

LENNOX COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Clochan Hall on 26th November 2014 at 7pm

Present: Lynn Duncan, Maureen Burrows, Donald Cameron, Robert Gray, Alison Hook, Audrey Johnston, Liz Knight, Mike Reid, Margo Howe, Community warden Mr Mackie

Apologies: Maxine Horne, Sgt. Alistair Bruce

Absent: Sean Morton, Douglas Ross, Peter Horton, Mike Thomas

2 Police Report	Distributed and taken as read. Police reminder to take extra care over home security and personal possessions over festive period. Community Warden – As reported last month he was involved in a litter campaign and in particular the dropping of cigarette butts. This was reported as being generally well received and with the help of posters has been a success. Several break-ins to boats along coastal villages. Discussion on child protection with more involvement of schools	
3	Minutes of previous meeting approved and seconded	LK MR
	Matters Arising from Minutes and any amendments to be made 329 – GI will no longer be involved in the organising of the memorial services at Dallachy 330 – Change of bridge title from Chapel of Tynet to Bridge of Tynet 331 – Minutes should have read ‘drainage at bridge of tynet ‘ and not ‘chapel of tynet’	
4 Matters Arising 295	Junior Reps – Still an ongoing concern that we have difficulty (like most other community councils) to encourage involvement from local students.	MB MJH
318	Portgordon Harbour – Work is now in progress and it is hoped that winter storms do not set back the efforts. Ongoing and progress will be reported at future meetings	MB
322	Portgordon Goal Posts – MB to approach the parent council as to positioning and then Moray Council will erect.	MB MH
325	Giant Hogweed – PH at previous meeting brought up the problem with giant hogweed in areas around Fochabers. This was reported to the Crown who requested a clearer indication of the whereabouts of the hogweed. PH to advise the Crown	PH
329	Remembrance Day Wreaths – Anzac Day in April, Canada Day in July and Remembrance Day in November. Wreaths can be obtained from 2 different sources and will cost approx. £25. LCC will provide one wreath, Spey Bay Hall will provide one and we shall try to recycle one	MH
330	Bridge of Tynet – Monitor any further deterioration in condition of bridge	MH
331	MB had a site meeting at Blair of Tynet with a representative from the	MB

	Forestry Commission who did seem to sympathise with the flooding problem Ditches are no longer cleared or free of debris to allow water to flow freely and therefore water has nowhere to go. Crown acknowledged that something needs to be done. Doubtful what action the forestry will take.	
284	Spey Viaduct – Still monitoring the action that will be taken by Moray Council to replace some of the flooring panels which are either rotten or missing.	MH
332	Road surface is trapping water at Lennox Lane in Portgordon. Solution discussed to dig out a drainage channel.	MB MH
334	MB has arranged for signs to be erected at Portgordon to give clearer directions for the Speyside Way either at beach or at corner of Stewart Street	MB
335	Council workers had cleared the ditch along the roadside but with traffic driving over the debris that was removed it is being spread over the road and is making the surface slippery. Solution might be to install kerbing should funds be available in the future.	MB MH
338	Secretarial Duties. Concerns expressed over amount of work that is expected of the cc secretaries and whether the option of splitting the duties. Perhaps a minutes secretary and a correspondence secretary? To be further discussed..	DC
5 Correspondance	Correspondance on the gmx site discussed but nothing relevant noted	
6 Planning Applications	Beatrice Offshore Windfarm – Discussed as it reaches land at Portgordon although confirmed details are not yet available.	
7 Moray Council Business	LCC is delighted that MHS is no longer being considered for closure – The campaign deserves much credit for being so well organised and positive. Many thanks to our councillors for their unerring support and hard work in drumming up support within the council.	
8	Youth Representatives – Hopefully have reps at next meeting	
AOCB 1	Letter of complaint from a Portgordon resident who had emailed the LCC on more than one occasion and had not received a reply. Unfortunately the emails were sent over the summer holiday period when we do not have any meetings. His concerns were discussed and it was decided that LD would write to him before the next meeting.	LD
2	Portgordon – Flooding at bowling green MH to investigate	MH
3	Tannachy Terrace, Portgordon. – Path to Greenies Farm is becoming overgrown and has a lot of blown sand on it. This was discussed and as long as it is passable it does not require to be widened as it is not required for vehicles	MB

Next Meeting will be at Milnes High School in Fochabers at 7pm on 28th January 2015