PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING HELD Monday 14 March 2022

In attendance: Anne Anderson (Secretary - Minutes), Colin Burch (Chair Cullen & Deskford Community Council (C&DCC)), Theresa Coull (Councillor), Shirley Firth (Secretary – Correspondence), Alexandra Forsyth, Donald Gatt (Councillor), John Going (Chair), Susan Lane, Gladys McKenzie (Treasurer),

Action/ attention

1 Apologies:

Donna Coull, Laura Powell (Councillor), Jade Tindall, Lilian Urguhart

2 Police Update

There was no police presence. A police report for the Moray area had been supplied and circulated prior to the meeting.

3 **Guest Presentation**

There was no guest presentation, but Colin Burch (Chair of C&DCC) attended to discuss concerns regarding the Bauds Burn on a section of the boundary between the two CC's.

It was reported to C&DCC that the Bauds Burn running under the old railway line path (from the site of the old municipal dump and running down to the golf course) was an unusual red colour and may be contaminated. C&DCC have reported this to SEPA with Stuart Black leading on this query.

It was noted that there is a section of the path between the queried site and the Cullen Bay where red water is often visible in the ditches or across the path, possibly from the same or another underground water course.

It was agreed that the two CC's would share information on this matter and that contact details were available on TMC's CC web page.

4 Adoption of minutes of last meeting

Proposed: JG. Seconded: SF

5 Matters Arising

Resilience Planning

There have been three volunteers to consider the issue of resilience planning on behalf of PCC: AA, SL and JT. Those present indicated a preference for daytime meeting though this will need to be confirmed with JT.

AA/SL

Cllr TC reported that having just attended a SSEN workshop on the Storm Arwen response, there is £1m available for community support initiatives. Any applications for generators must show a plan with appropriately skilled individual(s) available to carry out ongoing maintenance and regular testing.

JG will forward the CC's Resilience Planning guidance document to AA, SL and JT so that a meeting can be scheduled and a project leader nominated.

JG AA/SL/JT

It should be noted that funding applications need to be in by the end of April

AA/SL/JT

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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 Seafield 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