

Lennox Community Council

27 November 2024 at 7.00pm by Zoom

Minutes of Meeting

- Attending:** Paul McPherson (Chair), Pringle George (Secretary/Treasurer), Jenni Cameron, Donald Cameron, Leanna Hudson, Peter Horton, Roger Austin, Lynn Austin, Michelle Good, Brooke Finnie Moira Morrison (Minute Secretary), Chris Overing, Anna Mary Overing
- Councillors:** Marc McRae, Ben Williams, Shona Morrison
- Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Police Report:** Pringle has sent this to everyone
- Guest Presentation:** There was no guest presentation
- Previous Minutes:** Proposed by Roger Austin Seconded by Paul McPherson
- Matters Arising:** Finance meeting – Roger attended but it was cancelled due to lack of support. This was then passed to an outside agency to convene the meeting.
- Correspondence:** Pringle has sent out most of the correspondence before the meeting. This included a survey regarding the closure of libraries and a survey on transport. However these could not be opened and she has asked Debra Duke to resend this. She has also asked Debra to send any future emails to Paul and Moira due to her intention to resign.
- There has been no update from Diana re the four islands. This was discussed later in the meeting.
- A meeting will be held with Vattenfell with an update;
- Treasurers Report:** A copy of the up to date cashbook has been sent out. The Bank of Scotland has not sent a bank statement for 6 months, therefore the books cannot be signed off by the auditor. Pringle has contacted the bank and Moira will hopefully collect these from the Bank next week.
- Planning:** 81-83 High Street Fochabers have applied for permission for building works to the house.

Events:

Fochabers -Xmas lights switch on Friday 30 November

Portgordon - Tabletop sale on 7 December. Craft club for children on 14 December. Café will be closed for Xmas 23 Dec – 6 Jan. Sewing Group have two more meetings before Xmas. You can take any craft with you to work on.

Dallachy Strike Wing Memorial:

Thanks go to Joy and the ladies for refreshments on Remembrance Day. It was thought to be the biggest turnout. Not only were there people from the area attending but there was a secondment of Canadian personnel from Lossiemouth who are here on a 2 year secondment. They also brought their wives and children. The ladies at Spey Bay reported that over £300 was raised for Poppy Scotland. Pringle hoped to hand over the organising of the days to Chris and thought that the RAF did us proud. She has been asked if she will organize Black Friday and gave a short history of the sad events to be commemorated. This will be held on Sunday 9 February 2025. Anzac Day will be held on 25 April 2025. This was agreed, discussed and suggestions given.

:Area Updates:

Clochan and Spey Bay: No representatives therefore no report

Fochabers: The bus stop nearest the Medical Centre has been removed. No communication was received by the public nor Lennox Community Council. Marc said that this was being looked into and was a temporary measure and more information would be sent out. The bus stop will be reinstated in the near future. Roger said that people in the village thought it was a ridiculous situation with both the bus stop and the islands. Roger brought up the threatened closure of the Fochabers library. This had caused quite a commotion in the village. This matter was fully discussed among the committee members and will be brought up again at the next meeting when more information will hopefully be available.

Roger attended a Windfarm Consultation which would be created at the Tiendland. Much information was available which was informative and well presented. The organisers were approachable and reported that there will be more meetings arranged in the future.

Portgordon: Michelle introduced a new member of staff, Brooke Finnie, Facilities Coordinator. She then reported on the Strategic Outline of the Trust and looking forward to January and the next steps of exhibition, Presentation and Facilities. She also wished everyone a Merry Xmas to everyone, thanked her volunteers for all their efforts and hoped they will have a good rest over the festive season.

AOCB: Library Closures – Ben said that there was a survey linked to the libraries which people can access. Staff in the libraries also have copies for people who do not have access to computers. Discussion followed.

.Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 29 January 7.00pm by Zoom

Pringle thanked everyone for their support, especially in the past year. Although she hasn't officially resigned, she has taken a step back for health reasons and will continue to attend the committee meetings until she moves south in the future.