

**PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD Monday 12 September 2022**

In attendance: Anne Anderson (Secretary - Minutes), Theresa Coull (Councillor), Shirley Firth (Secretary – Correspondence), Donald Gatt (Councillor), John Going (Chair), Susan Lane, Donna Coull, Lillian Urquart, Gladys McKenzie.

Action/
attention

1 **Apologies:**

Tracey Collyer (Councillor); Alexandra Forsyth

2 **Police Update**

- No representation at meeting but police reports circulated prior to meeting

3 **Guest Presentation**

There was no guest presentation.

4 **Adoption of minutes of last meeting**

Proposed: JG. Seconded: SF

5 **Matters Arising**

Resilience Planning

- SL introduced the paper she provided and this was discussed by the group
- Group to review SL/AA notes following sub-group meeting held in August ALL
- AA to canvas outlying properties regarding their experiences during storm Arwen and their views on support required from the PCC in terms of emergency preparedness AA
- AA to create consultative flyer for shops and FB for approval AA
- As part of the move to assist the community in emergency preparedness, the issue of food-assistance was discussed and the example of the Keith Tuesday Table for Food Poverty Action was given as a possible model for action if Portknockie wishes to go down this route. This will be reviewed as part of the RP process AA/SL

6 **Correspondence Received**

Alcohol Focus Scotland

SF has volunteered to represent PCC on this forum focused on alcohol licensing SF

The Circle/Slater Crescent

JG received a call from Cullen Golf club re: spare Astro-turf which could be used to surface the Circle after clearance. Cllr DG added that the clearance of the Circle is still listed for action at TMC

Bus Stop Damage

Police advise that there can be no action taken as there is no evidence available to indicate who was responsible.

7 **Treasurer's Report**

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Draft Minutes prepared by Anne Anderson on 28 September 2022

Accepted as true minute on:

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- The current balance sits at £2,206.23.
 - The issue of refreshing the lettering on the Fisherman's Memorial at the top of the harbour brae was raised and it was agreed that quotes would be sought. AA offered to provide the name of a monumental mason. AA
 - GM confirmed that bank details had been forwarded to DD at Moray Council following a request for the same.
 - The National Lottery end-of-fund report has been submitted.
- 8 **Planning**
- The Bowling Club application is awaiting agreement. There were no objections to this application from PCC members
- 9 **Events**
- no events currently planned.
- 10 **Members Updates:**
- It was reported that numerous drains in the village are full of weeds. Cllr DG recommended that if these were photographed and reported (cc to him), he would be able to follow the issue with TMC if required. JG/Cllr DG
- 11 **Elected Members**
- It was advised that the Harbours meeting commended the success of the work of the Portknockie Harbour Toilets Volunteer Group.
- 12 **Community Feedback**
- This issue of litter in one of the sea caves at the harbour was raised, but it was agreed that this was something that had been ongoing for years. Since access to the caves makes it difficult for volunteers to deal with any litter at this time, no action is currently planned
 - The issue of inappropriate and dangerous parking around the school was raised again. Cllr TC agreed to investigate the possibility of a safer schools exclusion zone for parking. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Head at the school regarding a meeting to discuss possible solutions. Cllr TC SF.
- 13 **JCC**
- Moray Minutes have been forwarded.
- 14 **AOB**
- The issue of the proposed closure of the Portknockie Church of Scotland building on Church Street (leaving only the Seafield Hall to cater for all church needs) was raised. Given the impact this would have on activities currently held in the Church building (weddings, funerals, school services, nativity services etc) and the limited capacity of the Seafield Hall which is currently well used for well attended children's groups, craft group, film afternoons, country dancing etc, it was agreed that a letter of support for the appeal would be sent by the council. AA AA

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agreed to provide relevant information to allow this to be drawn up.

- It was agreed that there was no need for the PCC to hold an AGM

14 Next meeting

- The next meeting will be on Monday 10th October at the Macboyle Hall Snug.

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