

PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD Monday 12th December 2022

In attendance: Shirley Firth (Secretary – Correspondence), John Going (Chair), Gladys McKenzie (Treasurer), Donna Coull, Lillian Urquhart, Susan Lane.

Action/
attention

1 **Apologies:**

Tracey Collyer, Donald Gatt, Theresa Coull (TMC Councillor's), Alexandra Forsyth, Anne Anderson.

2 **Police Update**

- Forwarded by SF on 3rd December..

3 **Guest**

Colin Burch, Cullen & Deskford Community Council.

Discussed Resilience Planning and how we could work together, keep each of the CC's in the loop of developments and ideas, this was welcomed and agreed to keep in touch.

Following a blockage of the A98 at the viaduct some years ago, Colin mentioned that there was access for emergency vehicles via Cullen House Grounds. (I have since spoken to Colin and he advises this is in their Resilience Plan and he will contact Seafeld Estate office to confirm)

4 **Adoption of minutes of last meeting**

Proposed: SF. Seconded: DC.

5 **Matters Arising**

- AA and SL attended the **Moray Community Resilience** Information Event in Elgin on 24 November. AA prepared a summary which was summarised by SL. The main issues are power cuts and severe weather causing isolation of the village. It is not clear if a "Hub" in the village would satisfy the issues as vulnerable people may be unable or unwilling to move from their homes.
- SL had examples of Lamps, wind up and battery powered, a gas stove and self heating food, disposable cutlery, lighter. It was agreed that the self heating food was too expensive and the other ready meal options needed microwaves. The gas stoves can be suggested but obviously must be used with due care and attention to safety.
- It was agreed to price a basic pack of kit to be available for emergencies. This could be sold for a donation rather than full price and distributed through the Portknockie Chemist, as they will know most of the most vulnerable residents.
- It was agreed that a one pager of suggestions for coping with emergencies and suggested kit, could be produced and circulated.

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Draft Minutes prepared by Shirley Firth 19th December 2022

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6 Correspondence Received

- Buckie Area Forum - Grants are available for the “Cost of Living Crisis” up to £500 for support of local residents. Receipts for purchases to be given to B.A.F Treasurer Ian Grieve for reimbursement. Ian Collacot at B.A.F can be contacted for further details.
- Seafield Estates- Cheque received from Lord Seafield for £600 with a letter from the CEO stating he would be happy to attend our meetings.
- Theresa Coull (TMC) - advised that an audit of safe travel to schools will be carried out from now until March 2023. This includes Portknockie School, the survey will also look at parking and speeding problems.
- Buckie Area Forum- Have access to the Cost of Living Anchor Fund. They can make a request on our behalf for grants, again for food, small equipment etc.

7 Treasurer's Report

- The current balance sits at £2,419.54
- The books have been audited and a copy passed to the Chair JG.
- Paid out last month; £32.95 for Poppy Wreath, £59.99 for Christmas Lights, £117.38 for catering at the Xmas Lighting up event, £50 for AA child care expenses.

8 Planning

- Alter & Extend front elevation with new windows & doors at 30 Seafield St. There are no objections from the PCC

9 Events

- The Christmas Lights switch on was a great success with a good crowd and raising over £120 for the school.

10 Members Updates:

- Residents have asked if the track from the village to Cullen will be reinstated after the current work is completed. It is currently very muddy and not fit to use. A request will be made to TMC to check. SF
- Dog fouling was again raised. All incidents should be reported through the TMC website to bring this to the attention of the Dog Warden. If enough people complain TMC will need to take action. It is suggested we approach the Warden and ask if he will attend our meeting to discuss possible actions. SF

11 Elected Members;

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- None present.

12 **AOB-**
None.

13 **Next meeting**
9th January 2023 in Macboyle Hall Snug.

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