

Lennox Community Council  
Meeting via Zoom 23/08/21

Present : Paul MacPherson ( Chair) Pringle George ( Treasurer)  
Sandy Bond, Donald Cameron, Kay Griffin ( Minutes)

Councillors: Shona Morrison, Marc Macrae, David Bremner

Apologies: Alex Hume, Anna Mary Overing, Chris Overing, John Wright, Mike Reid.

Minutes of June meeting, : proposed by Paul, seconded by Donald  
accepted as reflecting the business of that meeting.

Police report : None received.

No guest presentation.

Councillors' reports:

Shona had nothing specific to report.

Marc: The hedge in South Street / Charlotte Street which had been of concern has now been cut back by the homeowner.

He has contacted Bear Scotland about the railings on the old Spey Bridge which require repair because of missing components.

In response to the ongoing concern about the junction of South / East Street he agreed to keep the situation under review.

He thanked everyone for past / hopefully future input to LCC.

David: Applications for funding for trees planted under the auspices of The Queen's Green Canopy will be discussed on Thursday, hopefully money will be made available to upkeep plants etc.

Pringle reported that:

She had been in touch with Gary Templeton at Moray Council. The official form will be completed for the Queen's Green Canopy.

Her involvement in the 20/20 speed initiative remains positive with the police hoping that government funding will be provided.

Canada Day had been successful with Canadian representative, Mary Duncan, hoping to return to a future event. A note sent to Andrew Newlands gave thanks for his catering contribution. Johanna's move south had been marked by a card of appreciation.

Correspondence: Nil

Treasurer's report:

Pringle confirmed a balance of £4000 + on 30th June

Her detailed account will be attached.

Financial situation : A very detailed request for payment for activities, mainly surrounding Memorial services, had been received.

There was a feeling of unease and disappointment from those attending the meeting who felt it a privilege to have a close involvement with this unique memorial - it's a voluntary community role, not a paid job!

After considerable discussion it was agreed that Pringle should prepare a letter of response, following communication with Chair and Minute Secretary.

Planning: Nothing to report.

Events:

Services at the Strike Wing memorial will be enhanced by the work completed there, the refurbished bench donated by Christie's, its transportation and the awaited load of gravel being donated.

Area Reports:

Portgordon: Polytunnels in community garden now in place.

Clochachan: No report received.

Fochabers: Good news re. the long used notice board. The clouded perspex is to be replaced and minutes can be read again.

Famous Fochaberians' Garden is looking good after refurbishment and The Pinny is well used for various activities.

Spey Bay: A new committee has been appointed at The Hall.

No further concerns about swans on road recorded.

JCC: Information from Jane Martin. She will remain in post covering Moray Community Councils for four months. She reported that the meeting re. Garmouth Flooding via Zoom has been rescheduled for 16th September.

AOCB:

Request for disabled parking bays at Portgordon Harbour will be added to The Traffic Report.

Parklets from Moray Council for the same area are still awaited.

With recent hot weather wild fires have increased. Fire engines have attended locally.

Reporting perceived culprits is not a good use of Facebook as this is seen as a vigilante approach.

Future of the LCC

Everyone on current LCC must now stand down.

The next meeting will be called in October by Jane Martin with all elected members.

Donald paid tribute to everyone he had served with over the years.

Shona thanked everyone and wished them good luck in elections.

Paul felt Zoom meetings had been effective and hoped there would be a positive future for the group.

