

# Lennox Community Council Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, 24 February 2021

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**Venue:** Zoom

**Chair:** Paul MacPherson

**Secretary:** Johanna Summers

## In Attendance

Pringle George (Treasurer) Donald Cameron, Kay Griffin (minute secretary), Alex Hume, Associate Members Sandy Bond, Chris and Anna Mary Overing.

### 1. Welcome & apologies

Apologies from Angus McNair and Robert Gray.

Councillors: No councillors present, apologies received from Shona Morrison.

Welcome to a member of public attending, Julie Harris.

### 2. Police Update

There will be two other officers appointed to replace current contact and details will be available soon.

### 3. Guest presentation

None

### 4. Minutes of Last Meeting (Jan 2021)

Acceptance of minutes of 27th January proposed by AH seconded by JW.

### 5. Matters arising

No response currently received re: Mike's query on insurance for using personal equipment. JS will seek clarification and report back.

DC requested that the Moray Council consider making High Street, Fochabers a 20mph area. AH agreed on this move because it is the norm in so many other areas. Is Moray Council out of step with this safety feature? All agreed that twenty's plenty deserved to be supported. SB + AH have researched the problems raised and have contacted the councillors and The Moray Council. **Action Point:** They will pass information and related photos to The Fochabers Community Newsletter.

Widespread confusion continues over broadband speed in the area. Finderne CC have requested support in their drive to get more acceptable broadband speed in rural areas.

### 6. Correspondence Received

Johanna continues to circulate all relevant correspondence to the group.

### 7. Treasurer's Report:

Very detailed report received from Pringle (attached): Honorarium of £320 would benefit The Lampie Hoose.

Ongoing good relations with Karen have helped address family poverty via voucher scheme and utility bills have been supported. Some items are still available at Speymouth Hall. Johanna will put details on Facebook page.

## **8. Planning**

No issues to be discussed.

## **9. War Memorials**

Dallachy War Memorial: Grass cutting 3 times in the season by MC might be insufficient and while CC group weeding etc is realistic, perhaps a hand mower might even help maintain an acceptable condition. **Action Point:** The ongoing project of gold relettering of the sign will be discussed further in the subgroup.

## **10. Events**

None

## **11. Area Updates:**

**Portgordon:** JS reported that to enable planning permission to be progressed via the Moray Council, Lennox CC agreed to support the project of The Community Garden planning application by putting its name on it (as this attracts a 50% reduction in fee). Finance will be reimbursed via HIE grant. JS reported that the flooded path through Spey Bay Woods from Spey Bay to towards Portgordon ( and temporary diversion) have been addressed quickly by Ged Connell, Countryside Ranger/Maintenance Officer for Moray Council.

**Clochan:** Nobody present to present an update.

**Fochabers:** DC holding off temporarily in his drive to pursue MC again about the bad bend at the junction of South and East Street.

Poorly maintained lighting and broken fencing continue to be a concern by old Spey Bridge. Councillor M Macrae has responded to a query passed to him. A request for a rubbish bin to be sited by The Pinny would help the perceived problem of litter.

**Spey Bay:** Local people continue to help keep roads clear in recent bad weather. In spite of 90,000 visitors at Dolphin Centre Tugnet is not included in WhatsApp. MR stated that the condition of the road from Bellie Cemetery to Den Farm is used by occasional HGVs and this is giving rise to concern for the future.

## **12. Elected Members**

None

## **13. Community Feedback**

None

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

None

## **15. AOCB.**

Defibrillator provision: Concern on how to access public defibrillators was discussed with information given on BHF and Heartsafe.org.uk Should Lennox CC request that MSP Richard Lohead raise the question in parliament to ensure a common sign and put it on Google Map? **Action point:** JS will ask Colin Hanover in Portgordon about his understanding of their defibrillators - as he manages them.

## **16. Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting**

Wed 31 March 2021 at 7pm. Zoom details to be confirmed and sent out by JS