

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

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

1. Apologies

Cllr. Gary Coull. Andrew Dewar was in attendance and was co-opted onto the Community Council. This was proposed by Fraser Weir and seconded by Alan Beresford.

2. Minutes

Proposed by Cathleen Harper and seconded by Tony Barnes.

3. Matters arising

A good result for the schools on the 3rd of November and the elected members, Alan Beresford and Fraser Weir were thanked for all the work they had done with regard to the threatened school closures. Alan advised that at the next meeting of the School Action Group they would be looking at ways to move the school forward as the 5 year period would soon come round again. The School Action Group will come back to us with more concrete ideas in due course.

Cllr. Shepherd advised that the maximum height for a boundary wall was 5 feet. The pot hole and blocked drain on Bridge Street had both been repaired.

4. Police Matters

The Police were in attendance. They advised that there had been no reported crimes in the village for the past month. A number of break-ins to vessels at the local harbours had occurred and they were reminding boat owners to make sure that no valuables are left on boats over extended times when the vessels are not being used. They also advised about the new legislation coming into force on Friday, 5th December reducing the drink drive limit in Scotland.

The Police were asked what had happened with the 2 reported incidents of youths trying to break-in to the vacant properties in Admiralty Street and also the youths who had caused damage to gardens in Station Court. The Police advised that some kids had been caught and had been taken home to their parents so hopefully this would be an end to the incidents. The Police were also asked how often they patrol the village and confirmed that this is done once a shift however if time allows they try to do it more often.

5. Matters for Elected Members

Cllr. Shepherd was advised of the state of Patrol Road at the junction down towards the Greencastle, with all the heavy rain the tar has cracked and opened up.

6. Correspondence

All correspondence has been emailed to all members. The only item that needed dealt with was an email from a resident of Station Court regarding damage to his garden by youths but this was reported to the Community Warden and the Police and the resident was also advised to contact the Police himself.

7. Treasurer's Report

Community Council – £633.63.

8. AOCB

Andrew Dewar advised that work at the Tennis Court would be starting in January and asked that everyone keep a look out in order to try and prevent any vandalism occurring.

Cathleen advised that the Citizen of the Year trophy name plaque is full and a new trophy is required, Gladys will arrange to get a replacement.

The Christmas Tree light switch on will be held on Saturday, 6th December at 6.30 pm. Gladys has spoken to the School and the Head Teacher, Miss Murray is happy for the School to take part. The youngest child will switch on the lights and the School will arrange to advise the parents. Gladys will get in touch with the minister regarding the service.

Tony was thanked for laying the wreath at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

9. Fraser Weir closed the meeting at 7.40 pm.

The next meeting will be at 7.00 pm on Monday, 8th December, 2014 in the Snug at the McBoyle Hall.