

Lennox Community Council Meeting  
Wednesday 25th May 2022  
Minutes of Zoom Meeting.

Present : Paul McPherson (chair/ Portgordon) Alex Hume ( Fochabers)  
Donald Cameron (Fochabers) Roger Austin ( Fochabers) Kay Griffin ( Minutes /Fochabers) Michelle ( Portgordon Community Trust) Moray County Councillor Shona Morrison.

Apologies: Pringle George, Anna Mary Overing, Chris Overing., Moray County Councillors Marc Macrae and Ben Williams

Guest presentation: None.

Minutes of April meeting: Acceptance proposed by Roger Austin and seconded by Donald Cameron. Matters arising: Roger raised the confusing title "elected member" when referring to Moray County Councillors. Kay Griffin agreed to change this historical mistake. Donald Cameron requested less spaces in minutes to reduce them to two pages. Noted.

Correspondence: Paul Macpherson reported that problems re. Dallachy recycling site continues and while the problem is being monitored, the residents are aware of communicating opportunities. Nothing further received from Vatterfall Wind farm plans, and nothing further regarding new storage plan by Maltings. Hopefully Alex Reid will report soon.

Treasurer's Report: Financial situation as previously reported less £56 for Memorial teas.

Planning: Roger felt there was nothing affecting the immediate area. Michelle reported that a public consultation was taking place the next day re. the effluent pipe going into the bay at Portgordon. The company had already met with Portgordon Community Trust to explain the procedure. Paul explained that a survey on dualling of A96 is available to be completed online. Shona reported that the cycle / pedestrian path by Threiplands is now well used.

Events: Many local communities are celebrating Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Area Reports : Portgordon.

Michelle welcomed back Shona, Marc , new councillor Ben, and paid tribute to David. Work on exterior of village hall complete, internal insulation work is on target and the hall will be closed throughout July for complete refurbishment of toilets. Carbon neutral demonstration space at the community garden with organic plant production is proceeding well. Membership forms for Portgordon Community Trust delivered. A beach clean and BYO picnic will take place in this area on 25th June. Portgordon is working with other areas in the pursuit of funding for effective Resilience Planning. Michelle left after her presentation to welcome her daughter home after lengthy exam work.

Fochabers: The new bin in The Square appears to be helping a decrease in litter. The Secondary school Headteacher may have intervened after a contact by Pringle. The Fochaberian Newsletter carried an article on litter too. Firemen, supported by Shona, have been renovating area opposite the pavilion by the burn as a place to sit and mix socially. A new bench has been installed at The Pinny. After Donald's efforts a SLOW sign is being painted in East Street. Latent problems remain in

fence by Spey bridge. The legacy of the late James Alexander had been published in The Fochaberian newsletter. How to support something more permanent about James was discussed and accepted that this would be a wider community project.

Alex Hume reported on plans to refurbish the old putting green and there are hopes to gain funding from the Co-op. The planter to recognise the Queens Platinum Jubilee has been completed by the Men's Shed and is being put in place in the Square.

Spey Bay: Despite no representative, Paul Macpherson reported that the road to Tugnet repair works imminent but there is evidence of fly tipping in the vicinity.

Help to lay wreaths at future memorial services would be very welcome.

County Councillors reports: Shona Morrison reported that it's nice to be in opposition for a while. Normal meetings are starting again. Marc Macrae is Convener, Ben Williams has replaced David Bremner. The meeting was united in expressing their thanks for all David's work for the community.

Chair's feedback: Paul reported that the LCC constitution had been approved by and registered with Moray Council. He apologised for missing the JCC meeting on 12th May.

AOCB: Pringle had experienced problems with confusing medical arrangements and wished others to report on their experiences. Those responding at the meeting reported no major problems but were happy with method of repeat prescription arrangements. Roger Austin regretted lack of area representatives and wondered how it might be addressed. Perhaps with a little useful work to challenge people this may cause lack of interest.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 29th June at 7pm.