

PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING ON 12Th MAY, 2014

Present: Fraser Weir, Tony Barnes, Angela Mair, Gladys MacKenzie, Cathleen Harper, Kerry Reid, Alan Beresford and Cllr. Ron Shepherd.

1. Apologies

Andrew Mackie (Community Warden) and Cllr. Gary Coull.

2. Minutes

Proposed by Cathleen and seconded by Alan.

3. Matters arising

The replacement tree for the Queen's Jubilee has now been planted at the school with the help of the School House Leaders.

4. Police Matters

The Police advised that a window had been broken at the old Johnston's shop on Hill Street on the 14th of April and investigations were continuing. A blue van had been reported acting suspiciously at the harbour and this was checked out but it was a harbour user. The Police are to be running a 'Farm Watch' Project basically a neighbourhood watch in the rural community for plant machinery, etc. A version of this has been used in other areas and proved very successful.

5. Matters for Elected Members

Cllr. Shepherd advised that the handrails had been sorted going down to the railway line on Seafeld Terrace. Cllr. Shepherd was advised that the Postman who was injured on Park Street had been in touch to advise that the Council were not accepting liability for his injury as the pothole had never been reported to the Council. The potholes on Seafeld Street and Park Street were reported to Cllr. Shepherd at either the November or December meeting, a few of the Community Council remember this so the Secretary is to check back the minutes and advise. Cllr. Shepherd was advised that the large pothole on Seafeld Street has still not been repaired. Damage to headstones at the cemeteries was also pointed out to Cllr. Shepherd, caused by the grass cutters, some headstones have chips out of them, been cracked or have oil over them. Cllr. Shepherd asked to advise them to be more careful. Cllr. Shepherd was advised of a broken bench on the pathway overlooking the Bow Fiddle Rock. Community Councillors members advised Cllr. Shepherd that they were not happy with the weed spraying and grass cutting, again no grass being picked up.

6. Schools Update

Alan advised that himself and Fraser had attended a meeting with Charles Preswick and the Parent Council. It was advised that the 4 schools affected should stick together. There is evidence from the feedback from the Consultants to challenge the figures, etc. Each community is to draw up a case for their School advising of its strengths and weaknesses. Cllr. Coull forwarded a copy of the running costs for Portknockie Primary earlier and this was discussed. Another meeting of the Parent Council is to take place in early June which Alan and Fraser will attend. Alan will keep in touch with the Parent Council.

7. Correspondence

No correspondence.

8. Treasurer's Report

Community Council – £1,393.94

9. AOCB

Kerry advised that the Tennis Club had been turned down for the grant from Awards for All. They did get the grant from the Fisheries Common Fund but this was conditional on them getting the grant from Awards for All. Cllr. Shepherd advised that there is a meeting at the Council and he will see what he can find out and get back to Kerry. The Tennis club were wondering where next to contact for funding and it was suggested that the contact the Lottery and Entrust. The next meeting of the Tennis Club is on Monday, 19th at 7 pm in the Vic, Fraser is to be going along to this meeting.

The equipment required for cleaning the paddling pool has been bought and they will hopefully get started later this week. It was agreed that the Community Council will pay for the cleaning materials each year.

August the 25th marks the 10th Anniversary of the Fisherman's Memorial. Plans are underway for a service to mark the Anniversary and the Community Council have been asked if they will cover the cost of this event.

Fraser advised that Frank Legge was once again out cutting the overgrown pathways, etc. and praised him for all his hard work.

10. Fraser Weir closed the meeting at 7.45 pm.

The next meeting will be at 7.00 pm on Monday, 9th June, 2014 in the Snug at the McBoyle Hall.