

**MINUTE of MEETING No. 208 at 7.00 pm in Clochan Community Centre
on 25 June 2014.**

01. Present: Chairman L. Duncan, V-Ch. M. Burrows, Secretary D. Cameron, Treasurer R. Gray, M. Holmes, L. Knight, M. Reid.

02. Apologies: A. Hook, P. Horton, L. Morton, M. Thomas. Cllr. D. Ross,
In Attendance: Cllr. M. Howe.
Absent: Cllr. S. Morton,

03. Police Report: Taken as read and accepted.

04. Previous Minute Approval: Minute 207 of 28 .05. 2014 was approved. Proposed L. K.
Seconded M. B.

05. Previous Minute Business:

[a] Matters Arising:

[1] Item 06 [1] LCC agreed they had instructed the Secretary that any non-attenders who did not provide an apology should be marked "Absent."

[2] The Chairman stated that she was not satisfied with the format of the Agenda and Minutes and preferred the format used in 2013 by the former Community Council. In discussion several other Members stated they also did not support their use. The Chairman then made a motion to revert back to the 2013 method of Agenda and Minutes. This was seconded by M. Reid. The Secretary moved no change to the present method and stated he would have to consider his position if the motion was carried. His motion was not seconded. The motion of the Chairman became the decision of the Community Council. The Secretary stated that in view of the lack of support he would carry on until the June Minutes were issued and then give up that post and remain as a Member.

[b] Numbered Items reviewed:

983 **Dallachy Strike Wing Memorial** – Cllr. Howe reported she had contacted SB Hall Committee about the provision of wreaths. In the interim A. Fearnley will offer the use of a wreath. Existing wreaths could be saved for the use of LCC and Spey Bay Hall. LCC agreed.

206 **A 96 By-Pass Roundabouts – East End Markings and West End Fast Exits** – This had been taken up with Transport Scotland and in discussion they said there was nothing wrong with the junctions and no action was needed. Noted M. Council is making up a portfolio of complaints to Transport Scotland.

276 **Women's Land Army Memorial Clochan** – Noted no information from Smiths Gore, Chairman spoke to Vicki Holmes of the Heritage Committee and she would discuss funding with Castle Gordon Estate in view of their previous interest. A Willow or Beech Shelter was discussed and more information may be available from Gillian Bailey on funding.

284 **Spey Viaduct Repairs to Floor** – A railway sleeper has disappeared and the hole is fenced off. Historic Scotland wanted expensive wood flooring but they will be asked to accept a plastic surfaced alternative. Continued for further action.

293 **Youth Members** – M B stated she will ask some local youth known to her to join LCC. When the new term starts A. Mackintosh will discuss it with pupils at Milne's H. S.

302 **The Square Traffic Calming Off Ramps** – Various ways of dealing with this problem were discussed but no decision made apart from keeping it on the Agenda.

308 **Moray Schools Sustainable Education Review** – Further actions to support the school were discussed including the use of banners.

315 **Coastal Erosion Seminar Meeting:** Four Members attended the meeting. One believed it was not a success. Points made were discussed and the limitations to what M. Council can spend money on for coastal erosion noted. There were doubts about the information given about fish stocks.

317 **Litter Bins:** Secretary read letter from Head of Direct Services stating there was no indication for action. Noted an Email from D. McLean, Monitoring Assistant offering a site visit. Cllr. Howe and Chairman will take up the offer.

318 **Portgordon Harbour:** Cllr. Howe reported that there had been a very successful day on Saturday 21st when a large number of the public assembled at the Harbour and removed much rubbish. Members of the Harbour Group painted the bollards. Noted a large quantity of shingle had been removed and this had cleared the Slip. The Group are trying hard to repair the damage.

319 **Portgordon Noticeboard:** M B reported on a site between Earl Street and Earl View where it will be installed soon. D C will then give the Noticeboard padlock and some keys to M B and Chairman can hand over her padlock key.

320 **Apologies and Absences:** This was dealt with under Matters Arising.

Also noted that a new member may join from Spey Bay.

321 **Garden Lane, Portgordon:** M B had raised a query about the ownership of a piece of land in Garden Lane. Enquiries found householders doing building work had encroached on private land. They have apologised and M. Council Officers will monitor the area as necessary.

322 **Play Park, Portgordon:** M B had informed the LCC that there was no equipment for the Under Fives in the park. M. Council has none available at present.

06. Members New Business:

[1] **Agenda format, Minutes and AOCB:** This decided under Matters Arising.

[2] **To meet in July:** Decided not to meet.

[3] **Payment to P A Sound Systems:** Treasurer clarified this was for Sound Amplification at November Remembrance Services by an unrecorded decision of the previous Community Council. Noted L K may be able to borrow one for future services.

[4] **Fochabers Gala:** Noted this is 18 to 20 July and Members expect to attend.

[5] **Portgordon Housing Development:** M B asked LCC to note her severe disappointment at the decision of M. Council Planning Committee to refuse approval to build houses in Portgordon. LCC supported her dissatisfaction unanimously over the refusal and after critical discussion deplored the damage to the survival of Portgordon by this refusal to develop houses and services.

07. Planning Applications for Lennox Community Council Area:

No objection made to the four applications. 39 High St. Fochabers; Burniebank, Clochan; Slackend, Portgordon; Bow Bridge, Fochabers.

08. Correspondence In for 25 June:

Noted correspondence items 133 to 156 were previously distributed to Members.

144. LCC appreciated Police action over speeding driver.

156. M R received details over Baton steward volunteering.

09. Moray Council Business: Cllr. Howe remarked on the senior staff leaving M. Council.

10. AOCB:

[1] Secretary reported on Email from A. Fearnley just received noting several actions requiring to be done for 1 July Canada Day Remembrance Service. Secretary had taken action as follows.

As Padre unavailable Rev. D. Whyte to be Minister.

Grant Speed of M. Council agreed to cut grass and tidy surrounds.

Rope to fix wreaths. Previous wreaths to be removed.

M R to arrange a lift for Bill Lindsay. Information to Bellie P C Order of Service and Northern Scot.

No posters were available.

[2] **Moray Development Book:** Believed to be with M. Thomas, to be passed on.

[3] **Secretary:** D. Cameron requested to be told name of the new Secretary to achieve a proper handover of documents and files before 27.08.2014.

11. Date and Place of next meeting. 7.00 pm on Wednesday 27 AUGUST 2014 in Milne's H S. Fochabers. Noted this needs to be booked.
