# PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING HELD Monday 10 March 2025

**In attendance:** Anne Anderson (Secretary - Minutes), Tracey Collyer (Councillor) (online), Theresa Coull (Councillor), Shirley Firth (Secretary – Correspondence), Alexandra Forsyth (Treasurer), Donald Gatt (Councillor), John Going (Chair),

Action/ attention

### 1 Apologies:

Jade Tindall, Lillian Urguhart.

### 2 Police Update

- None received this month. These have moved to quarterly and the next is due in April.
- 3 Guest speaker:

None

# 4 Adoption of minutes of last meeting

Proposed: JG Seconded: AF

### 5 Matters Arising

none

### 6 Correspondence Received

- Gladys McKenzie A thank you card was received from the family of the late Gladys McKenzie (former Treasurer) following a charitable donation made by the PCC in her memory.
- <u>Car Speed Measurement</u> following investigation, costs (>£4,000) were deemed to be too high.
- <u>Local Community Councils Support Group</u> members are invited to attend this group to be held at Buckie Community High School on 21<sup>st</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> March. SF will notify the group that JG will try to attend.

SF/JG

- <u>Libraries</u> members were delighted by the news that local libraries will remain open.
- <u>SEPA Consultation</u> SEPA requires feedback on their methods for authorising and regulating waste management. A summary of the consultation will be signposted on Facebook to allow members of the community to engage with the consultation.

JT

- <u>Portknockie Harbour</u> there are outstanding works relating to harbour maintenance. Cllr T Coull advised that there is some capital funding available to fix some pontoons and Cllr T Colyer advised that the job is to be scoped.
  - The issue of the cesspit is still ongoing and Paul Wolverston of TMC is to contact SEPA in this regard.

## 7 Treasurer's Report

 Account balance currently sits at: £2,120.76. Authorisation is awaited for the closure of the existing account and the move to the new bank.

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### 8 Planning

Alterations to the Patrol Road Hall requested. No issues raised.

#### 9 Events

VE Day Celebration: Whilst the school is not planning a specific celebration, joining in with any celebration the PCC/PCA organise would be possible. It was agreed at the PCC that May 10<sup>th</sup> is the most suitable date for an event to be held in the Macboyle Hall. SF will notify the school of the date. It was suggested that a call be put out on Facebook for photographs relating to WW2.

SF JT

### 10 Members/Elected Members Updates:

 Reports on meetings held were given by councillors including: <u>Theresa Coull</u>: libraries saved, budget passed, New CEO starts 17 March.

<u>Tracy Colyer</u>: Additionally TC is now on the Planning Committee <u>Donald Gatt</u>: attendance at National Carers Day Flag Raising, Keith Meeting on Union Bridge. DG also attended an interesting briefing on the NESS Scheme on waste management that sees waste being incinerated (and ash recycled) rather than going to landfill. DG will provide a link to this scheme for the Facebook page for those who are interested to learn more.

DG/JT

## 12 Community Feedback

 <u>Elgin Toilets</u>: there remains confusion in the community re: which businesses are involved in the Comfort Scheme. There is a Comfort Scheme poster listing the organisations involved and this will be posted in the PCC Facebook page and a copy provided for the Chemist to potentially display.

JT/SF

 Wood place grassed area: a member of the community has volunteered to take on mowing and flower planting in this area, but it is unclear if this is land owned by TMC or Seafield Estates.
 DG (Cllr) will seek clarification from the council re: ownership.

DG(Cllr)

#### 13 **JCC**

Minutes of last minutes have been circulated (25<sup>th</sup> February).
 Volunteers are sought for the Elections Sub Group. Any members wishing to volunteer should pass their names to SF.

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### 14 **AOB**

 AF enquired if there had been any response to the request for signage for the track? SF advised none had been received and will follow up. SF

15 **Next meeting 14**th April at 7pm in Macboyle Hall.

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