

PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD Monday 14 February 2022

In attendance: Anne Anderson (Secretary - Minutes), Donna Coull, Theresa Coull (Councillor), , Shirley Firth (Secretary – Correspondence), Alexandra Forsyth, Donald Gatt (Councillor), John Going (Chair), , Gladys McKenzie (Treasurer), Jade Tindall, Lilian Urquhart

Action/
attention

1 **Apologies:**

Debra Duke (CCLO), Susan Lane, Laura Powell (Councillor),

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

4 **Adoption of minutes of last meeting**

Proposed: SF. Seconded: DC

5 **Matters Arising**

Resilience Planning

In order to decide if and how this is taken forward, it was agreed that a small group of volunteer PCC members would be set up to review the data received and look for possible applications in Portknockie. SF will send an email to members to ascertain who would be interested in participating in this review.

SF

Moray School Streets

In response to circulated communication regarding the trialling of the closure of streets in front of schools, this was raised as an issue of interest. Following discussion, members had difficulty identifying how this might work for Portknockie given that the road in front of the school is the main road into the village (A942) and the bus route. Options for closure of the roads on either side of the school (King Edward Terrace or Haig street) were also discussed, but again, were felt to be problematic. SF will go back to the wider membership for further discussion prior to responding to TMC.

SF

Queens platinum celebrations:

Following consultation with relevant organisations, it was clarified that in order to secure funding for a celebratory event, the PCC must demonstrate that such an event will be publicly supported. This would involve estimating numbers attending and the cost per head of laying on the event.

A number of suggestions were made and it was decided that for estimation purposes it would be assumed that 300 people may attend at a possible rate of £15/head (in order to cover e.g. food and bouncy castle hire for the children). In order to allow for bad weather on the day, it was proposed that the MacBoyle hall could be used as could the marquee and gazebos owned by the PCA. JG will estimate the number of people that could be accommodated in the hall and outside covered

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areas to ensure that as many as possible can be catered for in the event of bad weather.

The favoured suggestion for the event was a Picnic in the Park with e.g. free food, bouncy castles for the children along with old fashioned races for children and adults.

Notification has been received that although the PCC will need to notify TMC of the event, there would be no charges associated with event insurance.

The Queens Canopy - Tree Planting

It was agreed that the Playing field adjacent to the MacBoyle Hall would be too exposed to allow successful tree growth, so it was agreed to apply for one tree only. A location for such a tree was proposed on the raised grassy area at the junction of Church Street and Station Road. JT offered that her husband could advise on a suitable choice if a selection of trees was available. SF will initiate the application process for one tree.

SF

6 Correspondence Received

Speeding on King Edward Terrace

Cllr DG received guidance that in order to initiate any action, the police would first have to receive complaints of inappropriate/dangerous driving behaviour. Residents may phone the police on 101 to report cases or indeed call Crime-stoppers anonymously.

ALL

JG proposed that the PCC (SF) write to the Police reporting that a number of complaints had been received of speeding on King Edward Terrace, Church Street and Bridge Street, and that the PCC wished to log this concern on behalf of village residents.

SF

Resilience Fund

An SSEN survey has been completed taking into account members views and it has been agreed that a generator for the MacBoyle Hall is the preferred option for the village.

TMC Learning Estate Strategy – use of school out of hours

Following communication from SF, there has been no reply from the school re: thoughts on out of hours use of premises. AA agreed to approach the Head direct (SF to forward to AA a copy of the previous mail to school on this matter).

AA
SF

Repairs to Railway path to Cullen

Members were pleased to see that repairs to the damaged sections of the path were being planned.

7 Treasurers Report

Account currently sits at £2,108.66 with no movement since the January meeting.

It was noted that outstanding work checking for electrical joints under the Millennium Garden will be carried out by JG once the weather improves. Any necessary work will be carried out under the supervision of Fred Philip Electrical Ltd and signed off by the same.

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- 8 **Planning**
Only one items of planning in Portknockie (loft conversion in Haig Street). There were no objections.
- 9 **Events**
Other than the Queen's platinum celebrations discussed above, there are no events currently planned.
- 10 **Members Updates:**
- Fly Tipping in field behind No.5 Slater Crescent
The presence of a pile of rubbish (including a mattress) was reported in the field behind No.5 Slater Crescent. SF will write to Seafield Estates re: removal of the rubbish. SF
- Tidying of Slater Crescent central 'garden area'
Clearing of the central area will be competed once the weather improves in order to avoid the area becoming muddy. It was queried whether TMC might be able to supply either hardcore or tarmac to surface the area when they are working on the Bow Fiddle car park at the end of Mair Street. Cllr TC agreed to raise the question with TMC. Cllr TC
- 11 **Elected Members**
Councillors have been engaged in a busy round of meetings and gave a brief account of key meetings attended.
It was noted that TMC are trialling the return of staff to office-based working.
- 12 **Community Feedback**
- Barbed Wire Removal
A query was received from a dog owner regarding the possibility of removal of barbed wire from the fencing around the field bounded by the playing fields, play park, Wood place and Slater Crescent. As dogs have been injured by the barbed wire. SF will write to Seafield Estates re: the matter. SF
- Neighbourhood Watch
SF will renew requests for support in the setting up of a neighbourhood watch group. SF
- 13 **JCC**
The last meeting was on 10 February but no-one from PCC was available to attend.
- 14 **AOB**
none
- 14 **Next meeting**
The next meeting will be on Monday March 14th on Zoom, though face-to-face meetings may have resumed by the April meeting. ALL