

Date: 28 March 2018

Time: 7 pm

Venue: Session Room, Bellie Church, The Square, Fochabers

Chair: George Garden

01. PRESENT - G. Garden Ch, M. Reid VCh, D. Cameron Secretary R. Gray, Treasurer.
C. Hanover, A. McNair, A-M. Overing, D. Robson, J. Wright

Moray Councillors – Cllr. M. Macrae.

Community Council Liaison Officer – CCLO Jane Martin.

In Attendance - Kay Griffin, Chris Overing

02. APOLOGIES. Cllr. D. Bremner, P. George, A. Kennedy Ch. JCC

03. POLICE.

No Police present. / Community Safety Partnership Report Issue 16 of gmx 03/05/18:
Nothing of Local importance noted.

CH Raised a discussion on process for gmx email information getting to Members.

JM Made a recommendation for gmx training of Members.

04. MINUTES of last MEETING

Minute of weather postponed February Meeting 245 on Wed. 7 March 2018. This was approved. Prop. A. McNair, Sec. J. Wright

05. BUSINESS from the previous Minute 245.

435 – Portgordon and Fochabers Defibrillators. – CH stated he had nothing new to report. Members to continue action.

444 – Den Farm Road Damage – MR reported that one vehicle was seen on forbidden road.

469 – Remembrance Day Ceremonies. – DC reported on his discussion with the responsible Officer of Moray Council. They organise two wreaths to be laid on all War Memorials one for the Lord Lieut. on behalf of the Queen and one for Moray Council. They rely on local contacts for additional actions, chiefly the British Legion and Parish Ministers. Community Councils have no responsibilities but some volunteer help. LCC appointed Member M. Reid to take necessary actions.

Noted Dallachy actions are only for LCC at present.

Remove

480 – Damage to Fochabers Playing field – Cllr. Macrae reported on the meeting on March 8 of the several parties who are involved with the repair including Moray Council. The Contractor will give topsoil and seed free of charge and Speyfest will do the repairs.

Remove

482 – Computer for the Chairman – GG has problems using it and he had accidentally deleted emails to TRASH. JM suggested GG needs training and LCC agreed a Training Session will be provided in Portgordon.

485 – Portgordon Football Club Grounds – CH continues to make enquiries that should achieve a solution. Remove

486 – A 96 Dualling Forum – The two nominated Members GG and DC had been unable to attend. DC was unable to get a replacement. A discussion ensued on how to select Members to attend events. LCC decided it should be an election between Members volunteering. Remove

487 – Pizza Shop Catering Licence – LCC reviewed this Item from last minute. They observed that the Licence could be granted for 3 Months and then reviewed for events and a decision made to continue or revoke. Secretary to inform Board.

06. MEMBERS NEW MARCH BUSINESS:

[1] Members noted that the removal of Emails from INBOX to TRASH had been accidental. They will review the need for a Password change at next meeting.

[2] JW asked if the New Vodaphone Mast at Portgordon is operational. Google was advised. JW will investigate and report.

[3] DC complained that an important Email address had been “unsubscribed”. He stated as this was unhelpful he will restore link with tsiMoray. LCC noted the event. Remove

[4] CCLO has arranged a Workshop for Community Councils on The Community Empowerment Act on how Community Councils can use “Participation Requests” to start a dialogue with Public Bodies about items that are of concern for them. Date 18 April in The Town Hall, Time 7 pm to 9 pm. See gmx 3/21/18. GG, DC, MR, JW, AM Volunteered to attend the Meeting.

[5] CCLO has arranged Training for Community Councils on GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations). Date Sat. 7 April in Supper Room, Town Hall, Elgin at Time 9.30 am to 3 pm. Each Com. Coun. has to purchase a Resource Pack for £ 15 payable at the event. GG, DC and CH Volunteered to attend the Training. See gmx 3/1/18. At this point **Cllr. Macrae** left the Meeting.

07. CORRESPONDENCE from gmx Email – The 40 Items of Correspondence received by gmx Email were noted. Number of items selected [5]. Three were discussed.

[1] gmx 3/5/2018 – Planning Training is available and Members are invited to apply to CCLO.

[2] gmx 3/19/2018 – Update on Licencing Procedure Regulations. Govt. seeks Com. Coun. views. CH will respond for LCC.

[3] gmx 3/23/18 – LCC noted tsiMoray has Training and Development events available. Letter.

[4] LCC noted Secretary had received by Royal Mail 2 copies of a Memorandum of Understanding about the Beatrice Community Fund both signed by their Manager. Secretary as an LCC Officer signed both 1. Was returned to SSE Beatrice Fund and 2. was handed to CH as LCC representative on the Panel.

LCC, at the suggestion of CCLO, agreed that all future Agendas should have an **SSE Fund Report** as an Item.

08. LOCAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Four Planning Applications from gmx mail for LCC Area were discussed and noted by Members.

There were no observations.

RG Proposed a Motion Seconded by CH that a Planning Sub-Committee be formed and Convener and Planning Contact to be A-M Overing. LCC agreed the Motion.

09. TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer will give Financial Statement to March 31 at next meeting.

10. MORAY COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. No Cllr. Report.

2. **Statement by CCLO Jane Martin.**

At this point the CCLO stated that she would like to raise and discuss the functioning of Lennox Community Council. The Members agreed to this request.

She began by referring to items raised in a letter by A. Flett when resigning from the LCC. She went on to state that she had received approaches from discontented Members who found Agendas and Minutes difficult to read and understand and were reluctant to take it up with the Secretary but wanted changes in the presentation.

The Secretary stated he was using Methods of the Govt. Civil Service and did not use Ariel Font as Upper Case i and Lower Case L were identical. I I.

However, after much discussion and a vote in favour of changes JM gave Templates for Agenda and Minutes to the Secretary and he agreed to use them to satisfy the Members request and make business easier for them.

As the Chairman was having several difficulties, she advised he have a chairing mentor. The Chairman agreed and CH agreed to volunteer as mentor.

11. The JOINT COMMUNITY COUNCILS OF MORAY

The date of the next meeting in the Council Chamber in Elgin is 10 May at 7.00 pm.

12. A. O. C. LATE and URGENT BUSINESS

[1] MR raised an expenses query and this was sorted by an explanation of the correct claim by the Treasurer.

[2] After receiving a recent letter of resignation from Alan Flett, LCC formally accepted the resignation and will convey it to the CCLO using the prescribed form.

[3] JW volunteered to assist MR in work for ANZAC DAY.

[4] A-M O stated the Bicentenary Park turf has been damaged, with the support of the LCC she will send this information to the CCLO, who agreed to pass it to the relevant Officer.

13. COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

On being asked for any comments, one of the Community in attendance said they found Lennox Community Council to be undemocratic and were disappointed in its behaviour.

14. NEXT MEETING:

Next at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 25 April 2018 in Spey Bay Community Hall.

Hall to be booked by J. Wright.

Meeting completed 10.00 pm.