

Date: 30 January 2019

JANUARY MINUTES

Time: 7 pm

Place: Lampie Hoose, Portgordon

Chair: Colin Hanover

01. MEMBERS in ATTENDANCE: Colin Hanover [Ch], Mike Reid, Donald Cameron, Pringle George, Angus McNair, Anna-Mary Overing, Denise Robson, John Wright.

Moray Councillors: Cllr. M. Macrae, Cllr. S. Morrison,

Community In Attendance: Kay Griffin, Chris Overing.

Apologies: Cllr. D. Bremner, Robert Gray, Christine Lester,

02. WELCOME: The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting.

03. MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETING.

Minute of Meeting 253 on Wed. 28 November 2018. This was approved.

Prop. John Wright, Sec. Mike Reid.

04. MATTERS ARISING.

1. Portgordon Phone Mast. PG said an Email from Douglas Ross MP informed her that a Vodaphone Mast would be erected in January for Portgordon.

05. PLANNING UPDATE.

[a] South Street, Fochabers Update: The LCC have received detailed copies of letters from the objector/complainer and a comprehensive reply from the Head of Development Services to the complaint defending the decision. DC said he was very disappointed that the request of LCC for a Committee decision had been ignored. LCC discussed the position. Councillor Macrae gave a full explanation of the Moray Council process and said that the business had been done completely legally and in keeping with the correct planning process for a Conservation Area. A letter of thanks from the complainer was read in appreciation of the efforts of the LCC to get an explanation of how the decision was made. After more discussion the LCC decided to take this subject no further and not to another meeting.

[b] White Lining and Parking: CH said there is a problem due to cars parking in front of Bellie Church when there is a Funeral. Cllr. Macrae advised he contact Moray Council for help.

Parking: Residents are complaining about lack of parking places at busy times.

MR complained about careless parking of cars away from the kerb in Fochabers High Street. No solution to kerb parking was found.

A letter of some detail from Mr. G. Christie was received that gave 6 suggestions for increasing parking spaces. It will be placed at LCC INBOX. A-M O requested that Members study it, Email their views and agree decisions on action at the next meeting.

[c] A 96 Dualling Update: Two Members only, CH and DC were invited to a Consultation Meeting with road planners SWECO on 22 Feb. The new route and its choice were explained and comments invited. No other Community Council attended.

In answer to CH they said a bridge or underpass would be needed for an exit from Fochabers to the present bridge.

DC asked them to note 3 points for the construction.

1. Widening works to be as much as possible on the North side. They agreed this was likely.
2. The existing By-Pass to be kept in use as much as possible to keep the considerable heavy traffic off Fochabers High Street. They agreed this was important.
3. As the Duke's Bridge will be demolished/rebuilt and Tunnel Bridge to the farm widened, note to be taken of potential problems over business access and vehicle movement at any time they are closed. One must be open.

06. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

There were 50 DEC mails and 40 JAN Mails to 26.01.2019 all were read and 13 mails of some importance were marked.

01/15 CCLO asked for our 2019 Meeting Place Rota to be listed. Agreed Secy. should reply.

07. MORAY COUNCIL INPUT.

Cllr. Morrison said they are at present fixing the Budget with difficulty but strenuous efforts are being made to balance the Budget and the Money Gap is steadily narrowing.

08. COMMUNITY FEEDBACK.

Visitor Kay Griffin said that the Fochabers Heritage Group have offered to run the Service at the Remembrance Memorial in Fochabers. LCC thanked her for this generous offer and agreed to the immediate change over. Heritage will inform the Officer in charge in Moray Council.

09. A. O. C. B.

1. MR requested funds for ANZAC and Canada Day Memorial Services. This was approved by LCC.
2. A-M O said Fochaberian Editor would welcome receiving articles on LCC activities.
3. JW said the process for making Microgrant Donations is not functioning. SSE are to be contacted to sort the fault. Forms to be available at the Lampie Hoose, Portgordon. There has been one request from a Clochan source.
4. JW commented on the amount of litter blowing about near his local waste disposal centre. CH will write about it.
5. A. McN prop. DR sec. a Motion that a M. Council decision to close the Gollachy Recycling Centre causing increased traffic to the Spey Bay site be opposed and a Petition set up to gather support. LCC agreed.
6. PG prop. JW sec. a Motion that LCC contact Buckie CC to seek joint action with them to oppose the Gollachy site closure. LCC agreed. Local Members to promote action on 5 and 6.
7. CH to contact M. Council about misleading white road signs at the Fochabers East Roundabout.

10. NEXT MEETING 255

Next at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 27 FEBRUARY 2019 at The Community Hall, Clochan.

