

Lennox Community Council

Zoom meeting held on 26 May 2021

Attending: Portgordon: Paul MacPherson (chair) Pringle George
(treasurer) Johanna Campbell (secretary)

Fochabers : Donald Cameron, Alex Hume, Anna Mary Overing (associate member) Kay
Griffin (Minutes)

Spey Bay: Mike Reid, John Wright.

Councillor Marc Macrae.

Apologies: Angus McNair and Robbie Gray (Clochan)

Chris Overing, Sandy Bond (associate Fochabers members)

Councillors :David Bremner and Shona Morrison.

Police Report: Johanna has sent out the report and has agreed to pass on future dates to the two newly appointed police representatives. Temporary traffic lights are in place in Nether Dallachy.

Minutes:

Correction Requests: South Street / East Street junction and funding for Lunch Club need to be specified (Donald)

Snowdrop and daffodil bulbs available, need to be dug up (Mike).

Bench in storage can be used at Strike Wing memorial (Alex)

Amended minutes proposed by Donald, seconded by Alex.

Matters arising from minutes:

Planning permission is required for the noticeboard in the Square.

Correspondence: Alcohol licence for McKays Supermarket in Portgordon granted.

Aultmore Wind Farm licence extended from 27 to 30 years.

Disposal of fibreglass windmill wings is now viable.

Treasurer's Report:

Pringle's report clearly showed another positive financial statement. While it was recorded that application for PPE appears unnecessary, Donald felt that Pringle can make wise judgement and proceed accordingly.

Application for funding from Rocket Community Choir was agreed and 100% - £413 should be awarded.

Funding for Fochabers Shed of £250 also agreed.

Planning: No planning report had been received.

Planning for refurbishment of Dallachy Strike Wing Memorial is progressing. Alex and John will remove/ refurbish the plaque but not before Canada Day on 1st July. Pringle reported that arrangements for the service are progressing very well.

A further meeting of the sub group will take place on 9th June.

Events: Nothing else reported.

Area Reports:

Portgordon: Planning permission for Community Garden is still not available. Planning for future public toilets remains a priority.

Marc reported that David is looking into getting action.

Plants have been ordered to enhance displays in the square.

Plans for refurbishment of the village hall via funding from SSE are underway and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Charging Point at hall will be able to be accessed via cards once wifi is available.

Currently repairs and disposal of batteries is still undecided.

Clochachan: No report.

Fochabers: Parklets from Moray Council, agreed for Fochabers, will now be delivered to the Portgordon Harbour area.

Donald requested that a decision be made about the LCC notice board to be erected in the Square.

Marc agreed to liaise with Moray Council and provide costs etc.

He will also enquire about possibly providing electric vehicle charging points in Fochabers.

Good work recognised at Famous Fochabers garden and other areas of the village.

However, lack of bins and signage is detrimental. Johanna and Marc will proceed on this requirement.

Spey Bay: Swans have been wandering on the road but signage has helped avoid serious problems. Source of the methane gas has been traced and addressed. This will continue to be monitored.

The MC Countryside Ranger had put in an effective bypass arrangement after heavy rain and made progress on the Spey Bay woods path.

Councillor Macrae urged everyone to get involved in the consultation such as the cycleway from Lhanbryde to Threaplands.

AOCB:

Pringle reported that at the JCC meeting there had been widespread displeasure about the suggested designated areas of disposal of toilet waste. This would be discussed further when more information is available. Portgordon and Portknockie has rejected the initial plans.

Donald requested that a meeting place be agreed for future meetings but under current Covid-19 regulations, Paul said the June meeting would be via Zoom. There would be no July meeting and arrangements for future meetings would be reviewed.

Next meeting was agreed via Zoom on Wednesday 30th June at 7pm.