

MINUTE of MEETING No. 207 in at 7.00 pm in Portgordon Community Centre on 28 May 2014.

01. Present: Chairman L. Duncan, V-Ch. M. Burrows, Secretary D. Cameron, A. Hook, L. Knight, M. Reid, M. Thomas.

**02. Apologies: Treasurer R. Gray, M. Holmes, P. Horton, Cllr. D. Ross,
In Attendance: Cllr. M. Howe, P.C. Kerr.
Absent: L. Morton, Cllr. S. Morton,**

03. Police Report: Taken as read and accepted. P. C. Kerr outlined the Ongoing Investigations and the Moray Area Performance Figures. There then followed a discussion on parking, speeding cars, lost property, contacting tel.101 for assistance and the security of property.

04. Previous Minute Approval: Minute 206 of 30. 4 .2014 received corrections.

1. Item 05. 284 was corrected to “ the quality of the material to be used in the repair”.

2. Item 05. 284 was corrected to “ Classed a Listed Structure”

The Minute was then approved. Proposed M. T. Seconded L. K.

05. Previous Minute Business:

[a] Matters Arising: None.

[b] Numbered Items reviewed:

983 **Dallachy Strike Wing Memorial** – Cllr. Howe will contact SB Hall Committee about the provision of wreaths. **M H**

206 **A 96 By-Pass Roundabouts – East End Markings and West End Fast Exits** – Continue for a report from Cllr. Ross. **D R**

234 **Spey Bay Road Safety Fence** – Noted that the repairs will be completed in due course.

To remove

276 **Women’s Land Army Memorial Clochan** – Neil Smith to get back to Chairman about funding available to provide seating at the site. Chairman will continue to progress the investigation of funding and will liaise with the Heritage Committee. M. B. will contact Gillian Bailey of M. Council about advice on obtaining funds. **L D M B**

284 **Spey Viaduct Repairs to Floor** – Repairs are still waiting to be carried out and LCC will continue to receive information from M. Council and other relevant bodies. **M H**

293 **Youth Members** – After discussion LCC decided not to Contact schools until the start of the new term in August to recruit pupils to the Community Council.

301 **Road Hazard at East St.** – Vehicles parked at the corner of South Street and East Street may be causing a safety issue. P. C. Kerr was informed and said he will mention it to colleagues that vehicles at the corner may be causing an issue of inconsiderate parking. **To remove**

302 **The Square Traffic Calming Off Ramps** – LCC decided after discussion to continue to look for a solution to the lack of warning at the Off Ramps at the Square in Fochabers. LCC has received information on damage to number plates and the exhausts of vehicles.

Cllr. Ross has previously agreed to investigate options. **D R**

308 **Moray Schools Sustainable Education Review** – LCC noted with satisfaction that Cllrs. Howe and Ross put forward a motion at full Council that Staff, Teachers, Parents and Carers can speak freely and contribute to the Review on condition they abide by the Code of Conduct. This was unanimously approved by M. Council.

Members of LCC recently attended a large Public Meeting in Fochabers convened by a local action group to explain factors affecting the future of Milne’s H. S. and to assess public feeling. LCC will have further discussion about the Review and any local action to raise awareness of developments.

309 **Moray Local Development Plan** – The Plan Book continues to circulate among Members.

To remove

314 **Website:** Noted paid by Treasurer. In view of difficulties accessing Generic Email Address PW and User name to be sent to all Members. Also to send to local M. Councillors. **To remove**

315 Coastal Erosion Seminar Meeting: Details of meeting noted and LCC will continue to keep subject under review.

316 Speed of traffic in High St., East St., Woodside Road, and West St. following complaints by residents: Cllr. Howe reported that, due to new difficulties in exiting into the High Street and after re-routing during bridge construction, school buses now use Woodside Road.

Speeding traffic was fully dealt with at Item 03.

To remove

317 Litter Bins: It has been brought to the attention of the LCC that the small bins in Fochabers that are attached to Lamp-posts were overflowing and requests have been made to M. Council to provide larger bins and more bins on the route to Milne's H. S.

Portgordon Community Councillors highlighted the need for another bin at Portgordon Harbour or for the bin at that point to be emptied more frequently.

Local M. Councillors to make enquiries about these requests.

MH SM DR

318 Portgordon Harbour: Cllr. Howe has made representations to M. Council about helping with the clear up of PG Harbour and reported on activities at the Harbour Group about the options for clearing shingle from the Harbour.

319 Portgordon Noticeboard: M B reported on local discussions about the positioning and the installation of the new Notice Board for Portgordon. A position has been identified but the ownership of the site is being researched. This will be organised by M B and L K.

MB LK

06. Members New Business:

[1] Apologies and Absences: The absences and apologies of Members were discussed and instructions previously given to the Secretary confirmed.

LCC is hoping to find new Members to fill the three vacancies. They would appreciate especially for a resident of Spey Bay to volunteer and also a volunteer from Clochan.

[2] Padlocked Access Gate at East Street: D C reported on the problem of a padlocked gate to a strip of ground at present owned by Transport Scotland and recently being used by walkers.

To remove

[3] Garden Lane, Portgordon: M B raised a query about the ownership of a piece of land in Garden Lane. Cllr. Howe will seek the information.

M H

[4] Play Park, Portgordon: M B informed the LCC that there is no equipment for the Under Fives in the park. Cllr. Howe to investigate the position.

M H

[5] Harbour Group, Portgordon: Cllr. Howe brought a request from the Group for a representative from LCC to attend their meetings. It was agreed that at least one Member of LCC will attend the Harbour Group meetings in future.

To remove

07. Lennox Planning Applications:

No objection made to the two applications.

08. Correspondence In for 28 May:

Noted correspondence items 117 to 132 were previously distributed to Members.

Secretary stated that he had been requested by the JCC to draw attention to items 127 and 130 Community Alarm and Telecare Equipment Service. In them Community Councils were asked to look for volunteers as they were wanted to act as Responders to help vulnerable persons in the community in an emergency.

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09. Moray Council Business:

Several items were previously dealt with and there was no further business especially relevant to LCC.

10. Date and Place of next meeting. 7.00 pm on Wednesday 25 June 2014 in the Clochan Community Hall.
