

**Lennox Community Council
Meeting Wednesday 31 March 2021**

Attending via Zoom

Portgordon : Paul MacPherson(Chair), Johanna Campbell (Secretary), Pringle George, (Treasurer).

Clochan: Angus McNair

Spey Bay: John Wright, Mike Reid.

Fochabers: Donald Cameron, Alex Hume, Kay Griffin (Minutes)

Associate members: Sandy Bond, Chris and Anna Mary Overing

Councillors Shona Morrison and Marc Macrae.

Guest in attendance: Jim Mackie

1. Welcome and Apologies: Robert Gray, Clochan

2. Police report: Advice remember to give cyclists and horse riders a wide berth. While concerns were raised about cyclists proceeding side by side (especially on the Spey Bay road) the Chair advised to continue to be aware and show courtesy at all times.

3. Guest Presentation Jim Mackie explained how the Spey changing course is severely threatening the area around Garmouth. He requested that Lennox C C might financially support the purchase of a drone so that the current state of the problem be recorded. This would go to a vote later in the meeting.

4. Minutes of Last Meeting – February 2021 meeting minutes were accepted - proposed by John and seconded by Pringle.

5. Correspondence Received –nothing to report

5. Matters Arising Defibrillators' diversity has given rise to concerns about availability and how to operate etc. Johanna will find out and collate the information and put it on Facebook.

6. Treasurer's Report

Pringle reported on concise current finances (attached) and it was agreed by vote that £400 would be passed to Jim for the Drone Project at Garmouth.

8. Planning: Pet cemetery at Tannachy, Beaufighter Road and PCHG Gardens - no problems raised.

9. War Memorials

Pringle requested support for the Anzac Day memorial service on Sunday 25th (Group to liaise on this).

10. Events - none

11. Area Reports

Portgordon: Following Public Consultation attended by 40+ people a feasibility study is currently taking place to evaluate and collate the findings of providing a Community Hub for all at the former Richmond Arms Pub building.

The Community Harbour Group has been leading the project which will result in groups coming together as a Community Development Trust.

Painting and enhancing areas of the harbour have already improved the environment.

a) Concerns about the disposal of chemical toilets at the proposed area for camper vans will be progressed by members.

b) Concerns about asbestos in the area adjacent to primary school were raised. Shona promised to take both areas of concern further.

Marc reminded the meeting that plans for a) not yet finalised.

Clochan: Angus said little to report as the Community centre is still not open.

Fochabers: Donald reported further on concerns about the South Street / East Street junction. Instruments will be installed to check the traffic usage to evaluate the situation. He feels the pedestrian crossing may not have much value now. Traffic parking on yellow lines in the High Street has caused an accident. The complainant has also expressed a wish to stand for Community Council.

Men's shed have refurbished seats by Oor Wullie and await an invitation to return them. Minutes cannot be read clearly at the notice board at the chemist. Kay will talk to Iain / Gordon.

Sandy concerned about the security / safety of the adult healthy equipment at the park Kay will talk to Iain Rennie.

Alex raised the position of the Bicentenary Park which is suffering from neglect while the community is keen to upgrade it. While a plan awaits to be put in place it was advised that money was available via Queen's Jubilee fund and from Covid 19 memorial funds. In fact this should benefit all four areas of the LCC.

Spey Bay: MR remains concerned about the possibility of real damage to the cemetery walls if water is not diverted via a drain.

Grass cutting will not be carried out by members in the area by Dallachy War Memorial. John reported the removal of lifebuoy by the river at Spey Bay. Fortunately spares are available.

12. Elected Members

Marc said a speed indicator will be installed from 26th April on the approach from the bridge/ bypass into Fochabers village because of speeding in this area.

Shona reported that 50% of vaccines have been administered.

Sadly an outbreak of Covid 19 at Walker's has skewed previously decreasing numbers. Because of gas workings there will be traffic restrictions around Dr Gray's hospital soon. She also agreed with Marc that the area approaching Fochabers lacks signage and will benefit from 30mph signs

“20s plenty” is still being discussed to be rolled out within prime areas of Moray to ensure safety for all. She would welcome a letter of support from CCs. This could come via the Moray JCC?

13. Community Feedback - none

14. The Joint Community Council of Moray

The next JCC meeting is April 8th at 7pm.

15. AOCB: Anna Mary’s concerns about the poor state of barrel planters by War Memorial will be progressed along with Kay.

16. Next meeting : 28/04/21 at 7pm.