# PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING HELD Monday 13 June 2022

In attendance: Anne Anderson (Secretary - Minutes), Cllr Tracey Collyer, Theresa Coull (Councillor), Debra Duke, Shirley Firth (Secretary – Correspondence), Alexandra Forsyth, Donald Gatt (Councillor), John Going (Chair), Susan Lane, PC Jacquelyn Verner

Action/ attention

# 1 Apologies:

Donna Coull

## 2 Police Update

Police Constable Jacquelyn Vernen was welcomed to the meeting and gave an update on police matters in the Moray region and more specifically on Portknockie and the surrounding area. Key points discussed included:

- In cases of speeding or inappropriate driving, please call 101 or use the reporting form online. It is important to keep calling in as no calls means no knowledge of the issues. PC JV indicated that an attempt will be made to increase speed-gun patrols in the area.
- For non-urgent queries that can't be dealt with by 101 or the reporting form, PC JV can be contacted on Jacquelyn.verner@scotland.police.uk

#### 3 **Guest Presentation**

There was no guest presentation.

### 4 Adoption of minutes of last meeting

Proposed: SF. Seconded: JG

## 5 Matters Arising

# Resilience Planning

- Re: the Beatrice Fund, SL will talk to Marianne re: any final funds that might be available
- If the Beatrice Fund is not an option, we may be able to apply via CARES
- DD advised that there were packs advising on household resilience.

 SL and AA will meet to review options for RP going forward (including the issue of batteries for the solar panels for the hall, that of funding, and household resilience planning) and report back at the next meeting.

# 6 Correspondence Received

#### The Circle/Slater Crescent

PCC requested of TMC that grass seed and topsoil be laid to the Slater Crescent roundabout. PB of TMC responded that he will look into obtaining the topsoil and getting the work done, but it could take a while due to other commitments and costs.

PB (TMC)

SL

AA/SL

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# Report of Hogweed presence around the village:

 A resident reported to the PCC that there was hogweed present which could cause injury to humans and pets. It was felt that the plants described were not in fact the dangerous Giant Hogweed, but plants which have some similar visual characteristics, but are in fact not dangerous. SF to check whether this is indeed a dangerous variety.

SF

#### NHS Share system

• As per the email circulated by SF (8 June), research volunteers are being sought. JG will put up notices in the notice boards and key shops to raise awareness of the research in the village.

JG

## Energy Fair 25 June in Elgin Town Hall

• This event is open to the public and will include funding data.

## JCC sub-group for Traffic and Road Safety

• This group may be held in person in Elgin or via Zoom. AA indicated an interest in attending if it is on Zoom.

#### Harbour Toilets:

- A £5,000 grant has been allocated to the upgrade of the harbour toilets from the Beatrice Fund.
- TMC investigations indicate that there are two breakages between the toilets and the cess-pit, which need to be repaired by TMC. A timeline for the repairs is awaited

## Lord Lieutenant's presence at Jubilee celebrations:

It was agreed that the PCC would write to the Lord Lieutenant to thank him for his contribution to the village's celebrations

SF

# 7 Treasurer's Report

The current balance sits at £2,262.23. Deductions are comprised of the transfer of grant money to the Paddling Pool Fund to pay for the Jubilee Celebrations.

## 8 Planning

No issues relevant to the village.

#### 9 Events

no events currently planned.

## 10 Members Updates:

None

### 11 Elected Members

• Committees are in full swing and the first full council has been held prior to the summer break.

### Bow Fiddle Car Park

• It was reported that work on the Bow Fiddle Car Park is due to be started in July/August and to be completed in September.

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# 12 Community Feedback

#### Drains:

It was queried whether drains still had to be cleared by TMC, specifically one in Pulteney Street. AF will forward details to Cllr DG to follow up.

AF/Cllr DG

DG

## Paddle Board Groups use of Harbour:

It was reported that Paddle Board Groups may be using the harbour without paying the relevant fees. This is a matter for the Harbour Master to take action.

## **Damaged Signs**

It was advised that should any road signs in the village be found damaged, this should be reported to TMC.

# Jubilee Event:

Much positive feedback has been received about the event and donations of £700 were received.

#### 13 **JCC**

No matters noted other than that the minutes should be circulated next week.

#### 14 **AOB**

none.

# 14 Next meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 8th August at the Macboyle Hall.

ALL