

## LENNOX COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of Meeting

30 August 2023

**Present:** Paul McPherson (Chairman), Jenni Cameron, Donald Cameron, Peter Horton, Marc McRae, Michelle Goode, Ben Williams, Anna Mary Overing

**Apologies:** Pringle George, Shona Morrison, Chris Overing

- 1 **Police Report:** Nothing to report
- 2 **Guest Presentation:** Jim Mackie. See 10
- 3 **Previous Minutes:** Accepted
- 4 **Matters Arising:** No matters arising
- 5 **Correspondence:** No correspondence received.
- 6 **Treasurers Report:** As previous month. Money should be coming in from the Beatrice. There has been no expenditure and no income.
- 7 **Planning:** Donald has checked and there is little planned. Only slight alterations to a house but nothing else. The Ice House at Portgordon is for sale
- 8 **Events:** No events planned
- 9 **Dallachy Strike Wing Memorial:** Watering of plants discussed
- 10 **Area Updates:**
  - Spey Bay:** Jim reported that they have not been doing very much re publicity at the moment as they were concentrating on other things. The River is still moving westwards towards the village. Marker posts have been placed in the field to monitor the Spey. The group have also attended a meeting with stakeholders and the whole area is now a Triple S1 and the main reason for this was that the river area was important and braided near its mouth. They also discovered that they would not be able to apply for grant money. Was to be meeting local councillors but they were unavailable on that day. Looking to meet up again. Jim brought everyone up to date with ongoing events and went into great detail. They are still using the drone and if anyone wants to use it let him know.

Spey Bay Dolphin Centre has won a TRIP award and brings in an amazing amount of people

**Portgordon:** Michelle is working on the completion of certificates for the hub. Open day will be on 30 September and will be joined by the Community arden. The preparation will be commenced for the Village Hall as regards the heating system. They now have carpets in the hub. Thanks to councillors re health and safety. Fire extinguishers now fitted. Starting a Moray wide Resilience meeting. Paul to attend. Query local Police plans. Attended meeting re residential plans for the area. 5 year plan is coming up now need to plan for the future. Need to find out what other communities are doing. Small details being concentrated on. The Café will be opening soon. Works will be coming back in September. Mostly health and safety works. There had been a consultation

with Crown estates regarding red effluent water going into the Spey. This has now been resolved. Grissons now finished despite some setbacks. They have made good the car park and levelled it off. Marc gave an update on the fire at Portgordon Maltings. Thought it might be grain on fire. Peter Horton brought up that McPhersons Transport have been using an access track beside his house and it was not suitable for large lorries. Residents had paid to get the track tarred and the weight of the lorries are damaging the private road. Marc thought he should contact the Crown Estates. He will send an email to them and get back to him. Clochan Hall had a Vattenfall meeting with people from the local communities. A meeting to be held this Friday at Portessie Hall giving information on applications for funding. Cullen Vattenfall application waiting for a green light for funding.

**Fochabers:** Refuel concert was held at Gordon Castle which attracted people from many different countries and was well attended. In July the Gala raised an amazing amount of money which will be distributed within the community. Donald raised the topic of speeding in East St and that residents should keep this to the front of Council meetings. Still the usual knocking on doors etc. The cricket pavilion was vandalized. The Mens Shed have improved the Crazy Golf. The Speyfest Folk Festival proved to be another success this year. Paul suggested that folk should visit the Heritage Centre and promote it to others. Paul visited and found it very interesting.

- 11 AOCB** Michelle asked if any other community had completed a Resilience plan or developing one. Marc said that there had been a meeting but there was no report as yet. Jim Paterson Burghead has drawn up a few sheets on this. Portgordon is doing this at the moment, but thought it would be good to have a template. Discussion followed on the way forward. It was hoped that it would not be needed in the future but it would be better to be prepared.
- 12 Local Development Plan** Michelle brought up 400 houses which are to be built in Mosstodloch. She said that new housing brings people in but there is no infrastructure to support it. Planning etc should be linked. Departments need to work together.
- 13 Date of Next Meeting** **Wednesday 27 September 2023 by Zoom at 7.00pm**