

**MINUTE of MEETING No. 204 in Clochan Community Hall at 7.00 pm
on 27 FEBRUARY 2014.**

**01. Present: Chairman L. Duncan, V-Ch. M. Burrows, Secretary D. Cameron,
L. Knight.**

**02. Apologies: R. Gray, M. Holmes, A. Hook, P. Horton, L. Morton, Cllr. S. Morton, M. Reid,
In Attendance: Cllr. M. Howe, Cllr. D. Ross. M. Thomas.**

03. Police Report: Taken as read and accepted.

04 Minutes Approval: Minute 203 of 29.01.2014 was approved as correct. Prop. M B Sec. L. K.

05. Minute 203:

[a] Numbered Items reviewed:

983 Dallachy Memorial – Remembrance Services – Secretary reported Mr. Alan Stevens, Bogmoor has volunteered to make the contacts to organise the Service on Anzac Day, Friday April 25. Secretary will assist the change and Mr. Gordon Inglis, Fochabers will represent Lennox Community Council. **D C**

206 A 96 By-Pass Roundabouts – East End Markings and West End Fast Exits - LCC have been invited to nominate a representative to attend a meeting with Moray Council Officers and Transport Scotland. Councillor Ross will keep LCC informed of the event. **D R**

234 Spey Bay Road Safety Fence – Cllr. Howe reported that Moray Council Officer, Kevin Price agreed something can be done to protect pedestrians and will ask for funding and arrange a contractor. **M H**

276 Women’s Land Army Memorial Clochan – Chairman arranging to meet Mr. J. Gordon, joiner and Mrs. V. Holmes to action seat / shelter construction. **L D**

284 Spey Viaduct Repairs to Floor – Council persisting with action and Cllr. Howe continuing to seek for the repairs to be done by Moray Council. **M H**

287 Fochabers Square Noticeboard – New Noticeboard satisfactory. At request of Cllr. Ross Moray Council has given permission for a site to be used for a noticeboard at Portgordon. M B delegated to arrange any transfer of old board to a new site. **To remove
M B**

293 Youth Members – LCC noted still a difficulty in recruiting Youth Members. **L D**

300 Inactive files: Dated before 1 January 2013. Secretary continuing to review. **D C**

301 Road Hazard at East St. – Waiting for third reply from Moray C. expected before next meeting. Secretary will enquire about reply. **D C**

302 Square Traffic Calming – Com. Councillor complained of no arrows where traffic leaves the raised section causing vehicle bumps. Noted still problems with low suspension cars bumping as drivers do not see the OFF slope of the calm area. Members believe the warning notices are too small but cars also speed too fast. **D R**

303 Public Posting of Minutes – Four sites are now in use. **To remove**

304 Apparent blocked drain and deficient kerb – Cllr. Howe reported no block but constant flow of springs causes occasional water. The kerb was a low curve. There is no problem. **To remove**

[b] Matter arising: At the request of the Members, the active Numbered Items from the previous minute will be placed, for convenience, on the Meeting Agenda.

06. Members New Business:

305 Road Hazard – Member requested hedge at Charlotte St. be cut back. LCC decided as it is early spring with little growth no action needed at present. **To remove.**

306 Aultmore Windfarm – Press request for comment. Agreed none needed. **To remove**

307 Planning Hearings for Portgordon Developments – As LCC gave a written opinion, Moray Council invited LCC to speak at a Hearings. Agreed Chairman attends as spokesman. **L D**

07. Lennox Planning Applications:

No objection made to three applications.

1. Extension at 27 Richmond Terrace, Portgordon.
2. Sun lounge at 14 Woodside Road, Fochabers.
3. Erect house and garage at 2 The Steading, Slackend, Portgordon.

08. Correspondence In for 27 Feb.:

N = noted. M = sent to all Members lcc = sent to LCC Address.

Original correspondence available by contacting the Secretary.

- N055 – Hanging Baskets Offer and Prices. M
- N056 – Creative Scotland Funding for Projects M
- N057 – Climate Challenge M
- N058 – Creative Scotland Open Consultation Developing Strategic Plan M
- N059 – School Bereavement Counselling M
- 060 – Diary Dates for Planning and Licence Training M
A Member applied for training.
- N061 – Free I T Courses (time expired) M
- N062 – Transport to Healthcare M
- N063 – Police Service changes Fochabers. NO counter service. M
- N064 – Forestry Comm. Wood Fuel Heating M
- 065 – East St. Traffic Hazard Reply M
Waiting the 3rd letter
- N066 – Brown Muir Wind Farm reply – exhibitions M
- 067 – Dallachy Memorial – Anzac Day arrangements M
Volunteer agreed to help, see Minutes at 983.
- 068 – Environmental Services letter – R. Lochhead M P letter on Litter Pick up. M
LCC agrees there is a significant litter problem in our area and some of it is associated with school children. Secretary proposed writing to Moray Education but LCC instructed him to write to the Head of Milne’s High School. **D C**
Cllr. Howe will ask for more litter bins in Portgordon.
Cllr. Ross will ask for more litter bins in Fochabers.
- N069 – Local Energy Free Service – CARES Scheme Advice. lccm
- N070 – Reduction in Rural Recycling Points – Fochabers; Clochan. lccm
- 071 – Re-Organisation of Moray SCHOOLS – Mergers lccm
Members had a prolonged discussion on the recent news of possible closure of Milne’s H. S. and other mergers. Agreed Chairman to speak to the Press on behalf of LCC about the views of the Members. Members to return to this important Item as Members New Business. **D C**

09. Moray Council Business:

Nothing further to discussion on Emerging Ideas on Re-Organisation of Moray Schools.

10. Date and Place of next meeting. 7.00 pm on Thursday 26 MARCH 2014 in
The Institute, High Street, Fochabers.