

Lennox Community Council

29 March 2023 at 7.00pm by Zoom

Minutes of Meeting

Attending: Paul McPherson (Chair), Pringle George (Treasurer/Secretary), Roger Austin, Jenni Cameron, Donald Cameron, Peter Horton, Anna Mary Overing, Moira Morrison (Minute Secretary)

Councillors: Shona Morrison Ben Williams

Apologies: Chris Overing, Marc McRae, Leanna Hudson, Alex Hume resigned from committee

Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting, and wished Xander Hume a grateful thanks for all the work he has achieved on L.C.C. and the Fochabers Mens's Shed.

Police Report: L.C.C. are not receiving report on Fochabers area but are getting report on Buckie area which includes a Portgordon. Pringle to request access to these reports. Noted bicycle thefts and fuel being stolen from fuel tanks.

Guest Presentation: There was no guest presentation.

Previous Minutes: Two corrections - Michelle Good attended. Donald wished for a change of wording. Agreed. Minutes were proposed by Peter Horton and seconded by Donald Cameron.

Matters Arising: Donald mentioned the dangerous speed of the cars in East Street Fochabers. So far, no word from the Moray Council and it seems to be an ongoing situation. Councillor Shona Morrison agreed to meet with Donald.

Correspondence: A96 Elgin to benefit from £500,000 Travel Improvement Project. The improvements East Road on A96 between Moycroft Road and Reiket Lane under 2 phases. Phase 1 just started 6 weeks to widening of existing footpath and resurfacing the road. This will run Monday to Friday with traffic management.

Northeast crime alert from Crime Reduction Team re Bike Security – 2 leaflets received, and Leanna will put details on our web page.

Dallachy Strike Wing Memorial: RAF Lossiemouth have requested the names of the wreath layers on Anzac Day (Memorial Service). Mandy will confirm later this week. John Wright will lay the wreath on behalf of LCC. A reminder has been sent to Seoras Orr of the Church of Scotland.

Emma Gordon, Planning Officer Moray Council, is seeking expressions of interest from people who would wish to help prepare a local plan for the area and this was discussed. The local Development Plan sets out a framework for the delivery of Housing, Development, Employment, Infrastructure, Greenspace and Recreational Space, Climate Change and enhance Biodiversity. Moray Local Development Plan 2020 was the start. Sending out by email to Community Councilors the email. Pringle proposed a sub-committee be set up to include representatives of local groups and associations.

Next Joint CC Meeting Thursday 11 May 2023 at 7.00pm Supper Room Elgin Town Hall. Donald and Paul to attend. Do Community Councillors wish a copy of the JCC February minutes sent out. Agreed.

Running a free online workshop "Changing Places" 6 April at 11.00am (Subject Toilets). Seminar Objectives Explain what LP are, who needs them, Costs, Funding and maintaining. Anna-Mary requested details. Contact the Secretary to book a place.

DTA Conference on 29/30 August 2023 20 years since formed. Will send out copy of email to all.

Moray Council Volunteering Policy. Feedback by 14 April. Email sent with Survey link.

Hamish Marshall of Ordiquish Road has issues in the evenings as his road becomes a racetrack even locals are driving cars exceeding 30mph. Road sweeping 2 a year both sides pavement on High Street is requested as kerbs full of rubbish. Moray Councillor Shona Morrison told us that Milnes High School S6 and S7 were out in viz jackets cleaning the High Street. With so many cars now parking in the High Street the sweeper lorry cannot always access the kerbs. The High Street is currently free of rubbish. Shona during the meeting contacted Superintendent Simon Reid of Police Scotland on the Ordiquish Road issue. There were further discussions on introducing 20mph into Fochabers High Street. Donald stated that Anna-Mary's suggestion that parking should be only on one side would allow further traffic issues, also where would cars park as it is already at a premium. Secretary to write to Richard Lochhead MSP, and the Roads department of the Moray Council to find out when the 20mph through towns and villages will be implemented.

Treasurers Report: Bank Balance is £704.76. Only 1 cheque was issued to the Minute Secretary of £30.00. This balance is ring fenced with only Honorariums adjusted. Bank of Scotland confirmation letter received 3 signatories on bank account. A bank card for online banking still to be issued. Coronation Bunting has still to be ordered.

Planning: No planning issues

Events: Paul attended the Resilience meeting at Fochabers. Discussion on local needs including the Priority Services Register.

There will be a NEAT performance on 28 April at 7.30 in the Portgordon Village Hall.

The Portgordon Development Trust Limited will hold their first AGM tomorrow evening on 28 March 2023 at 7.30pm in Portgordon Village Hall.

Vintage Car event will be held at Fochabers on 21 April and BBQ

No update on Coronation Event in Portgordon. Bring own food, tents, BBQ etc

Dallachy Strike Wing Memorial: Road Closure permission received. Letters to residents to be delivered. Paul has the permission certificate to be laminated. Guests attending will be invited to Spey Bay Golf Clubhouse for coffee etc. Dufftown Cooperage has donated 2 half barrels for plants at Dallachy Strike Wing Memorial. Paul suggested they go up and collect them.

Area Updates:

Portgordon: Tannachy Beach Works and Harbour Health and Safety to start on 3 April. Community Garden are preparing for their second year of growing beds. They will apply for funding for solar panels. Phase 1

development of hub. 11 volunteers sat a REHIS exam and 6 passed with one aged 12. Village Hall to install heat pumps and funding has been acquired to upgrade electrics.

Spey Bay: No comment as no representation

Clochan: No comment as no representative.

Fochabers: Paul attended the Resilience meeting as already discussed. Shona mentioned the work going on with the pavement at Castle Gardens.

SpeyBay: No representative so no comment

AOCB: Councillor Ben Williams advised Mental Health Scottish would be interested rural loneliness and mental health and could arrange for a guest presentation. After a discussion it was agreed that Ben proceed with his suggestion as many elderly people have no confidence since Covid. Pringle advised that Denise Robson of Re-engage started during Covid Lockdown "Core Companions" Craig Stanford of Edinburgh and Pringle with similar interests trialed the project which has become a great success in Scotland. A phone call makes a lot of difference to the lonely.

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. Shona will look at getting information from the Traffic Forum. No-one attends this now. Subjects discussed were dropping speed to 20 mph and electronic speed signs. Paul obtained leaflets on 20mph signage with costs at £5000. Moray Council will need considerable funding to put this into operation. Secretary to write to Richard Lochhead MSP and Moray Council roads department for details on future planning of 20mph being implemented. Transport Scotland have funded an officer for a year covering various villages in the coming year. A survey will take place.

The meeting closed and the Chair Paul thanked everyone for attending.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 26th April and will be a Zoom meeting. Invitations will be sent out a week in advance and any special items to be put on the agenda notify the Minute Secretary.