

**PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD Monday 14 March 2022**

Queen's Canopy

Following much discussion, it has been decided that there is no suitable location for a tree in the village that offers both sufficient distance from buildings and traffic or shelter from winds. PCC will not therefore participate in this element of the celebrations.

Queens platinum celebrations:

Both leads on this project (DC and LU) are absent today, so an update will be provided at the April meeting. DC/LU

Clearing of Slater Crescent

This area had now been cleared of debris and the PCC thanks LU for all her work in initiating the clearance and sourcing of support to carry it out. Thanks are also offered to the individual carrying out the clearance. There is an offer of laying of topsoil and grass seed at no cost and also a volunteer has come forward from Mairs Street to cut the grass on a regular basis. These final actions are greatly appreciated and should bring this issue to a close.

6 Correspondence Received

Speeding

Following reporting of this issue to the Police via PCC the response has been that all incidents of speeding or any other form of hazardous driving/parking should be reported to the Police on 101 or online reporting form regardless of whether or not the complainant has the registration number of the vehicle concerned. Only once a number of reports have been received will the police be able to prioritise any action. ALL

Removal of Barbed Wire Fencing by Play Park/Wood Place

This matter has been reported but no response has yet been received. SF to follow-up. SF

Neighbourhood Watch (NW)

To date, no support has been forthcoming from either the Police or from Neighbourhood Watch despite requests made by PCC. The former village leader for NW (John Miles) will provide contact details so that further attempts can be made to initiate NW in the village.

Wind Farm Extension Meeting

A public meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday in Cullen. SF will try to attend and feed back to PCC. SF

Defibrillator

A query was received regarding the placing of Portknockie's defibrillator on a web-based map. It was felt that this had already been done. The position will be checked prior to the next meeting. AA

Fly Tipping in field behind No.5 Slater Crescent

Following notification of the incident to Seafeld Estates (SE) who own the land concerned, SE advised that as it constituted antisocial behaviour, it should be reported to TMC as such. On doing so, a response was received noting that this matter would be taken seriously

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- and a response would be offered by TMC within 14 days. It is now 19 days and no response has been received. SF to follow-up with TMC SF
- 7 **Treasurers Report**
Account currently sits at £2,406.11.
A Moray Council grant of £297.45 has been paid in.
- 8 **Planning**
No issues relevant to the village.
- 9 **Events**
Other than the Queen's platinum celebrations discussed above, there are no events currently planned.
The funding application for the Queens Jubilee Lunch has been submitted and a decision is due by 25 March .
- 10 **Members Updates:**

It was reported that the Bow Fiddle parking project was in process and that the Harbour parking barrier should be permanently locked (having been broken and repaired recently). Signage will be put in place to make it clear that the harbour area is unsuitable for motor homes/camper vans.
- 11 **Elected Members**
Councillors have been engaged in a busy round of meetings and gave a brief account of key meetings attended.

Septic Tank at Harbour
Following enquiry, it is noted that TMC have stated that they have no information regarding the septic tank at the harbour so there is no indicator of capacity or indeed if it is the tank itself that is the issue or a cracked pipe leading to/from the tank. In order to take this forward, the Harbour master (and past Harbourmaster Bert Reid) will be approached to see if they have any information on the tank. JG
- 12 **Community Feedback**
None
- 13 **JCC**
There do not seem to have been minutes of JCC meetings circulated for some time. JG to contact Debra Duke to see if we can be included in circulation of these. JG
- 14 **AOB**
none
- 14 **Next meeting**
The next meeting will be on Monday April 11th on Zoom, though face-to-face meetings should be possible from May onwards. ALL