

PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING ON 10th MARCH, 2014

Present: Fraser Weir, Tony Barnes, Angela Mair, Gladys MacKenzie, Cathleen Harper, Kerry Reid, Alan Beresford, Cllr. Ron Shepherd, Cllr. Gary Coull and Andrew Mackie, Community Warden.

1. Apologies

No apologies.

2. Minutes

Proposed by Gladys and seconded by Cathleen.

3. Matters arising

Cllr. Shepherd advised that he had spoken to Gordon Fraser regarding the waste ground at Mairs Street. Mr. Fraser advised that he had no record of this but he had had a look and there was a dislodged kerb and also weed killer would require to be put down. All lights have been sorted apart from No. 3 at the harbour which is still out. There has been no more word regarding the Vattenfall Planning Application but Alan will hear in due course.

4. Police Matters

No reports of anything from the Police. The Community Warden advised that he had nothing to report this month. He advised that during the month of April they are to be running a campaign 'Green Dog Walker Scheme'. The Community Wardens will be speaking to as many dog walkers as they can re the difference between complaints and reports. The press will be heavily involved in this campaign. A letter was passed to the Community Warden from the Dog Walker's Group regarding dog fouling in the area and The Community Warden hopes to meet up with the group and talk to them. An offender has once again been spoken to regarding dog mess. The Community Warden advised that questionnaires have been issued regarding how complaints have been dealt with and a lot of them have come back at 100% so they are very happy with this. Some vandalism was mentioned to the Community Warden, namely – the train outside the school has once again been vandalised and also the bin has been broken at the railway cutting. The tree which was erected for the Queen's Jubilee has also been split, however this could have been caused by the weather and it was agreed that the Community Council will pay for a replacement tree to be erected.

5. Matters for Elected Members

There have been complaints about the road markings at Hill Street/High Street with white vans and gas vans not stopping, just carrying on. The Councillors were asked to enquire when the aerial slide at the play park will be repaired or replaced. The Councillors were also asked if new hand rails could be fitted at the pathway down to the railway line from Seafeld Terrace, opposite the Bowling Green.

6. Correspondence

Correspondence was discussed. A letter has been received from the Moray Council regarding the Harbours Capital Works Programme 2014/15.

7. Treasurer's Report

Community Council – £1,096.20

8. AOCB

Regarding the possible school closures the Councillors were asked why the school staff were not allowed to speak to anybody regarding what is happening. Obviously the staff and Head Teacher are best placed to discuss the possible closures and impact, etc. but are unable to do so. Advised that this had also been the position the last time that school closures were discussed. Both Councillors advised that they would see what they could find out.

9. Fraser Weir closed the meeting at 7.40 pm.

The next meeting will be at 7.00 pm on Monday, 12th May, 2014 in the Snug at the McBoyle Hall.