PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ZOOM MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2020

The Chair welcomed members of Community Council and Councillors to the zoom meeting.

Present: Diane Anderson, Cathleen Harper, Gladys McKenzie, Cllr. Theresa Coull, Cllr. Donald Gatt and Cllr. Laura Powell.

1. Apologies

Angela Mair

2. Minutes

Minutes of last meeting approved by Gladys McKenzie and seconded by Cathleen Harper.

3. Matters Arising

Diane Anderson advised the group that the application to Portknockie Common Good Fund has been successful and Local Members approved a grant of £250. Bank details have been sent to Amanda Kingham and should be transferred shortly.

Diane Anderson enquired if Fred Philips, Electricians, Portsoy had been in touch with Cathleen Harper yet for the key to the Millennium Garden. Still no contact so we will need to get back to them again. Cathleen will be away from the 23rd September and will hand the key to Gladys.

Cathleen Harper enquired if the pontoons at the harbour had been fixed but the situation seems to be ongoing.

Cllr. Gatt raised the issue of Armistice and the plans for the Portknockie Service. Gladys will be in touch with Jaco about this to find out more about the situation. Cllr. Coull spoke about the likelihood of a more low key event under the current restrictions which could be filmed and streamed. Cllr. Powell raised concerns about the location of the Portknockie Memorial and the difficulty of social distancing in such a small space. The group will look into this further and report back at the next meeting.

4. Police Matters

Nothing to report and no report so far this month.

5. Xmas Lights

Discussed above

6. Matters for Elected Members

The large pot hole at the junction at the crossroads has been filled in. Cllr. Powell advised the group that the pot holes and general poor condition of the road around the Pharmacy has not been addressed but will probably need resurfacing. Concerns have also been raised about pot holes on Seafield Street.

7. Correspondence

All correspondence has been emailed to members.

Diane Anderson raised the issue of the letter received from Sue Lane about her grass verge. After discussing the matter it was decided that a letter should be sent explaining that the Community Council had brought up her letter with Councillors and it had been dealt with. Diane Anderson asked if the lady should be invited to the next meeting but it was decided a letter would be sufficient.

8. Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance £1635.67

A cheque for £40 has been given to The Community Association for one half share of a strimmer.

9. AOCB

An application has been entered to turn the Fly Cup into a Chinese Takeaway. The group discussed the pros and cons of this – good for local employment, encourage more visitors to the area and more facilities for residents. The issue was raised about opening times and the impact of late night opening hours but this would not be available until later in the planning process.

Diane Anderson had received a form from Portknockie Community Association about the use of the McBoyle Hall as it was due to open on the 14th September. Cllr. Powell informed the group that Jane Martin has advised that Zoom Meetings should be the method of communication for the time being. This information will be checked to see if it is still the case. As a result Diane Anderson completed the form stating we would be using the hall on a Monday evening once the restrictions were lifted.

Gladys McKenzie had approached Donna Coull for the receipts for goods purchased by the Kindness Group using the money from grants given by the Community Council. Donna has given these to Angela and will be passed on to Gladys.

The group are considering purchasing an annual Zoom license for £120 which would increase the time allocation for each meeting – currently 40 minutes. This would also allow other people to host the meeting in the event of Diane Anderson being unavailable.

The meeting was closed at 7.40pm

The next meeting will be a Zoom meeting on Monday 12th October at 7pm. Diane Anderson will send out the login in details prior to the meeting.