

Lennox Community Council

Meeting of Wednesday 26th February 2020 commencing 19:00hrs

Venue: Spey Bay Hall

Members Present; Mike Reid, Paul MacPherson, Pringle George, Anna-Mary Overing, Donald Cameron, Chris Overing - Assoc Member.

Others present: Alastair Kennedy (Interim Chair), Steve Hickin (Minutes), Cllr Shona Morrison-(left meeting 19:47hrs), Ian Fettes MoP-(arr 19:11hrs), John Wright MoP-(left meeting 19:44hrs).

1. Welcome and Apologies

Alastair opened the meeting at 1900hrs and welcomed all those present.

Apologies were received from Christine Lester, Cllr Mark Macrae and Cllr Bremner.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Alastair advised that the SEPA abbreviation had been misspelt in the first sub paragraph of paragraph 6, Mike advised his name had been misspelt in the second sub paragraph of Paragraph 6, he also advised that the War memorial was the Dallachy War Memorial and not Nether Dallachy War Memorial and should be amended accordingly.

With the relevant amendments made the minutes were proposed by Anna-Mary, seconded by Mike and adopted.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 28/01/2020

All matters arising would be dealt with under the relevant Agenda items.

4. Financial Report – Pringle George

- a) Pringle reported the following; there is no change in the Current Account since the last meeting, she also advised that a cheque for £105 is to be given to Anna-Mary to pay for the 'Pop up' Banner that is now on order.
- b) Bank of Scotland had written to Pringle to advise her that she could not yet be registered as a signatory for the LCC Bank account. There are currently three signatories registered to the account, current LCC member Christine Lester and two former members of LCC. Until the two former members withdraw their signatures from the account new signatories cannot be appointed. Alastair agreed to accompany Pringle to the Bank of Scotland Branch in Elgin to try and resolve the matter. When the matter is resolved Paul MacPherson, Christine Lester and Pringle will be the accredited signatories to the LCC account.
- c) Mike has provided a note with quotes from contractors for the repair work to the Dallachy War Memorial. A further verbal quote from another contractor has been received but it needs to be presented in writing if it is to be considered.

The Sub Committee will follow this up.

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5. Dallachy War Memorial:

- a) A brief discussion took place concerning the recommendation in the Sub Committee report that LCC purchase its own signs for use during ceremonies at the War Memorial. It was agreed that LCC would purchase the signs as recommended by the Sub Committee.
- b) The Sub Committee is to identify a secure storage location for the road signs, Mike has volunteered to look after the signs until a storage location is identified.
- c) Pringle asked if the Community Council would consider acquiring a Memorial Bench to be sited at the War memorial. It was suggested the local Men's Shed could be asked if they would build one. Sub Committee to approach the Men's Shed.

6. Logo/Banner:

Anna-Mary reported that as per the decision at last month's meeting the Banner has been ordered and has come in under budget at £105, the supplier will advise Anna-Mary when the Banner is ready for collection.

7. Updates:

a. *Facebook* – Christine Lester

Alastair has received the update from Christine who continues to post information and updates on the Facebook page. Christine has advised Alastair she is happy to receive items for posting from Community Councillors and outside sources.

b. *Planning* – Angus McNair

There are no matters to report at this time.

c. *Health & Wellbeing*

Alastair suggested that it may be possible to set up a presentation from Pam Dudek regarding the new Health & Social Care Package as per the update in the last meeting.

d. *Spey By Road*

As per Christine's report in last month's meeting; Edward Brookesbank of Savilles is dealing with repairs to the road. It is still unclear who owns or is responsible for the section of the road into the Dolphin Centre.

Member of the public Mr John Wright stated to the meeting that sections of the road are in a disgraceful condition and full of pot holes.

Cllr Morrison stated she would raise the matter with the council to identify who is responsible for the road in question.

e. *Recruitment Stall at Clochan*

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Angus was not present to give his update but it is believed that one or two members of the public had expressed an interest and they need to be followed up.

8. Representations from Members of the public:

Mr Wright had left the meeting after speaking to the matter of the Spey Bay Road, there were no other representations from members of the public.

9. National Planning Framework Events:

Alastair introduced the National Planning Framework Event email which was asking if any community councils wished to host one of these events. The meeting felt that LCC was not in a position to host such an event at this time.

10. Climate Leadership training:

Christine has expressed an interest in this training if the dates are suitable for her, she must advise CCLO Jane Martin of her interest by return email.

11. Items for the next meeting's Agenda:

- Update from the Sub Committee on ceremonies at the War Memorial and the implementation plans.
- Update on the Spey Bay Road.
- Donald wishes to put a motion to LCC that Lennox Community Council reduces its venue list from the current four locations to two locations at Fochabers and Port Gordon.

12. AOCB:

- i. There was a brief discussion on which venues in Fochabers were most suitable for Community Council meetings. The High School was suggested but there were concerns raised about this venue because the meeting must finish at 21:00hrs sharp. There are other venues available in Fochabers and Anna-Mary and Donald will look into which is the most suitable.
- ii. Mike raised the matter of the Scottish Fire Service survey into local satisfaction with the service. After a discussion it was decided that individual members could respond to the survey if they so wished.
- iii. Alastair raised the matter of the 'Great Border River Clean Up which was proposing to litter pick along the River Spey. The matter was discussed and it was felt that although this appeared to be a worthwhile project the LCC would not participate but individual members could attend if they so wished.

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- iv. Steve raised the issue of the post of Secretary to Lennox Community Council and offered to take on the role if the Community Council wanted him to do so. After a brief discussion Steve's offer was accepted and he took charge of the LCC Lap top computer.

- v. Armed Forces Festivities Funding - Mike advised the meeting that there were funds available to support various ceremonies. The Sub Committee will look into this and should maybe advise Sybil Stewart of the Fochabers Village association of this fund.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:38hrs

**The next two meetings of Lennox Community Council will be on:
Wednesday 25th March at Lampie House Port Gordon
and
Wednesday 29th April at Clochan Community Hall
Both meetings will commence at 19:00hrs**