

Date: 28. November. 2018

NOVEMBER MINUTES

Time: 7 pm

Place: Community Hall, Spey Bay

Chair: Colin Hanover

01. MEMBERS in ATTENDANCE: Colin Hanover [Ch.], Mike Reid, Donald Cameron, Robert Gray, Christine Lester, Angus McNair, Anna-Mary Overing, John Wright.

Moray Councillors: Cllr. M. Macrae.

Community In Attendance: Kay Griffin, Chris Overing.

Apologies: Pringle George, Denise Robson, Cllr. S. Morrison, Cllr. D. Bremner

02. WELCOME: The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting. He said he had discussed the position of Secretary with Donald Cameron who had agreed to resume the duties of the post. The Chairman would continue to write the AGENDA. The Council agreed to this decision.

03. HEALTH, WELLBEING UPDATE and POLICE if present.

No Police present. / Members noted the Community Safety Partnership Report Issue 24 of 5 November 2018 for Elgin, Lossiemouth, Fochabers Area Policing Team without discussion. There was no Item for LCC Area.

04. MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETING.

Minute of Meeting 252 on Tue. 30 October 2018. This was approved. Prop. John Wright, Sec. Robert Gray.

05. MATTERS ARISING.

1. Portgordon Phone Mast. Cllr. Macrae said Vodaphone planned to extend the cover in 12 to 18 months. Village would consent to a Relay Mast on a house. Wait for future action. LCC may consider a Press Campaign.
2. Remembrance at Dallachy Memorial. J. W. said there were difficulties in organisation. Long discussion on Remembrance Events. Chairman will call a special Meeting in JAN. 2019 to discuss the workload and if Moray Council should take it over as is done for other Memorial Events.

06. FINANCE UPDATE.

The Treasurer said there was a healthy balance.

J. W. said difficulties with SSE Grants in getting information. No applications so far. He put adverts in the media inviting applications and has also tried the Fochaberian Magazine.

07. PLANNING UPDATE.

A planning application for a house in Fochabers was discussed. There have been a number of objections. It was agreed that because of its unusual appearance in our Conservation Area and the views of the LCC, the Chairman should write to Planning Chairman Cllr. D. Bremner giving LCC views and suggest the Application should be considered by the Planning Committee and not just the Planning Officer.

08. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

The 38 Items of November Correspondence received by gmx Email and read were noted. Chairman said Members have to read the GMX INBOX. They can, if they wish, comment on any item.

09. MORAY COUNCIL INPUT.

Cllr. Macrae said a debate on Yes or No about closing some Primary Schools. Pressure on the Budget was a factor and also considerable Military Development in future in Moray.

10. COMMUNITY MINI BUS.

There was a debate on getting a Mini Bus for Local Community use. DC suggested a canvass of local community need, there was no need in Fochabers. CL said there might not be a need in remote areas as many have existing solutions. There was no decision.

11. LCC FIT FOR PURPOSE – continued.

All Members spoke in a long debate on the place of a Community Council in Society and ways of finding new Members. Coffee Mornings were suggested. Noted large numbers of successful community organisations are already in existence in our villages. CL mentioned the future changes in more local governance. Surgeries for Community Councillors were suggested.

12. COMMUNITY FEEDBACK.

No comments.

13. A. O. C. B.

JW raised a debate on Defibrillators. DC and JW said a defibrillator will be placed in front of the Village Hall, Fochabers by the Fochabers Village Association. It will be protected by a camera. Noted there are other ones in our area.

14. NEXT MEETING 254

Next at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 30 JANUARY 2019 at The Lampie Hoose, Portgordon.