

# Lennox Community Council

## Minutes of Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, 27 January 2021

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**Venue:** Zoom

**Chair:** Jane Martin, CCLO

**Secretary:** Johanna Summers

**Present:**

**Clochan** Angus McNair

**Fochabers:** Donald Cameron, Kay Griffin, Alex Hume

**Portgordon:** Paul McPherson, Johanna Summers, Pringle George

**Spey Bay:** Mike Reid, John Wright

**Associate Members:** Sandy Bond, Anna Mary Overing, Chris Overing

**Elected Members:** None in attendance

**In attendance:** Jane Martin CCLO

### 1. Welcome & apologies

There were no apologies.

DM thanked everyone for cards and donations to charity received for his 90th birthday. He applauded Johanna's minutes.

**2. Police Report:** None received.

**3. Guest Presentation** – None

**4. Minutes of Last Meeting:** Minutes of the LCC meeting of 25th of November, 2020 were proposed and seconded.

### 5. Matters Arising

JM reported that SB, for the moment, must remain as an associate member. The enquiry to be from a Fochabers resident to be co-opted onto the Community Council was advised that there was no vacant positions, they have advised that they would wait until the elections.

PM returns as chair at the February meeting. KG minutes secretary. JS remains as Secretary, circulating correspondence and dealing with social media, agenda's and minutes to be added to Facebook. Anyone considering attending can make contact via Facebook for the Zoom details.

MR queried the lack of appropriate insurance to cover occasional use of lawn mowers etc. resulted in a decision to get clarification from Moray Council before voluntary work will/should be undertaken. JM will send insurance information to the chair for the Community Council to take a decision. **Action JM & PM**

## **6. Correspondence Received**

Vaccines have been received via Community Support Unit at Moray Council from BAA Systems to be used for volunteers working within Covid support and distribution.

Karen Delaney's work at Community Food larder based in Mosstodloch will end now. It has been hugely effective in supporting families in the area. Finances received from SSE via LCC continue to cover food parcels and vouchers. PM and PG agreed to have a further meeting to address the financial implications of supporting families affected by poverty.

### **Action PM & PG**

Offer of extra grit provided by Moray Council Roads Maintenance has been a positive benefit locally. Poor road conditions remain a concern but it was acknowledged that poor, frosty weather does inhibit permanent solutions.

JS will write to Vento Ludens Ltd, to enquire whether the extension to Edintore Wind Farm scheme is in fact available to our area - as their last email claimed it was.

Recruiting people for May Elections is important and attendees are urged to encourage people to contact Moray Council.

Information passed by the PM to LCC re anti-social behaviour at the Pinny at Fochabers will be passed to the Police Inspector.

## **7. Treasurer's Report**

Pringle presented a financial report which was appreciated for its detail and competence. (Attached)

## **8. Planning**

No matters arising

## **9. War Memorials**

Dallachy War memorial: The sub-group have been involved in getting estimated cost for re-lettering.

Dates for Anzac Day 25 the April, Canada Day 1st July and Remembrance Sunday 14th November remain, appropriate services are being monitored as Pandemic continues.

Wreaths for November can be obtained from Keith British Legion, JM to provide contact details. MR reported that 5 spare wreaths remain in Spey Bay Hall.

## **10. Events**

Nothing planned at present.

## **11. Area Updates:**

**Portgordon:** People are asked to report serious dog fouling which is extremely bad, especially by the harbour. Moray Council are putting up official signs and have already cleared up excess dog littering. JS requested that the LCC present the planning for the Community Garden which means the charge will be half as it is a community project. All agreed to support this.

### **Clochan:**

AM reported an increase in fly tipping in the area and very little action available to address this menace. Reports can be directed to the antisocial behaviour department at Moray Council.

### **Fochabers:**

DC reported his continued concern re bad bend at junction of East Street and South Street which he has reported to Marc Macrae. He also passed details of a lady wishing to join LCC as an associate member.

AH reported that the traffic lights by the Gordon Arms have now been out of order for six weeks. Apparently there is a major wiring fault which will be fixed when the weather improves. There is also poor lighting by the old Spey Bridge and a real hazard arising from broken fencing close by. Sandy seconded Alex's comments and they will work together to ensure this is addressed. They will contact the councillors. Alex paid tribute to the three new benches by the burn.

### **Spey Bay:**

JW reported that while potholes were at last being attended to at Tugnet there was evidence of more roadworks required in the area.

MR reported that he had attended Innes CC Zoom meeting where concern was raised about erosion of the Spey. Jim Mackie is on the case which is liable to be very expensive to resolve.

## **12. Elected Members**

Nothing to report.

## **13. Community Feedback**

Nothing to report.

## **14. The Joint Community Councils of Moray**

JM hoped SB would attend the JCC meeting on 11th February.

## **15. AOCB.**

In winding up the meeting JM complementary on the progress that had been made with LCC with structure in place and communications resolved, LCC can move forward

PG suggested forming subgroups which would enhance projects by working together.

**Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting:**

Wednesday 24 February at 7pm, Zoom