

Portknockie Community Council

Minutes of meeting on 14/12/09

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

1 Apologies – Received from Gladys Mckenzie and Cllr S Cree.

2 Minutes were proposed by Pearl Murray and seconded by Helen Sammon.

3 Matters arising

Alan thanked everyone with a special mention for Pearl in making the standing down of the Knocker team event and Christmas tree lighting very special occasions. Thanks was also expressed to Neil Gow who stepped in at short notice to participate in the Christmas Tree lighting service.

Advice was received from Moray Council stating 15 Craigview Road now has new tenants and the tenants of 4 Samson St reside there as their main residence.

4 Police Matters

Wreaths have been stolen from the cemetery; airguns are being used in the garage site off Geddes Avenue - the police will be advised about this.

The horsebox has been removed from the top of Admiralty Street.
There has been no update on the recent vandalism in the cemetery.

5 School Development

See 6.

6 Matters for elected members

Council Budget cuts were discussed, and cause for concern raised with regard to closure of the school. The Community Council is happy to consider a shared non teaching Head teacher to ensure the school remains open.
Cllr Shepherd confirmed that no budgetary cuts can be ruled out.

Refuse trucks have been driving over the roundabout at Slater Crescent, Cllr Shepherd will ensure this practice stops.

7 Correspondence was discussed. Tracey Rae will be advised of duplicate glossy brochures received.

8 Treasurer's report
Knocker £1186.85

Community Council £ £250.86

9 AOCB

Gift of £400 was received from the Earl of Seafield. The money will be used to fund the gifts for the Knocker editorial team and hospitality for the event to honour 10 years of the Knocker. The residue will be shared with the Community Association. A letter of thanks has been sent for the gift.

Concern was raised about the lack of support from the Church of Scotland for the Christmas Tree lighting ceremony. Neil Gow very graciously stepped in on this occasion but no other support was given.

A letter of thanks was received from Bob Croucher in thanks for the get together to mark the standing down of the Knocker editorial team and for the gift he accepted to mark the occasion.

10. Mr Beresford closed the meeting at 2000

The next meeting will be at 1900 on Monday 11 January at 1900 in the library.