

Portknockie Community Council meeting with Alistair Campbell (Libraries & Museums Manager) of Moray Council held in the library on Monday 27 April 2009 at 7pm.

Present: Alan Beresford, Pearl Murray, Gladys McKenzie, Lillian Urquhart, Angela Mair, Cathleen Harper, Helen Sammon, Karen Campbell, Cllr Ron Shepherd, , Cllr Stuart Cree

Apologies – Cllr Gary Coull

Alan Beresford welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a brief overview of why the meeting had been convened. He explained that the community is very frustrated about the delay in moving the library to the premises in to the school. A room has been prepared for this purpose for some time.

Pearl Murray gave further information including dates e.g. November 2007 when a full Council meeting agreed to the library move. Alan and Pearl both raised lack of communication from the Council about the delays being particularly unhelpful.

Alistair Campbell thanked the Community Council for their patience regarding the delays and poor communication. He advised that a bid had been made for EU funding to enhance the library services. The bid outcome was only recently announced and has been successfully secured. This will mean our library once it eventually moves to the school premises, will have up to 8 computers for public use. The delay will continue till Building Standards within the council are happy with the plans. Once the plans are passed building work will be done and the move completed. He gave assurance this will be finalised this financial year.

> The Community Council decided to ask Alistair Campbell to a meeting On Monday 13July to further discuss the progress of the library move.