

**MINUTE of MEETING No. 203 in Portgordon Community Centre at 7.00 pm
on 29 JANUARY 2014.**

01. Present: L. Duncan Chairman, D. Cameron Secretary, R. Gray Treasurer,
M. Burrows, A. Hook, L. Knight, M. Reid.

02. Apologies: P. Horton, L. Morton, Cllr. S. Morton.

In Attendance: Cllr. M. Howe, Cllr. D. Ross. M. Holmes, M. Thomas, J. Mackie [Innes CC],
P. George [Portgordon Harbour Committee].

03. Police Report: Taken as read and accepted.

04 [a] The Chairman welcomed the new co-opted members to the Council and two prospective members as observers.

[b] **Minutes Approve:** Minute 202 of 27.11.2013 was approved as correct after noting at Item 06. 303 removal of “She will also...to... application” as incorrect. Prop. M R Sec. R G.

05. Minute 203 Matters arising:

[a] In absence of L M, Secretary to research use of Fochabers Institute for a meeting. **DC**

[b] The Chairman invited nominations for Vice-Chairman. L D nominated M. Burrows and A H seconded. With no other names M. Burrows was declared elected.

[c] **Numbered Items reviewed:**

983 Dallachy Memorial – Remembrance Services – Cllr. Howe reported no person will act to arrange service. M R to ask Cosmo Stewart, D C to ask A. Fearnley. **M R DC**

206 A 96 By-Pass Roundabouts – East End Markings and West End Fast Exits, Cllr. Ross reported a meeting with Officers and attempts to arrange meetings. Traffic Officers have made no formal hand over of the By-pass and much is outstanding with Transport Scotland and BEAR. Agreed to persist and check progress.

234 Spey Bay Road Safety Fence – Cllr. Howe reported that fence is going to be erected.

276 Women’s Land Army Memorial – Small group to act. M Council Officers like the seat and wishes a proposal of Type, Number, and Site, to be determined then M Council will act. Chairman to contact Vicki Holmes. **LD**

284 Spey Viaduct Repairs – Innes CC still pursuing action with Sustrans. Cllr. Howe contacted M Council Officer in charge of bridge and holes will be patched.

287 Fochabers Square Noticeboard – Board erected, Chairman given second key. Portgordon Members research moving old board to P/G. G. Christie will be informed. **MB DC**

291 Place of Members New Business on Agenda – No objections **To remove.**

292 Publicity about LCC Work – Publicity publications done. Chairman will contact N Scot. **To remove LD**

293 Youth Members – Chairman will continue to contact the teacher to get a Member. **LD**

294 Fochabers Police Station counter staffing – Noted Police are informing the public about methods of making contact. **To remove**

295 Fochabers resident concerned at the speed of vehicles entering East St. from new Farm Road – majority agreed no action. **To remove**

296 Fochabers resident seeks more car parking in centre of village. LC Council does not see it as an issue at present. **To remove**

297 No Toilet in centre of Fochabers – This is still an issue with some residents. No support for researching alternative funding and site. Com. Council believes it is not practical as there are toilets in the village. **To remove**

298 LCC Activity: Lack of response from public. Agreed there has been sufficient publicity. **To remove**

299 Extension of the Fochabers Burnside Caravan Site: No opinions, leave to owner. **To remove**

300 Inactive files: Dated before 1 January 2013. Continue, Secretary to report. **DC**

- 301 LC Councillor concerned that bend at East St. has no SLOW sign on south side and also asks if M. Council would consider yellow lines in view of vehicles parking at the East St., South St. junction. Letter sent, reply received, second reply after monitoring for next meeting.
- 302 Co-option of more Members. Two prospective found. **To remove**
303. Noted Chairman remarks to JCC. Reference to award deleted. **To remove**

06. New Business:

- 302 Square Traffic Calming – Com. Councillor complained of no arrows where traffic leaves the raised section causing vehicle bumps. Told this is due to speeding. Cllr. Ross will investigate the position. **D R**
- 303 Public Posting of Minutes – Fixing a site will be done as follows. Fochabers – Secretary Spey Bay – Cllr. Howe Clochan – R. Gray Portgordon – M. Burrows. **MH RG MB**
- 304 M. B. reported a blocked drain on Station Road at the Bowling Green of P/G and a kerb not reinstated at the bend on Earl Street needing repair. Cllr. Howe to act for both. **M H**

07. Lennox Planning Applications:

- Gordon Chapel lift – no objection.
- Spey Bay Car Park build 6 houses – no comment.

