

# Lennox Community Council

29 January 2025 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

**Counsellors:** Marc McRae, Ben Williams, Shona Morrison

**Apologies:** Moira Morrison

Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Police Report:** Pringle has sent this to everyone New report is due out so there is not one to send out as yet

**Previous Minutes:** No meeting in December. Roger intended attending the Council Budget meeting. However the meeting was cancelled due to lack of attendees. Minutes approved Roger Austin Seconded Pringle George

**Matters Arising:** **Update on Vattenfall Windfarm**  
Pringle and Moira attended the planning meeting at Moray Council but had a problem hearing the meeting as the sound system did not seem to be working. The application was turned down due to on the grounds of landscaping. With the other Communities Councils involved – Buckie, Cullen, Findochty. We decided in view of what had taken place that we would send a letter, of which a copy was sent to the committee. We have received a response to this. This will be sent to the other three councils. Once we get the feedback from the other Community Councils, a copy will be sent to the committee about what update is to be planned and for the Chairman to approve. Vattenfall have not received any communication as yet, telling them it has been turned down. This was discussed.

**Update on fourth island and bus stops**  
Fourth island has been removed and the bus stops reinstated. Pringle thanked Marc MacRae and Shona Morrison for their help in this matter This was discussed and everyone is glad its been resolved.

**Correspondence:**

We have received an reminder today via the CCLO for a meeting 'Democracy Matters' tonight. This was too short notice as we have our committee meeting tonight. If there was any information that was relevant Pringle asked if she could pass this on.

The National Council for Resilience have a grant of £500. There are two days to apply for this grant for Resilience. Yet again this was too short notice to pass this on to other areas covered by Lennox Community Council.

Received information from the Scottish Government on a consultation on Community Benefits from Net Zero Developments. Moray Council would like a response from all Community Councils regarding offshore and onshore energy developments. The closing date for this response is 11 April 2025. We are all invited to take part. Pringle will send out the details for the committee to complete the survey. Paul and Pringle will get together to send one from Lennox Community Council as requested

Scottish Water have contacted us to say that the impact of Storm Eowyn that they had, in 54 centres, free drinking water. Luckily none of us had to take up this offer.

On 23 January we were invited to a drop in session of M Connect at Cullen Community Centre on 7 February from 10.00am to 12.30pm or 28 March from 10.00am to 1.00pm concerning Moray Transport Unit who will give us an update of what is happening in the area. If anyone in the committee would like to attend the Cullen meeting please let Pringle know.

Moray Sustainable Learning Estate Review will be meeting on Wednesday 5 February at 6.30 at Milnes High School. There will be a Presentation on an overview the sustainability of the current learning estate, future etc Roger will attend the meeting.

An invitation from the Buckie Area Forum was received for 12 February 2025. Guest Speaker will be Laura Sutherland, local Manager of NHS Grampian who will give an update on local facilities and services. Any questions and registration to be forwarded to Ian Calcott. Pringle would like to attend as she has questions she would like to ask. Anyone who would like to attend to contact Pringle and she will register interest.

Free Local Place Planning for Community Councils on Wednesday 5.30-6.30 February 5, February 12, February 19, February 26, March 5, March 12, March 19 If anyone would like to attend please get in touch

with Pringle. Place of training to be confirmed. A copy of the file will be sent out.

On 21 January we received an invitation from the Portgordon Community Trust regarding the future of the harbour which will take place on 5 February from 10.00-11.30am, 1.00-2.00pm, 6.00-7.00 pm

**Treasurers Report:** We are in a healthy position and Pringle listed the current position. She needed permission to pass on £75.00 for Spey Bay Hall. Donation from Black Friday to be forwarded to Erskine Home in Forres. Paul explained the problems we are having with regard to online banking. Hopefully this will rectify this soon.

**Planning:** Only very minor matters have been reported. Michelle mentioned that she was surprised that the second phase of the William Grant Distillery had not been mentioned on any planning meetings. Pringle confirmed that she had not heard anything and also explained that this goes direct to Roger and Anna Mary who have not received any information either.

**Events:** Roger reported that all households had received information regarding the pylons in the area and the nearest meeting was going to be held in Inchberry. Paul had attended the initial meeting a year ago at Inchberry.

Michelle reported that events in Portgordon were now on their website. Portgordon have a consultation and information session in which they will share the work that was commissioned last year to look at the options for Portgordon Harbour. She would appreciate if people would attend one of the sessions previously mentioned as this would give a real opportunity for people to see what the future of the harbour could be and give your personal views.

**Dallachy Strike Wing Memorial:** Pringle reported on the 'Black Friday' event. She gave some of the events and background in the planning of the event. Wreath layers will be Seymour Munro the Lord Lieutenant of Moray, Andrew Simpson the Lord Lieutenant of Banffshire, Deputy Station Commander of RAF Lossiemouth, Councillor Peter Bloomfield of the RAF Seniors Association, Councillor Marc McRae for Moray Council, the Honorary Consul of Canada Mrs Mary Duncan, Ms Erity Mitchell President of the New Zealand Society for Scotland, Mrs Jennifer Walker Canadian Ladies Event Group, Mrs Claire Tombe on behalf of Australia and Paul McPherson Chairperson of Lennox Community Council. Pringle then ran through the people of note who will be attending and taking part in the ceremony and also reported on the programme for the day. Donations this year will be going to Erskine Home in Forres. Events for the day were

discussed. Paul and Pringle gave everyone a short talk on the background of the events on that dreadful day.

**Area Updates:** Pringle reported on an announcement that there was to be a large amount of Bank of Scotland banks closing in the near future. Luckily none were in this area.

**Portgordon** - Michelle is trying to pull together a local place plan to fit in to the Local Development Plan.

**.Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday 26 February at 7.00pm by Zoom