

**PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD Monday 11 May 2026**

In attendance: Anne Anderson (Secretary - Minutes), Theresa Coull (Councillor), Shirley Firth (Secretary – Correspondence), Alexandra Forsyth (Treasurer), Donald Gatt (Councillor), John Going (Chair), Lillian Urquhart, Malcolm Winser

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attention |
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| 1 | Apologies:
Tracy Colyer (Councillor), Jade Tindall | |
| 2 | Police Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Following police attendance at the last meeting, feedback was received from Sergeant Zubaj that checks had been carried out regarding the van reported in suspicious circumstances in the village and all was in order. It was also advised that officers would carry out mobile patrols around the school whenever free and available. Sergeant Zubaj's prompt action and response are appreciated. | |
| 3 | Guest speaker:
None | |
| 4 | Adoption of minutes of last meeting
Proposed: AF. Seconded: MW. | |
| 5 | Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">● <u>Cyclists on Portknockie-Cullen Path</u>: SF will order signage regarding cycling safely and respect for other path users. PCC will fund this signage.● <u>Flagpole</u>: the review carried out identified that considerable work will be required to make the pole good. A quote for the work is awaited from a company in Fochabers and it may be necessary to apply to the Common Good Fund for the monies required. | SF |
| 6 | Correspondence Received <ul style="list-style-type: none">● <u>Reliability of Stagecoach No.35 Bus Service</u>: Findochty Community Council has enquired whether the PCC would be happy to join with them and other local CC's to put together a joint response to Stagecoach regarding the perceived lack of reliability of the No.35 bus service. Members agreed that this was a good idea and JT will be requested to post a request for feedback from users on the Portknockie Facebook pages. SF will inform the FCC of this decision.● <u>Zurich Insurance Review</u>: This review confirmed that PCC holds no assets. | JT
SF |
| 7 | Treasurers Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">● <u>Account balance</u>: currently sits at: £2,451.97 excepting the charge from Keiran's Legacy in relation to the defibrillator. This is further delayed by the installation of a new invoicing system at Keiran's Legacy. The outstanding invoice should be received soon. | |

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8 Planning

- None relevant to the village.

9 Events

- none

10 Members/Elected Members Updates:

- Councillors reported attendance at regular committees as well as attendance at the visit of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh to The Loft in Keith.

11 Community Feedback

- Request for upgrades to the play park: A query was received as to whether fencing could be erected around the play park equipment to increase child safety and to stop dogs fouling in the space. The query also asked about the possibility of an upgrade to the equipment. DG will raise the issue of park upgrades with TMC
- Jenny's Well Signage at top of Whale's Mouth Path: this sign requires work and DG will approach TMC to clarify who's responsibility this is
- Harbour meeting: Matters relating to the Harbour are not within the remit of the PCC. The next Harbour meeting will be held on 10 June in The Cullen Centre and any interested parties are welcome to attend.
- Buses repeatedly hitting lamp post on station road: it was reported that wing mirrors from buses hitting the lamp post on station road were a danger to residents and property (a number have been fired into a garden at speed when colliding with the lamp post). Removal of the lamp post was proposed. DG will review the situation and raise the issue with TMC. T Coull also committed to raise the issue with a member of TMC staff who is visiting Harbour Place on Wednesday to review another lamp post regarding which issues have been raised.

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12 JCC

- Next meeting is on 14th May

13 AOB

- As noted in the minutes for 13/4/26, JT contacted BT about the phone box in the village to ask if there were any plans to remove it or decommission it and would it still operate when the digital changeover had been done? Response from BT that there are no plans to remove this phone box and it will remain operational.

14 Next meeting at 7pm on 8 June 2026 in the Macboyle Hall.

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