PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD Monday 12 October 2026

In attendance: Anne Anderson (Secretary - Minutes), Theresa Coull (Cllr), Shirley Firth (Secretary – Correspondence), Alexandra Forsyth (Treasurer), Donald Gatt (Cllr); John Going (Chair), Jade Tindall, Malcolm Winser; Visitors x 1

Action/ attention

1 **Apologies:**
Tracy Colyer (Councillor), Lillian Urquhart

2 **Police Update**
- This was circulated and indicated a significant focus on issues related to e-bikes/scooters and drugs.

3 **Guest speaker:**
None

4 **Adoption of minutes of last meeting**
Proposed: JG. Seconded: SF.

5 **Matters Arising**
- Harbour/Paddler Signage: This has been ordered and on receipt will be passed to Donna Coull for fixing in place
- Cyclist guidance signage: wording of the sign to be agreed at next meeting prior to ordering for the Portknockie-Findochty cliff path. This will hopefully encourage all path users to think of each other and abide by the terms of the Highway Code.

6 **Correspondence Received**
- Christmas Tree: The Earl of Seafield has again offered to provide a tree for the village, requesting size and delivery date information. From the PCC. SF will notify Seafield Estates that we'd be delighted to receive a 12ft tree delivered on 26 November — SF
- Christmas Tree Lighting: It was agreed that this would take place on 5 December [*NB since the meeting, this date has been changed to 28th November*]. AA to contact Seafield Hall re: booking and JT to contact School re: pupils singing carols in the hall. — AA JT
- E-Bike hire scheme: it appears that the previously proposed scheme will not now go ahead due to capital and insurance costs.
- Road Repairs: several repairs are awaited but are not prioritised as they are not considered dangerous. Councillors advised that members of the community keep reporting damaged roads using the TMC web-site.

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- Queen's Memorial: All CC's in each of the countries in the UK are being asked if they support the creation of a memorial to our late Queen Elizabeth. PCC members agreed that this was a good plan and that a memorial in Granite at/near Balmoral would be fitting. SF to notify the relevant party. — SF
- Slater Crescent: TMC has confirmed that there is currently no funding for the landscaping of the central area. The removal of vegetation along with spreading of topsoil and seed has been added to the Reserve List

7 **Treasurers Report**

- Account balance: currently sits at: £2,301.45.
- External Examiner of Accounts: This has now been agreed as Lynn Trodden. AF will bring a copy of the submitted report to the next meeting. — AF

8 **Planning**

- None relevant to the village.

9 **Events**

- Armistice Event: JT to post Facebook call-out for nominations for veterans to lay the PCC wreath. AF will contact the minister to confirm leading the event and SF will contact the Lord Lieutenant about sending a representative to the ceremony — JT / AF / SF

10 **Members/Elected Members Updates:**

- Items highlighted this month (in addition to the usual general council business) included:
  TCoull (Cllr): attendance at the Portknockie Primary Parent Council meeting and the excellent 150th anniversary celebrations/display.
  DG (Cllr): attendance at Parent Council school meetings and the Harbour Advisory Committee

11 **Community Feedback**

- Lettering at the Fisherman's Memorial: This needs re-painting and a donation offered to help. JG will ask Ginny at Brew and Renew if she is able to do the lettering. — JG
- Dog Poo Bag Dispensers: These have generously been donated by Brew & Renew and affixed round the village.
- Dog Fouling Signs: SF will investigate the cost of having signs made. — SF
- School 150th Anniversary: members of the community have commented on the excellent work done by the school pupils and staff to mark the 150th anniversary this month.

12 **JCC**

- DD fed back that the East Coast Community Councils will be an item for discussion at the November JCC meeting.

13 **AOB**

- none

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14	**Next meeting** at 7pm on 9 November 2026 in the Macboyle Hall.	ALL

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