08. Correspondence In for 29 Jan.

- N = noted. M = sent all Members.
- N 024 – 03/12 Water and Sewerage Exemption Scheme for small third sector organisations cons. M
- N 025 – 03/12 Email from Ch. JCC wishing consult. with C C on Community Planning and Tsi. M
Agreed leave to JCC.
- 026** – 04/12 Letter fm T. Ruggeri Instructions on Planning Consult. Procedure for Comm. Co. M
All Members to study very carefully.
- N 027 – 05/12 Cons. Review of Licensing Fees [e.g. taxis but non alcohol]. **Ch. only**
- N 028 – 04/12 Letter accepting our Constitution and a return of the copy for files. ---
- N 029 – 05/12 Letter confirming M. Burrows and L. Knight are co-opted Members. ---
- N 030 – 09/12 Scottish Civic Trust - My Place Awards: They are for local design and conservation projects and for people who make a contribution to the civic movement. **M**
- N 031 – 09/12 Contributions to Working Group on Welfare [old request to prev. LCC] **M**
- N 032 – 09/12 Annual Scot. Railway Conference 24 May. **M**
- N 033 – 10/12 Customer Forum - Strategic review of Water Charges. **M**
- N 034 – 12/12 NHS Applications for Pharmaceutical Services. **M**
- N 035 – 12/12 Scot. Rural Dev. Program for Consultation. **M**
- 036** – 12/12 Serious Damage to Portgordon Pier **M**
With permission of Chairman P. George made a statement. Her committee are seeking a report from the local Crown Estate as there have been no decisions. D. Murray has written to the Crown Commissioners in Edinburgh and invites LCC to the meeting at 7.00 pm on Tue. 25 Feb. in Lampie Hoose M B and L K will attend. The Harbour is in a terrible state. There was discussion on the lack of action by C. Estate and LCC gave support to the Harbour Committee. Noted M Council is acting on the damage. **M B L K**
- 037 – 16/12 Scottish Rural Parliament – Invitation to participate. **M**
LCC to register interest to participate. **D C**
- N 038 – 17/12 Autism Awareness Training for Com. Council. **M**
- N 039** – 04/12 Memorial Plants and Grass Cutting reductions. **M**
- 040** – 17/12 ANZAC DAY action by 7 Feb. **M**
See earlier discussion on LCC action to organise a Service.
- 041** – 18/12 Brown Hill Wind Farm Development **M**
Agreed no objection.
- 042** – 18/12 DATA Protection Registration. LCC Registered and paid. **M**
- 043 – 18/12 DOMAIN name. New registration and Password. Action done---
- 044 – 23/12 Removal of Traffic Wardens. Police Scotland have acted. **M**
- 045 – 15/12 The Fochaberian Newspaper, Page about LCC accepted. ---

- 046** – 17/12 Review Sport, Leisure and Recreation in Moray. Info MC Web, See Corresp.022 ----
Chairman said – poor meeting, little information, very small attendance.
- N 047 – 07/01 Planning and Renewable Energy Forum Edinburgh 28/01 M
- 048** – 23/12 Consultation on Local Fire Service Plans - Setting targets and then scrutiny.
Comments can be made on M Council website or to Cllr. Ross. M
- 049 – 07/01 Review of Public Entertainment Licensing – PEL proposals may give major problems
and halls may close. Cllr. Ross is acting on it. M
- N 050 – 07/01 Review of Taxi Licences M
- 051** – 09/01 Letter Ch. of M JCC Response to Community Planning. See 025 – JCC to act M
- N 052 – 14/01 From CCLO email – Nat. Planning Framework M
- 053 – 20/01 M. Firth Partnership AGM – a Special Interest. M
- 054 – 21/01 Uncollected Waste Bins – agreed with Moray Council. Chairman
- Original correspondence available by contacting the Secretary.

09. Moray Council Business.

Cllr. Howe – Had meeting with Transport Scotland for complaints about roundabouts. They said signage is correct and bad drivers are the cause of anxieties. LCC to keep reporting on near misses.

Cllr. Ross – Elgin Link Road to stay in Local Plan voted on today. Budget decisions are imminent. Emergency 999/111 calls to go to Dundee, Scot. Police Authority confident with the moves. Noted the discussions on the future of Grant Lodge.

10. Council considered nomination of additional Members.

Maxine Holmes, Fochabers – Nom. L. Duncan Sec. M. Reid.

Mike Thomas, Fochabers - Nom. D. Cameron Sec. L. Duncan.

The LCC agreed to seek permission from Moray Council to co-opt.

D C

11. Statement by J. Mackie, Observer. With permission of the Chairman, Mr. James Mackie of Innes Community Council made a statement. He began by complimenting LCC on their efficient working. He lives in Garmouth and is very worried about the drifting shingle on the long Moray beach involving both our Councils. His family have formed the James A. Mackie Memorial Trust and they are in discussion with a wide variety of organisations with the objective of obtaining a Report that will be sent to the European Union asking for help to stop the local coastal erosion.

The LCC noted his enterprising actions and wished him well in his endeavours.

12. Date and Place of next meeting. 7.00 pm on Thursday 27 FEBRUARY 2014 in Community Hall, Clochan.

Note the change of day.