

Portknockie Community Council

Minutes of meeting on 9 February 2009

Present: Alan Beresford, Pearl Murray, Gladys McKenzie, Lil Urquhart, Angela Mair, Cathleen Harper, Karen Campbell, Cllr Ron Shepherd, Cllr Gary Coull,

1 Apologies – Helen Sammon, Cllr Stuart Cree

2 Minutes were proposed by Pearl and seconded by Angela.

3 Matters arising

2 Haig St – No improvement, the garden now might be an environmental health hazard.

Nurse Led Clinics – Alan has corresponded with various people about Nurse Led Clinics coming to the village. Jeanette Brown has promised to contact Alan to discuss the matter. As there has still been no satisfactory contact from NHS personnel regarding the Nurse Led Clinics Councillors will bring this forward with the NHS on behalf of the Community Council.

Library The Community Council gained sight of a letter from Alistair Campbell of Moray Council stating the library should move to the school some time this year. This community needs definite answers about when the long awaited move will take place. Councillors Shepherd and Coull will try to meet with Alistair Campbell to get concrete answers. If the outcome is not satisfactory to the Community Council we will take further action to address the matter.

Neighbourhood Watch newsletters have been delivered.

Unsightly Banners wishing people happy birthday etc left hanging long after the event at the entrances to the village were discussed. It was agreed whoever put up banners should remove them once the occasion is over. Articles about this will be printed in The Buckie Advertiser and The Knocker.

Hi-vis armbands Cllr Anita McDonald welcomes our support with regard to her campaign to make the walk to school safer for pupils and drivers. She will be in touch shortly with an update.

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Art Project

Bob Croucher provided outline details of a proposed permanent art project led by Geoff Roberts. It is hoped to create a large mosaic style work that will include the 2 fish from the coat of arms and be sited on the Horse Road. The project is likely to cost £5000. Funding was discussed. Grants will be applied for, the Community Association are to find £3000 and it was suggested the mosaic tiles could be bought then incorporated in the art work.

Burns Supper

A Burns Supper has been arranged for 16 May in the McBoyle Hall at 6.30pm for 7.00pm. Richard Lochhead and Cllr Coull have agreed to officiate. Cllr Shepherd will chair the occasion and the citizens of the year will be major players. The event will be funded from The Knocker, the Community Council, the Community Association and selling tickets with any profit going to the Community Association.

4 Police Matters Sergeant Tony McCullie was happy to report that there had been very few incidents in Portknockie recently; no other matters were raised for the police.

5 School Development – see Library (3 Matters arising)

6 Matters for elected members – Councillors Coull and Shepherd were thanked for supporting the motion to have 20 mph speed limits imposed on entering the village. The Moray Council has thrown out the motion as the traffic goes too fast! The Councillors will take forward a complaint to Moray Council on behalf of the Community Council.

7 Correspondence was discussed

8 Treasurer's report Knocker £1291.32

Community Council £1125.95

9 AOCB - none

10. Mr Beresford closed the meeting at 2000.

The next meeting will be at 1900 on 9 March 2009 in the library.