothole is being dealt with by Roads Department after he stated his concerns. REMOVED.

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482 – AF has supplied a Computer to the LCC for the use of GG. He will supply a Printer.

## **06. MEMBERS NEW JAN. BUSINESS**

[1] – After a suggestion by DC it was agreed congratulate new Fochabers Co-op and seek use of their Noticeboard for Minutes and Agendas. REMOVED.

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483 [2] – ANZAC DAY commemoration – Secy. to inform F. Summerson by 10/03 that MR has taken over actions at the site for 25 April. MR to contact Linda Gill at M. Council over arrangements for road closures.

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[3] – Transport for Chairman to Spey Bay and Clochan– CH or other P/G Member will provide transport, failing this GG is permitted to use a Taxi. REMOVED.

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484 [4] - A F raised the concern of a Local Resident about a Planning Application to erect a Radio Transmitter Mast at Telephone Exchange, Fochabers. Apparently, the operation is to read Smartmeters for gas and electricity. Cllr D. Bremner explained that the UK Government has decreed these Masts an Allowable Development. Secy. instructed to write to Planning Dept. informing them of LCC concerns about dangers to health from Radio Frequency Radiation and requesting more information.

**07. CORRESPONDENCE from gmx Mail** – The Items distributed by gmx Email were noted.

Noted gmx 01/29/18 - Co-option to LCC of P. George and D. Robson both Portgordon has been completed.

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

The Planning Applications for LCC Area were read by Members.

12/01/17 [1] Erect Detached Garage and revise Access Track Route on planning ref: 17/00943/APP. to erect House on site adjacent to Mains of Tannachy, Portgordon.

12/14/17 [2] Establishment of a sand and gravel Quarry including site restoration at Nether Dallachy Quarry, Beaufighter Road, Nether Dallachy.

12/20/17 [3] Erect General Purpose Shed at Thornybank, Clochan.

12/20/17 [4] App. 01856 and 01857 Demolition of flat roof kitchen extension and formation of Garden Space and Associated Internal Work at 10 The Square, Fochabers.

01/17/18 [5] Erect a fence at 2 Norrie Way, Spey Bay, Fochabers.

01/31/18 [6] Erect dwelling house at Bennachie, 68 High Street, Fochabers.

01/31/18 [7] Erect a Single Story Double Garage on site adjacent to MJD Systems Ltd., 3 The Steadings, Spey Bay, Fochabers.

CH initiated a discussion on the adequacy of investigation and scrutiny of Applications by the Community Council prior to deciding on their merit.

DC explained that due to the widely scattered development in the large area of our council, it had relied on the opinions of Local Members and any representations by the public, usually neighbours, when considering individual Applications. This practice had been satisfactory for many years and Objections had been very few.

JW a Local Member and CH wished an inquiry into No. [7] Double Garage at The Steadings and it was agreed a decision would be deferred to next Meeting. All other Applications had no objection.

## **09. MORAY COUNCIL BUSINESS**

Current Business – Cllr. D. Bremner reported that recent actions had been on the M. Council Budget.

## **10. A. O. C. LATE and URGENT BUSINESS**

485 UB - [1] CH asked if anyone could help with discovering who owned the Grounds of Portgordon Football Club as a sum of money had been given for work to be done. It was suggested Mrs. M. Burrows might help. CH said he would make further enquiries.

## **11. NEXT MEETING**

**At 7.00 pm on Wednesday 28 February 2018 in The Community Hall, Clochan.**

On deciding the place, there was a discussion when the Chairman stated he would like to go to Clochan. DC explained there was an established rota of visits that had been helpful in sharing and arranging venues in the past. A vote of 6 to 1 was in favour of Clochan instead of Portgordon.

**Hall to be booked by Angus McNair.**

Meeting completed 8.20 pm.