

Lennox Community Council

28 February 2024 at 7.00pm by Zoom

Minutes of Meeting

Attending: Paul McPherson (Chair), Jenni Cameron, Donald Cameron, Leanna Hudson, Michelle Goode, Peter Horton, Roger Austin, Lynn Austin, Chris Overing, Anna Mary Overing, Moira Morrison (Minute Secretary)

Counsellors: Marc McRae. Ben Williams,

Apologies: Pringle George

Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Police Report: The Police Report had been received. It was noted that there have been problems in Keith and Buckie. No incidents have been reported in Fochabers.

Previous Minutes: Paul apologized as he had forgotten to record the previous meeting. Moira is having major problems with BT. She is with Paul tonight and will send these minutes on when this has been remedied.

Matters Arising: Donald mentioned that there were previous minutes which had not been approved as there were too few people attending the meeting. Paul thought it would be best to wait until all minutes had been sent so that they could all be approved together.

Donald also brought up the junction at Castle Street and Duncan Avenue and would like to have a meeting with Marc and Moray Council regarding this. Marc said that he had met up with Council representatives and they were of the opinion that as they had met up on various occasions that there is nothing more that can be implemented as the junction meets the necessary criteria laid down. Donald thought that this answer was useless as they had only measured the speed of the vehicles coming in from the main street. He felt that they did not know about what was happening and only used an instrument to measure speed. They have not seen that there is an easy and cheap remedy which would not be costly to the Council. He would like representatives from the Council would come out and meet him and others involved to see for themselves how dangerous it is. He has found that people living in the area all agree

that people coming up from the Castle at a ridiculous speed. Marc said he would speak to Head of Services and try and organize something and raise it with them again.

Paul introduced Jim Mackie who gave an update on the background of flooding of the River Spey, erosion of the coastline, shingle movement, sea breaking through, flooding at Byres Farm, Garmouth and Kingston, groups involved and lack of communication. Letters will be sent to SEPA and Nature Scotland and copies are available to anyone who is interested. A lengthy discussion followed. Marc informed the committee of the problems of licensing, moving shingle and some of the legalities involved. It was a tricky situation but there would be a meeting in the future. Comments will be passed on and hopefully flooding and defences will be looked into.

Treasurers Report: Unchanged

Planning: Nothing in planning

Events: Michelle reported that an appraisal feasibility study/business plan has been commissioned on how they progress with Portgordon Harbour and there is going to be Community Consultations on 19 23 and 25 March. Flyers will be distributed in the area. Alongside this they are looking into developing a local place plan that will be going to a wider area. On 27 March at 7.30pm Portgordon Trust AGM will be held. A directors pack will be available to encourage new board members. Other events will be on the website.

Dallachy Strike Wing: Been brought back to the meeting. Now springtime and looking into maintenance, planting etc. The font slabs are to be lifted and relaid or replaced. This is still outstanding from last year. Otherwise looking well. Gold leaf standing out. Unfortunately Pringle not in attendance but she has more knowledge about the D Day arrangements. There was a question of whether it should be held in Fochabers or Dallachy. Chris raised the fact that he had sent an email about Dallachy to Paul Pringle and Moira and expected a reply or acknowledgement. Paul apologised but thought he should take it to the meeting to discuss. Chris said he had some ideas for improvements that could be made. Paul asked that it be left with him as the email he got was quite short and there was not a list of suggestions. Chris will resend the email. Chris thought that D Day was close to Canada day and people might not want to attend both. Paul felt that as Pringle had the info and was not in attendance we should wait until she returned. However he felt that there was a feeling that something should be organized. Chris asked that someone contact the

Fochabers Village Association as no one was aware anything was happening.

Area Updates:

Portgordon – The Quiz night was very successful. They are progressing with the second phase of the development of the Hub. They are carrying on with the feasibility study with 16 stakeholders so far. They are also starting to looking at the Resilience in the village. They are also looking at a consultation on what people would like for the future of Portgordon. Marc reminded her that the Lampie was open Monday Thursday and Saturday 10.00-3.00.

Clochan - No representative so no report

SpeyBay - No representative so no report

Fochabers – Roads Dept Moray Council have put up signs opposite the school with four islands to help control the traffic.

Only newsagent has decided that they will not be delivering newspapers etc. Papers will have to be collected at Scotmid and the Coop. Marc said that lots of people read their papers online.

Fochabers now has a new fishing shop.

Health walks are still ongoing. Roger reported that many people are coming from outwith the area. He praised the leaders and wished Jim Hallyburton well.

Many of the local walks have been blocked by fallen trees. Workmen have been out and cut any dangerous ones down.

Shona mentioned that she has had quite a few representations re the islands on Fochabers High Street. It is causing problems for large lorries and other traffic. Yellow lines will be repainted. This was discussed as was parking at the school, lorry parking, parking shortage and people parking at the chip shop.

Date of Next Meeting: 27 March 7.00pm by Zoom.