

LENNOX COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF MEETING No 211 HELD AT CLOCHAN HALL ON 29TH OCTOBER 2014 AT 7PM.

Present: M Burrows, M Horne, A Hook, L Knight, M Reid, D Cameron.

In Attendance: Cllr Howe (MH), Sgt. Ally Bruce

Apologies: L Duncan, M Thomas, R Gray, R Burrell, Cllr D Ross.

Absent: Cllr Morton, P Horton.

Police Report	<p>The latest report was distributed round the table and taken as read. Sgt Bruce asked for the public to be vigilant in locking sheds as there had been a spate of break ins.</p> <p>An email was received by the Police & LCC regarding the High School buses using Woodside Road, Fochabers. The concerns were –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buses mounting the pavements • Congestion when buses are passing other vehicles • The safety of children who walk to school via Woodside Road <p>Sgt Bruce has spoken to the coach company who said the routes are directed by Moray Council, the agreement being that they use West Street in the morning and Woodside Road in the afternoon. There is nothing the police can do as it is a public road.</p>	
Guests	<p>Two ladies were present to represent Portgordon Primary School Parents Council. They came to make a presentation regarding the strong community support against the proposed closure of Portgordon Primary which would result in the pupils being transported to Cluny Primary in Buckie. Their main concerns were-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although the review group said the reasons for closure were educational, none of the parents could see what Cluny had to offer that the children didn't already have • Cluny is not big enough to take all of the Portgordon pupils • There is currently no Nursery Provision at Cluny • Young families would not be attracted to live in Portgordon if there was no Primary School • The school hall is also used for clubs which may be lost • The school day would be lengthened considerably for the children if they had to travel to Buckie • How would Nursery children get to Buckie as it was understood that only Primary pupils would be provided with buses. Many parents don't drive <p>It was noted that LCC are in complete support of the group.</p>	
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Matters Arising 327	MR suggested the size of triangles on the speed bumps in Fochabers High Street could be increased. MH said this would not be possible as they are a regulation size. Nothing more can be done regarding this. (To be removed)	MH
276	Woman's Land Army – MJH had emailed the Woman's Land Army who do not have money available for seating. (To be removed)	MJH
284	Spey Viaduct – The conclusion from Moray Council is that the plywood panels should be replaced with stronger ones, however it needs capital funding. There is to be a constructional survey on the steel work. MH has asked for a time scale but to date hasn't had a reply. Ongoing.	MH
295	Junior Representatives – There are two young ladies who would like to come and represent Fochabers. MB stated that an English teacher from Buckie High is going to try and rattle up interest. An email is to be sent to another JR as she is out with the boundary & a suggestion made to become a member of the local CC. Ongoing.	MB,MJH
308	Moray Schools Report – there is a full Moray Council meeting on 3 rd November. Ongoing.	MH
318	Portgordon Harbour – The work is being carried out presently. There is to be a public consultation. Ongoing.	MH
322	Portgordon Play Park goal posts – MH spoke to Nick Goodchild of Moray Council and goal posts were to be erected very soon. These haven't been placed yet, MH to chase up. Ongoing.	MH
325	Letter from PH regarding Hogweed – letter sent to Crown Estates and they replied by email asking where the Hogweed was. MJH to forward email to DC who will meet with rep from Crown Estates. Ongoing.	MH,DC
326	A query was received from MR regarding the gas captured at Dallachy – who benefits? MH to enquire but thought it would be The Crown, Moray Council and whoever put in the system. MH reported that the revenue from the gas was split 3 ways – The Crown, Moray Council & the Company who installed the system. The money was used by Moray Council to balance the budget. Remove.	MR,MH
328	DC wanted it minuted that he had distributed posters received by The Community Warden regarding fines which would be imposed to anyone discarding cigarette butts. Remove.	DC

329	Dallachy Strike Wing – Arrangements are being made for the Memorial Service at Dallachy on the 9 th November 2014. MH has sorted most arrangements out with GI. LK is going to try and source a sound system. MH is going to approach Spey Bay Hall council to see if anyone is interested in arranging the Dallachy Service as GI has agreed to help for this year only. MB not sure who is arranging the service in Portgordon but is going to find out. MH is going to approach Spey Bay Hall council to see if anyone is interested in arranging the Dallachy Service as GI has agreed to help for this year only. Ongoing.	MH,LK & MB
30	Chapel of Tynet – MH stated that the Tynet bridge was last inspected 09.08.12 and numerous repairs are now required. Although the repairs are fairly high on the list no date was available. Ongoing.	MH
331	Drainage at Chapel of Tynet – Moray Council is trying to chase up the Forestry Commission. The water has nowhere to go and is causing flooding as the ditches haven't been maintained. MH agreed to meet with someone regarding this to show and discuss. Ongoing.	
Corresp/ ondence	<p>An email was received by a resident in Woodside Road regarding the High School Buses using Woodside Road. Details in Police Report section. Remove.</p> <p>An email was received regarding the Community Council Survey from The Youth and Criminal Justice Centre; no one thought it pertinent to complete this.</p> <p>An email from AK was received informing LCC that a 10 week speaker's course was being held – no-one wanted to take part.</p> <p>The Moray CAB Annual Report has been produced and can be read by LCC members via the inbox.</p> <p>Several emails have been received from AK with reports for The Community Engagement Groups. These are lengthy documents – as before LCC members can read via the inbox.</p>	
Planning	No objections were voiced for the current applications. Concerns were noted from a Resident regarding the plan to convert the Steadings at Howe Core.	MB
Moray Council Business	School Review – a full Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday 3 rd November.	MH

AOCB 332	A Portgordon resident complained to MB that Lennox Lane is still flooding. The drains across the road are blocked and the water has nowhere to go. MH to report.	MH
333	MB said several reports had been made about 'speeders' on Stewart Street in Portgordon. MB to let them know they should phone the police on 101.	MB
334	MB was speaking to a resident regarding the signage on the Speyside Way as it enters Portgordon. Several walkers get lost and end up on the beach. MB to contact the sign man regarding the possibility of erecting a sign at the beach or corner of Stewart Street.	MB
335	Bone Mill Brae Flooding – Council workers cleared a ditch but put the excess turf on the road side which is very slippery – needs clearing	MH
336	Tannachy Farm Road – the water is running down the farm road onto the main road and a particularly bad corner, if the weather turns frosty this will become a real hazard. MB to phone resident responsible.	MB
337	DC wanted to bring to the attention of LCC that several residents in East Street & Duncan Ave, Fochabers have complained to Moray Council regarding drivers speeding out of Gordon Castle Farm road across the junction into East Street. They have noted that sight lines at this junction are poor and there is significant risk of collision. MH stated that a sign was planned but hadn't been erected yet.	MH
338	DC stated that MJCC has received comment about the high work load that CC Secretaries have to do when they attempt to fulfil the duties required when completing the work to a good standard. Some have met the problem by appointing a separate Minutes Secretary leaving the Secretary to do the Agenda and the rest of the correspondence and admin. LCC discussed and decided to leave things as they are at the moment as it was agreed that the job should stay as 'one'	DC
	The next meeting was arranged for 26 November 2014 – 7.00pm in the Clochan Hall.	