



**PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD Monday 9 March 2026**

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the Portlong/Salmon Bothy Path reinforcing the need to treat pedestrians according to the rules of the Highway Code as incidents have also been reported on this path. SF will also follow-up with Sustrans regarding previous requests for signage for Cyclists on the Portknockie/Cullen path.

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- **Ongoing Roadworks between Cluny Square and the beginning of Low Street Buckie:** DG (Cllr) will follow-up on this with TMC DG (Cllr)
- **Defibrillator Machine at Millennium Garden:** It is noted that the temporary machine has now been replaced by the original machine following routine maintenance.
- **Nuisance Caused by Electric Scooters:** reports have been received (and passed on to the Police) from the community regarding illegal use of these devices on the pavements and streets of the village including carrying of passengers and travelling without lights. Offenders could get a £300 fixed-penalty notice and, if they have one, six points on their driving licence. For more information please see Appendix 2. ALL  
Reporting of incidences of e-scooter use on the roads/pavements can be reported to Police Scotland even if you do not have details of who is on the scooters.
- **Pothole at corner of Caravan Park:** It is known that the road from the Seafield Terrace end of the Tennis Courts to the top of Geddes Avenue is what is termed an 'unadopted road'. This means it is not technically the responsibility of TMC. Following contact with Seafield Estates, the road is on Seafield Estate land but as they make no use of the land, it is therefore the responsibility of the main users. The Tennis Club, Bowling Club, Caravan Park, MacLeod Park and Macboyle Hall (the latter two being owned by TMC) are all stakeholders in this road. There are historical complexities with regard to many unadopted roads which make resolution of the issue complicated. DG (Cllr) will again raise this issue with TMC to see if (given that TMC is a major stakeholder in this section of road regardless of its unadopted status) steps towards adoption of the road by TMC can be initiated. DG (Cllr)

**6 Correspondence Received**

- Covered in Matters Arising.

**7 Treasurers Report**

- Account balance: currently sits at: £2,451.97 excepting the charge from Keiran's Legacy in relation to the defibrillator.

**8 Planning**

- None relevant to the village.

**9 Events**

- none

**10 Members/Elected Members Updates:**

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- Councillors reported attendance at regular committees as well as Full Council, Budget and Planning Visits. A PCC member reported attendance at the 'Shaping NHS Grampian's 2026/7 Priorities' online event. Issues were raised by attendees including:
  - the current status of the option to build a permanent MRI Suite at Dr Grays (still under review);
  - the reinstatement of special support for claustrophobics receiving MRI scanning (to be fed-back to the MRI team);
  - the possibility of introducing 24/7 in-house pharmacy services within Dr Grays (currently being considered)
  - availability of timely GP appointments
  - locations for vaccination appointments (patients may (online or by phone) request alternative locations to those offered in appointment letters)

**11 Community Feedback**

- Football Goals in MacLeod Park: it was queried whether the Common Good Fund could be used to purchase the required goalpost(s), however given the cost of the required equipment, the monies available through the fund would not be nearly enough.
- Changes to PCA Office Holders: It is noted that the new appointments are:
  - Chair – Donna Coull
  - Secretary – Kirsty Farquhar
  - Treasurer- Alexandra Forsyth

**12 JCC**

- Last JCC minutes were circulated on 28 February

**13 AOB**

- New member welcomed; Malc Winser.
- Emergency Access to Harbour Middle Pier – Following recent work to protect the pier user access, concerns were raised regarding potential for access by emergency vehicles. It is understood that this will not be an issue but DG (Cllr) will request details.

DG (Cllr)

**14 Next meeting** at 7pm on 13 April 2026 in the Macboyle Hall.

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## **Appendix 1**

### **BIKE STAND / REPAIR STATION.**

In early 2025 the village was offered a bike stand and repair station from Active Travel through Moray Council. This is part of the national initiative to encourage more people to cycle.

It was agreed to consult with the village through Facebook and posters, and the feedback was that we should have this facility\*. The NCN1 cyclists route comes out of the old railway line track on Seafield Terrace and heads down Admiralty Street along Patrol Road and past the Harbour heading onto Cliff Terrace and out onto the A942.

The locations considered were:

1. **In front of the SPAR**, although not on the NCN cycle route, residents felt cyclists may like to shop when in the village. This site, whilst in principle allowable by Active Travel/HITRANS, was however deemed to be unsafe due to frequent car parking and the space required for delivery vehicles.
2. **At the side of the bus shelter on Bridge Street**. Nobody liked this option as it would be too visible and make it difficult to maintain the grassed area.
3. **At the Harbour head**. Not popular but also there was not a suitable piece of flat ground.
4. **On the side of the track**. This was agreed by the majority of respondents to be the most suitable spot, being on the NCN1 route and to be placed low enough down the track so as not to be intrusive. **This was in May 2025.**

Locations NOT considered;

1. In front of the school. This is not on the NCN1 route.
2. Bow Fiddle Car Park. This is not on the NCN1 route and the land is owned by Seafield Estates and not Moray Council.

The final location was agreed as a compromise to try and keep all residents happy and still provide the facilities for cyclists.

The funds for the Bike Stand and repair stations in Moray are granted from HITRANS and are **not** available for any other purpose.

\* Facebook Consultation:

The original post on 19/5/25 across 3 different pages had reached 1.5k people by 26/2/26.

559 post engagements

48 comments, of these, the majority were about the location of the Bike stand.

After the initial consultation the Bike stand then appeared on several PCC meetings agendas and the minutes were posted on the PCC/PCA Facebook page for residents to see.

## **Appendix 2:**

### **Rules regarding eBikes:**

- These can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/electric-bike-rules>

### **Rules regarding e-Scooters:**

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