

PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 12th APRIL, 2010

Present: Alan Beresford, Pearl Murray, Gladys McKenzie, Lil Urquhart, Helen Sammon, Angela Mair, Cllr. Ron Shepherd & Cllr. Gary Coull. John Myles, Portknockie Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

Matters were suspended as Andy Jamieson, Moray Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator gave a brief talk on the work currently being undertaken by them in the Moray area. Mr. Jamieson also left leaflets on Anti-Social Behaviour and a contact telephone number for contacting his department direct.

1. Apologies

Karen Campbell and Cllr. Stewart Cree.

2. Minutes

Were proposed by Pearl and seconded by Gladys.

3. Matters arising

The Library – There is still no sign of the computers in the library. Cllr. Shepherd advised that they should be in by April but the Councillors will chase Alistair Campbell on. If there is no update Alistair Campbell will be invited to the May meeting.

Empty Council Houses – Pearl advised that 12 Addison Street is still lying empty. Cllr. Shepherd advised that he had checked with Mr. McQuaker and the house has still not been let. Cllr. Shepherd was advised that the Community Council would wish, if at all possible, for someone local to be allocated the property.

4. Police Matters

There were no incidents to be reported to the Police and there were no updates from the Police regarding any previous incidents.

5. School Development

Alan advised the Community Council about the recent publication in the newspapers regarding school closures and mergers. Regarding the school occupancy rates Portknockie was not looking to good. Both Councillors advised that at present there were still no formal proposals in place regarding any school closure. The Councillors will keep a close eye on developments. Alan asked the Cllrs to follow up an issue with the school capacity figures - when the Council calculate capacity figures credit should also be given for bringing in the likes of evening classes to address overcapacity issues. This was encouraged under the 2005-07 School Estate Management Plan review, so it

should be credited, otherwise what's the point? It would seem that at present only physical reduction in capacity - in our case, using space for the library - is counted towards reducing the school's capacity figures. However the Parents Council should keep vigilant and the Community Council will assist them in whatever course of action is required.

6. Matters for Elected Members

Cllr. Shepherd is chasing up the relevant department regarding the potholes at the McBoyle Hall.

7. Correspondence

Correspondence was discussed.

8. Treasurer's Report

Community Council - £790.81

Knocker - £1,129.73

The Knocker money will be left at the moment.

9. AOCB

Alan has received a letter from the Harbour Forum Committee and is going to deal with this direct.

The new Police Officer for the Portknockie/Cullen area is Richard Russell and Alan will invite him along to the May meeting.

10. Alan closed the meeting at 8.05 pm.

The next meeting will be at 7.00 pm on 10th May, 2010 in the library.