

**Lennox Community Council Minutes
of Zoom Meeting held on
27 September 2023**

PRESENT: Paul McPherson(Chairman), Pringle George (Secretary/Treasurer), Donald Cameron, Jenni Cameron, Roger Austin, Lynne Austin, Peter Horton, Anna Marie Overing, Moira Morrison (Minute Secretary)

APOLOGIES: Marc McRae, Shona Morrison, Ben Williams, Michelle Goode

Paul welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

- 1 Police Report:** One has been sent out and another, was received today but has not been sent out as yet.
- 2 Guest Presentation:** There was no guest presentation.
- 3 Previous Minutes:** Previous minutes were accepted and proposed by Paul and seconded by Donald.
- 4 Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising.
- 5 Correspondence:** An invitation has been received from CAB AGM on 1 November at 3.30 in Elgin Town Hall

An email from James Mackie confirmed that the partnership re River Spey has received a grant £5000 asking for a donation of £1000 towards VAT

Received an email from Rhona McNicol Moray Council re Storm Agnes - possible opportunity for resilience plans coming in to play.

27-29 October there will be a River Spey clean on this date.

Theres a consultation coming out about planning re Hazard about the Maltings and their hazard area. If everyone could go on Moray Council website and go into Planning it will be brought up. The reference number is 23/01441/HAZ. They would like Paul's and the committee's comments. They can be passed to Pringle or Moira who will forward them.

CARYS a company in London are prepared to supply a defibrillator and train people in its use. Roger Moira and Donald to check where defibrillators are in Fochabers. This was discussed

Scottish Water (Clive Duncan) Work to start on first week of October beside Cricket Ground. This will be dependent on the weather.

Mr Wilkinson has brought up the subject of rubbish on Fochabers Football Field where youngsters play. Pringle has passed on the information to Marc McRae and he will look into this. Perhaps need another bin but youngsters have been spoken to.

Re JCC 50th Anniversary Pringle has already sent in information regarding the Dallachy Memorial and the part played by Tom Howe and wife. Pringle sent it to be included in display at Library on Sat 8th March. Info to follow. Exhibition only on for one day and Pringle thought it was a pity that it could not be displayed for longer and will talk to Debra Duke to see if it can be displayed for longer.

People had mentioned that there was some fly tipping going on near Fochabers but it was pointed out that this was happening all over the country.

Donald brought up the placement of defibrillators were in Fochabers. Discussion followed about the best way forward to make people more aware of where they can be found and how to make this available to the general public. Different rural areas such as Clochan and Spey Bay had a defibrillator.

6 Treasurers Report: Pringle has sent a copy of the treasurer's report to everyone. She apologised for the lack of information but she had been on holiday and contracted COVID and was unable to give a more information at the moment. The Beatrice Field grant was received but was not made available until 30 August. This has been distributed to the various groups and Pringle ran through the list of groups who benefitted. She also mentioned the monies that had been ringfenced for the next few months and went into detail about this. She felt thanks should be given to SSEN BEATRICE field for the grants received. We had also received thank you letters from some of the recipients. Pringle proposed that Sonia Lawrence audit the books and this was agreed

Paul suggested that a battery operated lawnmower be purchased and there were no objections to this. Pringle thanked everyone for watering the plants at the Dallachy memorial. Folk, both local and visitors have commented on it. We would also need a team to tidy up behind the fence. Work to be done was discussed.

It was mentioned that the Beatrice Field had given £3,750,000 over the last 5 years. The next meeting was going to be difficult as there were 19 applications. This was discussed. If Vattenfell goes ahead funding will not be forthcoming for a while. Pringle reported that Beatrice has given a lot of money to the area over the years. Lessons have been learned from the experience.

It was mentioned that people needed more warning when asked to attend workshops. Information needs to be given out in plenty of time. Pringle will take this up with Debra.

- 7 Planning:** There is no planning report
- 8 Events:** Strathisla have their resilience plans well in place. Various topics regarding this was discussed ie safe places, storage of equipment etc. It was felt that the biggest problem was convincing people that an emergency could happen even although it had not happened up until now.
- Portgordon Trust Chairman has retired. A summary of Colin Hanovers background and achievements were reported. It was obvious that this was going to be a huge loss to the community. However a new Chairman has been appointed. Derek Murray has taken over the position.
- Saturday 30 1.00-4.00 there will be a visit to the Community Garden, Lampie House, Harbour Cottage and Village Hall.
- Saturday 30 at 2.00 will be the closing of the green at Portgordon Bowling Green
- 9 November Portgordon Village Hall Desert Island tickets
- Saturday 2 December will see the Portgordon Xmas Market
- Ball Group- everything is looking good
- Portgordon Hall outside and inside improvements are in the final stages.
- Paul attended the Vattenfel meeting at Clochan. There are some queries which will need to be discussed. Vattenfell are looking into these.
- Paul had no report on an update on the Spey. What was reported was three men who were kayaking on the Spey had become violently sick. It was also reported that many fish had been found dead with no obvious reason.
- 7 Updates:**
- Fochabers** – Donald ran through some of the various clubs and events which were ongoing.
- Spey Bay** – No report. It was mentioned that the Dolphin Centre roads are looking much better
- Clochan** – No report
- AOCB:** Remembrance Sunday 12 November
- Next Meeting:** **Wednesday 25 October at 7.00pm by Zoom**