

LENNOX COMMUNITY COUNCIL
26 April 2023 at 7.00pm by Zoom Communication
Minutes of Meeting

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

Counsellors: Marc McRae, Shona Morrison, Ben Williams

Apologies: Leanna Hudson, Debra Duke

Paul McPherson, Chairperson, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Police Report: The committee are not receiving information re Fochabers and Spey Bay but are getting information on Portgordon. Pringle to ask how these reports can be accessed. Noted, bicycle thefts and fuel being stolen from fuel tanks. North East crime alert from Crime Reduction Team re bike security - 2 leaflets have been received and Leanna will put these on our Facebook page.

Guest Presentation: James Mackie at the last minute was not available.

Previous Minutes: Michelle Good attended, missing from minutes, and correction Donald said apology. Donald and Jenni did not receive the minutes. Marc advised to check spam. Secretary to send out copies to them and at the May meeting they will be approved.

Matters arising: No matters arising

Correspondence: Pringle received an email from Scotland matters asking for a donation to enable them to continue with their work. Unfortunately we could not supply them with this as our funds are needed elsewhere.

University of Aberdeen asked if we could complete a survey concerning NE Community Climate Assembly for a pilot scheme. Pringle asked if everyone would read it then email your thoughts to her in order that the survey may be completed.

Moray Council Roads Dept have acknowledged our application regarding road closure in Spey Bay on 1 July on Canada Day.

Debra Duke has sent a reminder for us to send details and a signature for Peter Horton.

The Lord Lieutenant has sent an invitation for us to attend the Coronation Service on 14 May at 6.00pm. Doors open 5.15pm. This will be held in St Lawrence Church Forres. Anyone who would like to go please inform Mandy. They would like 3 representatives from the Community Council.

Community Council Newsletter has been sent to all.

SSNE Beatrice Field – We have received confirmation that the Microgrant (£900) we applied for 2-3 months ago has been awarded. This was dispersed as follows: Coronation Bunting £101.94, Bob Sharp (choir), Laura Wales PTA for books. There will be some money left and some suggestions were made.

Chris will be carrying out some work at the Dallachy Memorial and has contacted the Fochabers Heritage regarding this. Moira has taken and they have been sent to Peter Bloomfield. Unfortunately, the War Graves Commission are unable to help with this. The graves need new soil, weeding and plants. Group of friends and Moira will be included to look after this.

Dallachy Strike Wing Memorial: An application has been made for work to be done on the five plaques. First costing estimate was £3081. A second quotation has still to be received. Pringle thanked Shona for giving her a reference.

Budgeting Workshop: This is to be held on 23 May 1.30-3.30pm in the form of a zoom meeting. It is free and names to be sent to Pringle.

A villager has complained about the steps at the back of the village hall. Paul has cleaned the steps but thinks the problem is being made worse by the natural spring water there.

Treasurers Report:

Cash Book Opening Balance	704.76
Moray Council Administration Fee	385.83
Less Secretary, Treasurers & Minute Secretary	92.00
Bank Balance at 26 April 2023	£ 998.59

Pringle has sent a letter of thanks to the Speyside Cooperage for the 2 half barrels they donated to the Dallachy Strike Wing Memorial.

Planning: No plans for Fochabers

Events: Anzac Day – The weather was terrible but the service itself went well. Road signs were up as were the diversions. However, three cars carried on past even when the prayer was being said. Pringle has already sent a letter regarding this. It was thought that a police presence would be needed on 1 July. Anna Mary suggested we get people at either end of the gathering. Spey Bay hall to be opened for those attending. Cubs, Scouts etc will also attend. It was suggested that perhaps Special Constables may be able to

help. Chris Overing will be on the rota for 1 July and was asked if he would be available. Paul thanked everyone for paying their respects. Chris and Anna too.

Dallachy Strike Wing Memorial: Some maintenance work on the barrels was discussed. The covers on the plaques need some work done on them too. The Mens Shed to be contacted to see if they can help. Moira mentioned that she had been approached by villagers regarding people using the Memorial as a parking space. This was discussed.

Area Updates: **Portgordon:** Portgordon at final stages and they are now looking at a Coronation event. The AGM held on 30 March had a good turnout of about 40 people, with some new directors on board. Harbour H&S work being carried out on the effluent pipe is ongoing. Michelle could not give a precise date for the opening of the Hub, but she will be gathering volunteers in the very near future. She also thanked Paul for clearing up the back of the hall. Denise and Sonya will be organizing something for families on Sunday.

The local shop will now be offering cashback to shoppers.

Clochan: No representatives so no update.

Fochabers: The Village Association etc continue to organize various events. A Gala is to be held at the end of July. There are still issues with drivers and speeding.

Spey Bay: No Representatives so no update.

AOCB: Shona was thanked for her help in getting the potholes repaired in Portgordon and Fochabers. She has also passed on the information to the appropriate person re speeding on the Ordiquish Road. Pringle put forward a suggested speed of 20mph. She also mentioned the improvements made at the Square. Paul to check that the signs in the village are not covered by vegetation.

Chris emailed Paul and Pringle advising he had prepared a piece about Anzac Day's remembrance service at Wing Memorial to go into the Fochaberian and a copy has been sent to 489 Squadron Association. They are very grateful for our efforts maintaining the memorial and remembering the people involved.

Chris has said we should be getting a visit from the UK representative of 489 Squadron Association in June. Her father was a navigator in the squadron from RAF Dallachy. Paul, as Chairperson, thinks Chris's for hosting them is an excellent idea and great for all of us in Lennox Community Council. He thinks a full discussion will be held with the Dallachy Strike Wing Memorial Team, also the new Warrant Officer at RAF Lossiemouth and the Lord Lieutenant's office which also covers Moray.

The meeting ended, and the Chair thanked everyone for attending.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 31 May at 7.00pm and will be a Zoom meeting.