

**Lennox Community Council**  
**Meeting of Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019**  
**Venue: The Fochabers Community Museum**

**Members Present;** Christine Lester, Mike Reid, Angus McNair, Donald Cameron, Pringle George.

**Others present:** Alastair Kennedy (Interim Chair), Paul MacPherson, Kay Griffin, (members of the public).

The meeting opened at 19.00hrs with Alastair Kennedy in the Chair.

**1. Minutes and Apologies**

There were no apologies.

The minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> August meeting were proposed for accuracy by Angus and Seconded by Pringle.

**2. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 27/08/19.**

**Community Council Banner:** a discussion took place on the acquisition of a banner, a price has not yet been sought as there was no decision on whether to have a Community Council Logo or not. There was a suggestion that a temporary banner be purchased which can be replaced when a Logo was decided. At the previous meeting it had been suggested that local schools could be asked to submit designs for the community council logo. Angus, Mike and Pringle submitted some design ideas and these were discussed. It was decided that Angus' 'Four persons' design should be included on the temporary banner as an initial logo which would be supplemented by the winning school design.

**Facebook:** Christine now has administrative control of the Lennox Facebook page and gave an overview of the need for proper moderation of the content. The matter of responding to enquires on the FB page was discussed and it was decided that responses must be in a 'corporate' manner in order that the Community Council is sending out the correct message. Christine suggested that a Facebook messenger Group be set up for communication between Community Council members, Mike advised that he is not on Facebook.

**Lennox Community Council Account Books:**

Pringle is now in possession of the Account Books.

**War Memorial:**

The painting is progressing; Mike who is the Memorials secretary is in the process of applying for a grant to cover the costs.

There was a discussion regarding the need for signage for the road closures around the War memorial when events were being held.

Pringle raised a point that grant applications have to be ratified by the Community Council and signed by the Treasure and the Chair.

### **3. Representations from the Public:**

There was a discussion about public attendance at Community Council meetings, (or the lack there of), and it was suggested that the public don't really understand what Community councils are all about.

### **4. Co-option:**

The matter of co-opting Paul MacPherson as a Community Council member was discussed, Paul stated he was prepared to join the community council and it was unanimously agreed that he should be accepted.

**Action: Alastair to advise the CCLO of Paul's co-opting onto Lennox Community Council.**

### **5. Recruitment of Community Councillors:**

The matter of the difficulty of recruiting community councillors is not unique to Lennox community council and suggestions for attracting recruits were discussed. Pringle advised the meeting that she had been in contact with the Press & Journal and Northern Scot newspapers and they would be publishing articles on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September respectively. It was suggested that taking a stall at community events and displaying the Community Council banner may attract some interest. Christine said she would create a recruitment post on the community council's Facebook page.

**Action: Christine to create a recruitment advert on Facebook.**

### **6. Minutes and Note taking:**

Currently Steve Hickin of Keith Community Council is acting as an independent Minute/Note Taker. The meeting discussed the option of employing a secretary who was not a member of the council.

**Actions: Pringle to speak to Michelle about the role of Secretary  
Alastair to speak to TSI Moray to see if they have a list of available volunteers.**

There was also a brief discussion on the distribution of Minutes, it was decided that Donald would post the Minutes in Fochabers, Angus would post in Clochan, Paul would post in Spey Bay and Christine would post the Minutes on Facebook.

Steve will email the minutes to Alastair who will distribute them to the members accordingly.

### **7. Setting up an Email Address, (or updating GMX):**

After a brief discussion it was decided to defer this matter to the next meeting.

**Action: Alastair to place item on next meeting's Agenda.**

Donald raised the matter that he currently has GMX set up on his personal computer and would like to remove it. The meeting decided that Donald can

remove GMX from his computer and members will use their personal emails for communication in the interim.

## **8. Updates:**

**Finance:** Pringle reported that the Account books she has received were well prepared and up to date and a sheet showing the Cash Book status was distributed to members. All outstanding Bills and Micro grants have been paid up to date.

Pringle distributed a Moray Council expenses form template for member's information as to how to complete one. A data sharing Consent form was also distributed for members to complete and return by the next meeting.

**Planning:** Christine had received an email from Anna Mary regarding a planning application at Nether Dallachy; Angus advised that there were no issues.

**Health & Wellbeing:** Donald has read the recently circulated report and there are no issues for Lennox CC to address.

**Elected Members:** Donald enquired as to whether the meeting would be electing Office Bearers, the Chair advised that it had previously been decided that Lennox Community Council would continue with the interim Chair until such time as it was able to sustain its self.

The meeting agreed that an item would be placed on the agenda of the next meeting to discuss who would attend outside bodies such as the JCC on behalf of Lennox Community Council.

**Action: Alastair to place item on the next meeting's Agenda.**

**Nether Dallachy War Memorial:** Lennox Community Council is currently responsible for the up keep of this memorial, Donald suggested that LCC canvass Moral Council and the RAF to see if one of them would be willing to take on responsibility for this memorial as it is an anomaly that LCC is responsible. The matter was discussed and it was suggested that this matter 'bogs down meetings' and needs to be resolved. The meeting agreed that the local elected Moray Councillors should be lobbied for support in Moray Council taking over responsibility for this Memorial.

The pointing on the memorial appears OK but is unsightly.

Mike raised the matter of the road closures around the memorial that are needed whenever a ceremony takes place. As the owners of the memorial LCC is responsible for issuing road closure notices when ceremonies take place and road closure signs have to put in place on the day. The signs have to be obtained from Moral Councils depot and transported to the memorial then, after the ceremony the signs have to be returned to the Moray Council depot and the cost of transport to and from is at the expense of LCC.

Paul asked if LCC could request a set of signs from Moray Council and store them nearby the memorial.

Mike advised that preparations were in place for the Remembrance Day ceremony.

**Participatory Budgeting Paper:** Deferred to the next meeting.

**Clash Gour Memorandum of Understanding:** Alastair gave an overview of the scheme.

Christine proposed that Lennox CC become a signatory of the memorandum of Understanding, this was seconded by Paul and agreed unanimously by the meeting.

**Timelines:** A discussion took place on how LCC could move forward on representing the area and raising awareness. It was suggested that events such as the presentation of Microgrant cheques could be more widely publicised with photos and a brief report, Kay Griffin offered to publish this in the Fochabarian community newsletter.

## 9. AOCB:

Crown Estate Plan, Christine raised the matter of the recently circulated Crown estates Plan and suggested that LCC should consider a response.

**Action: Christine to circulate the plan to members, all members to respond to Christine.**

**Dolphin Centre Road:** Paul raised the matter of the poor condition of the road leading to the Spey Bay Dolphin centre and asked who is responsible for its upkeep, is it the Crown estate?

**Lennox Community Council Admin materials:** Christine advised that she had been passed the following items from Colin Hanover; A memory stick, printer, Laptop computer and two files of documents.

**Lennox Community Council Meetings:** Christine advised that some LCC members may not be attending these current series of meetings because they were out of sync with the usual dates of meetings.

Christine proposed that Lennox CC return to its scheduled pattern of meeting which is the last Wednesday of each month. This was seconded by Paul and unanimously agreed by the meeting. Therefore, the next meeting of Lennox Community Council will be on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 1900hrs in Spey Bay Hall and on the last Wednesday of each month thereafter.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.10hrs.

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