

# Lennox Community Council

25 October 2023 at 7.00pm by Zoom

## Minutes of Meeting

**Attending:** Paul McPherson (Chair), Pringle George (Treasurer/Secretary), Roger Austin, Lynne Austin, Jim Mackie, Jenni Cameron, Donald Cameron, Ruth Liddcott, Lucy Blake, Leanna Hudson, Moira Morrison (Minute Secretary)

**Councillors:** Marc McRae, Shona Morrison

**Apologies:** Ben Williams, Peter Horton, Chris Overing, Anna-Mary Overing

Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Police Report:** Pringle asked if everyone had received the report and everyone said that they had.

**Guest Presentation:** Ruth and Lucy ran through the events organised by them and others which they had attended over the last year. Changes had been made and they had worked through this. Turbine location had been moved for various reasons. Information received re Buckie Harbour was interesting and they may be able to use this in the future due to the expansion. They had been in contact with 4 community councils, met with local groups and a report was in the process of being written up. They will then enclose this along with the application. The size of the turbine has been changed and there will now be an increase in the output. Both women answered questions from the committee. Pringle mentioned the building work etc that was going on at Buckie Harbour and also the extensions. It was felt that there was a potential for investment. Paul thanked both women for the information and work that they had carried out.

**Previous Minutes:** Page 2 JCC 50 Anniversary Meeting. It will be held 28 October 1-4.00. It was felt that there was a lack of information in that Tom Howe and wife set up Dallachy War Memorial and Pringle had forwarded material regarding this 28 Oct This Sat 1-4pm. It was felt that we were receiving information at the last minute and would hope that in future we would receive more warning of events. Roger disappointed that not enough info about Fochabers in the previous minutes. Moira said that she was sorry but she had been asked to condense some of the information reported in the minutes. As Refuel and Speyfest had previously been mentioned she had left these events out. Update of events going to happen will be reported in more detail. Proposed by Pringle and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roger once alterations done.

**Matters Arising;** It was thought there were 4 defibrillators in Fochabers – the Red Lion, Library, Institute and Christies shop. However there was nothing near the playing fields or that area. If they were put up individually there was no overall control. Discussion followed regarding registration and placement. More investigation was needed. Pringle added that all police cars were now equipped with a defibrillator. Topics covered were the various apps, advertising placements, informing and educating people,

**Correspondence:** River Spey Clean up – 27-29 October. As more rain was due and the river was in spate no one was sure if it would go ahead. The Spey Association had not been given any information,

A reminder had been received from Debra Duke regarding the 50 anniversary.

**Treasurers Report:** There has been no change since the last report. There were no new cheques and a statement to check everything had gone through was awaited. Pringle has had problems with her computer and there will be

**Planning:** Anna Mary had passed on information to Mary that only a house was mentioned.

**Events:** Remembrance Day: Pringle reported that everything was in hand and ran over the details. Refreshments, information letters and wreaths. Times 2.30 at Fochabers, Bellie 2.55, Dallachy 3.25 Paul suggested that a lawnmower be purchased to keep the area tidy and any money left over to be used for the purchase of plants.

#### **Area Updates:**

**Fochabers:** Following a competition set up by the Lord Lieutenant we now have a new Moray flag. Milnes Primary will be raising this at 2.00pm and Zara Gordon Lennox will be attending.

**Clochachan:** No comment as no representative. Clochachan received their kitchen equipment and Ruth and Lucy met up with them. Pancakes, bacon rolls etc will be available at the Sunday market.

**Portgordon:** This was well and truly covered last month. There has been no info from Michelle. Work has moved on with the hall. Lampie House café now open. No flooding has been reported. It was mentioned that the drains would need to be unblocked thanks to the pressure of water that fell. A reminder was given that if a road is closed it is closed for a reason. Noone knows what is under an expanse of water

**Spey Bay:** No representative so no comment. Spey Bay received money for a new fridge. Jim Mackie reported that the Rover Spey is now 10yds closer to Garmouth due to the flood. The association needs funding for VAT. Paul asked about the dead fish that were found. SEPA thought it was due to the fluctuating temperatures. There was no other reasons known.

**AOCB:** There is a local shortage of police in the area meaning that their response was longer. Pringle remarked that we were going to have difficulty in getting police presence in the future.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday 29 November 2023 at 7.00pm  
and will be a Zoom meeting