

LENNOX COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Milnes High School – 28th January 2015

Present: Maureen Burrows, Maxine Horne, Donald Cameron, Robert Gray, Audrey Johnston, Mike Reid, Margo Howe, Douglas Ross

Apologies: Liz Knight, Lynn Duncan, Alison Hook, Peter Horton

Absent: Sean Morton, Mike Thomas

2	Police Report	Distributed and taken as read.	
3		Minutes of previous meeting approved and seconded	RG, MR
		Matters Arising from Minutes and any amendments to be made Item 334 - should have read MH arranged, not MB, minutes changed Item 337 – DC requested a letter be sent to Transport Scotland ref; ‘reduce speed’ signage from Gordon Castle Farm onto East Street, MH has already contacted them and will email them again. Item 338 – DC brought the secretarial duties up again, MB said this would be discussed later in the meeting.	MJH MH
	Matters Arising 295	Junior Reps – Still an ongoing concern that we have difficulty (like most other community councils) to encourage involvement from local students. MJH to email/write to Head Teacher at Milne’s High School to see if she could get some of the students interested. DC suggested contacting Gordonstoun School to see if there are any local students who are at school there, however this isn’t an option as the pupils there do not finish until after 9pm during week days.	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 reported that the goal posts have been erected and the kids are delighted, thank you to MH for this. The kids would like nets for them – DR to approach Buckie Thistle to see if they have any spare or would like to donate some.	DR
	325	Giant Hogweed – an email was received from Brian Shaw and MB had spoken to him regarding funding – Mr Shaw is going to apply for this, if and when it is received then the actual areas affected will be identified.	
	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. LCC to supply the wreath for Anzac day in April/November & Spey Bay will provide the one for Canada day (This year – next year this will reverse) MH suggested contacting The British Legion with reference to the purchase of the wreath.	MH
	330	Bridge of Tynet – Monitor any further deterioration in condition of	MH

	bridge – MH stated this is continuing to be monitored.	
331	MB had a site meeting at Blair of Tynet with a representative from the 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. MB had a meeting with a rep from The Forestry Commission who didn't seem to be interested in helping; MB had also contacted Fiona Gordon-Duff and has had no reply to date. DR suggested writing to Richard Lockhead and copying the letter to The Forestry Commission.	MH
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. MH to check if this work has been carried out.	MH
334	These signs have now been erected in Portgordon in order for walkers to follow the Speyside Way.	MB
338	MB read out MJH resignation as Secretary to LCC. She asked if anyone else wanted to do this job – no-one volunteered. MB asked MH & DR what happens if we don't get a secretary and asked if we could employ one. MH & DR said yes, we can do that – quite a few CC do this. DR suggested spreading the word and he would ask if anyone knew of anyone who would like to do this. MJH agreed to do the minutes for this meeting.	
9 Correspondence	An email was received from a Bogmoor resident regarding the cutting of shrubs and bushes along a pathway across from their house – MJH to email and find out if The Crown has carried out this work.	MJH
10 KCR	An email was received from KCR who would like to attend an LCC meeting to see what we do and interview a couple of members in order to do an article on their station. MJH to reply	MJH
11 Financial Support	A letter regarding CC funding was received and given to RG	RG
12 Moray Health&Social Integration	An email was received regarding the Integration of Health & Social Care in Moray, DR said there was no reason to do anything at this stage, and there would be time for comments later.	
13 Disabled Parking	An email stating the places where residential disabled spaces were located was received, nothing needs to be done regarding this.	
14 M.L.O.A.F	M.L.O.A.F is looking for members – AJ is interested and took the details.	
Planning Applications	Milano Pizza in Fochabers Square has lodged an application for a late licence – no objections were viewed. MJH received a call from the P&J regarding a planning application which is to be lodged for Co-op and 8 flats in the High Street, Fochabers & 50 new houses to be erected – location in Fochabers but actual site is unknown. DR said this hadn't been lodged yet and there would be plenty time to look at this once it has been.	

Council Business	There was no Council Business – MH & DR discussed with us the ‘high hedge’ law which has never before been an issue in Moray which was very interesting.	
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1	Letter of complaint from a Portgordon resident who had emailed the LCC on more than one occasion and had not received a reply. We initially thought the email was answered by the mins on display but acknowledge that we didn't reply to the others due to summer break. We had hoped to reply to him prior to Jan meet but due to personal circumstances for our chairman this will now be addressed in the February meeting.	LD
2	DC asked to know who should be looking after the notice board (this should be left to the Secretary). However DC went on to say that MJH didn't know how to attach the paperwork to the board as when he opened the door one of the papers flew away in the wind – if they were attached properly they would stay put. MJH said she was quite capable of putting notices up. No further action required.	DC
3	DC requested that all LCC meetings be held in Milnes High School as it was warm and free. No-one agreed and all said that it was unfair for everyone to come to Fochabers each month. There is no reason to change, therefore the arrangements will stay the same. No further action required.	DC
4	MB reported two issues..1. Big puddle lying on the corner of Stewart street outside No 2 Stewart street. Resident States there has been a burst drain/pile there before...? Re occurrence. 2. Kerb at side of road particularly left side coming from Portgordon is in a bad state. Particularly bad hole at the bottom of the farm road just before bone mill. MH is going to have a look.	MH
5	MR reported that the James A Mackie Memorial Trust is now in direct communication with Aberdeen, Dundee and Glasgow Universities in the subject of erosion. No further action required.	
6	RG reported that several areas around Beaufighter Road, Spey Bay were extremely hazardous in the icy weather and hadn't been gritted. There had been an accident just before Christmas & the road was so bad the Police couldn't stand on the road as it was so slippery. MH has asked for the gritter to be re-routed previously but will request it again.	MH

Next Meeting will be at Spey Bay Hall at 7pm on 25th February 2015