

# Lennox Community Council

22 February 2023 at 7.00pm by Zoom

## Minutes of Meeting

**Attending:** Paul McPherson (Chair), Pringle George (Treasurer/Secretary), Roger Austin, Jenni Cameron, Donald Cameron, Debra Duke, Moira Morrison (Minute Secretary)

**Counsellors:** Marc McRae, Shona Morrison

**Apologies:** Chris Overing, Alex Hume, Ben Williams (Counsellor), Anna-Mary Overing

**Pringle George:** Informed everyone that Kay Griffin had resigned as Minute Secretary, and introduced Moira Morrison as the new Minute Secretary who will be sending out the Agenda and Minutes in future

Michelle Good is now the representative of the Portgordon Community Trust

Debra Duke to get a copy of the minutes

Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Police Report:** Police are investigating crimes in general. They are getting many calls re mental illness.

**Guest Presentation:** There was no guest presentation

**25 January 2023 Minutes:** Donald requested an adjustment to the minutes. He stated that he did not complain about the notice board, but thought it was important to keep the noticeboard as it was as it was effective. In fact it had been Chris Overing and the Chairman who mentioned it. The minutes were therefore approved by Roger and seconded by Donald.

Donald mentioned that there were 7 vacancies in all. Marc McRae suggested a poster asking for volunteers to join the Community Council. Debra offered to support this by contacting the community team for help in this matter.

**Matters Arising;** Noone has been contacted. Marc and Donald raised the matter of speeding cars in East Street Fochabers

**Correspondence:** TSI Join the Dots in Elgin Town Hall. Pringle had attended the last one and thought it was ideal for passing on ideas. She said that she thought it was worth attending and that the Joint Local Plan would show what local villages wanted and needed.

**Treasurers Report:** Financial report has been circulated. With a balance of £734.76. Now have signatories on our bank account. All further communications will go direct to our Treasurer. Pringle praised Mrs Diane Smith who achieved more in 13 days than the previous two and a half years in resolving the issues with the bank.

**Pringle** mentioned she had audited Innes accounts have been audited. Copy sent to our CCLC Debra Duke

**Planning:** Proposed layby in Portgordon to service substation. It was thought that this would be on a 4 metre grass verge on West High Street. It was thought that this would not be an issue.

Donald had nothing to report.

Michelle said that some more work had been completed at the Richmond Arms.

**Events:** A Coronation event to be held at Portgordon harbour and Village Green. Details to follow. She also suggested that some new bunting could be purchased. Michelle will email those concerned.

**Dallachy Strike Wing Memorial:** The Chairman has not been down lately but will visit before the end of the month to see if it needs tidying etc. The application for road closure has been sent to Moray Council, Invitations emailed concerning Anzac Memorial Service on 25 April at 11.00am. After service on Anzac Day Visitors to be invited to Spey Bay Golf Club. Pringle to contact Joy of Spey Bay Hall for Canada Day in July re catering. The five plaques have been quoted. This will be the final funding by McGregors as £3081.00. There is money in the strategic pot of the SSEW Beatrice Field Grant. A second quotation will be sourced. Since April £125,000 has been distributed to various groups.

#### **Area Updates:**

**Michelle Portgordon** The Richmond Arms has now been taken over and Phase 1 is almost complete. Health and Safety and essential structural repairs should be completed by 31 March. No issues are anticipated. A community lunch, the first of two, was held today. A donation of £68 was received and this will go towards the next PDD sessions twice a week. Michelle also received communication regarding storm damage and this will be dealt with. Funding has been secured for upgrade of the electric fire alarm for the village hall Portgordon. Development Trust had first meeting. This exceeded all their expectations with 40 members attending. Very positive Health and Safety work has been carried out at the harbour by Strutt and Parker and should be completed by the end of March. Pupils to be invited. Information Boards will be erected and they were looking at setting up a website using a local designer and the design of a logo. Projects will develop over a five year period. The café is to be open in March. Portgordon Village AGM will be held on 30 March at 7.00pm. Marc gave Michelle a contact for cutting the trees in the square and explained some of the reasons for this. A grant application for new lights in the square is ongoing. There is a quiz on Friday.

Clochan: No comment as no representative. Pringle mentioned that Robbie Gray would like a meeting set up with the Vattenfall in late March regarding the wind turbines. Ruth Liddicott, Representative for Vattenfall, hopes to arrange Clochan Hall for a meeting.

**Fochabers:** Donald explained that Fochabers Village Association meet up in the hall and not Zoom. There were many events ongoing and groups were very active. There will be some development at the Playing Fields being discussed in the future. Alex Hume will update us. Local schoolchildren now receive a cup of hot chocolate at the local church on a Monday. The café opens at 10.00. Local Health Group uses it at 11.00. The schoolchildren attend at 12.00. A good service is being provided.

**SpeyBay:** No representative so no comment

**AOCB:** Donald mentioned that he missed the Luncheon Club in Fochabers. Moira said that she hoped to start it up again but would need volunteers.

**Local Development Plan:** Marc reported that works would start in the very near future for the 10 year plan. Meetings will be organized in the future and asked for suggestions using local knowledge from schools etc for projects and development. Any concerns should also be brought up.

The Chair brought up the subject of speeding and folk taking matters into their own hands. This was discussed and it was felt the at the police really didn't have the resources. Marc will look at getting information from the Traffic Forum. No-one attends this at the moment. Subjects discussed were dropping speed to 20 mph and electronic speed signs. A survey is being carried out. Transport Scotland have funded an officer for a year in various villages in the next year.

The meeting was brought to a close and the Chair thanked everyone for attending.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday 29 March and will be a Zoom meeting