PORTKNOCKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD Monday 14 September 2026

In attendance: Anne Anderson (Secretary - Minutes), Theresa Coull (Cllr), Shirley Firth (Secretary – Correspondence), Alexandra Forsyth (Treasurer), Donald Gatt (Cllr); John Going (Chair), Lillian Urquhart, Malcolm Winser; Visitors x 3

		Action/ attention
1	**Apologies:** Tracy Colyer (Councillor), Jade Tindall	
2	**Police Update** ● No update due this month.	
3	**Guest speaker:** None	
4	**Adoption of minutes of last meeting** Proposed: SF. Seconded: MW.	
5	**Matters Arising** ● <u>20mph signs</u>: - following the passing on of complaints about the sign reading car speeds as they enter the village from the Cullen end will not be amended to react when cars go over 20mph (as opposed to 30mph). Instead, as this sign is very old, it will be removed altogether. - whilst not specific to Portknockie, T Coull (Cllr) will make enquiries about action planned by TMC to address areas where different sides of the road appear to have different speed limits, causing great confusion for motorists.	TC (Cllr)
	● <u>Flagpole Repair:</u> It was agreed that a quote be sought for annual checks on the integrity of the flagpole. Thanks were offered to DG (Cllr) for directing the PCC to Almacit to conduct the flagpole repairs, to Ginny Slater at Brew & Renew for her support fundraising for the flags and to the Common Good Fund for payment for the repairs.	SF
	● <u>Flagpole Flags:</u> the Village Crest and the Saltire are now displayed	
	● <u>Harbour/Paddler Signage</u>: It will not be possible to affix the TMC sign in the desired location (will not fit pole) so an alternative location for signage will be sought and sign ordered.	SF
	● <u>Cyclist behaviour signage:</u> the behaviour of many cyclists using this track continues to be both dangerous and unacceptable with pedestrians being passed at speed and with no warning. Following the installation of safety signage at the Portknockie end of the Portknockie-Cullen old railway line path, SF will seek a quote for the creation and affixing of similar signage at the Portknockie end of the Portknockie-Findochty cliff path. This will hopefully encourage cyclists to think of other path users.	SF

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6 **Correspondence Received**

- Fly Posting: TMC has agreed that the item's posted on the street lamp pole on Patrol Road were contrary to regulations but have not removed them. TMC have however reported that they have contacted the phone number given on one of the stickers and asked the individual concerned to remove it. This has not been done but the PCC are free to remove the sticker. AA
- M Connect Bus: details of the bus tracker have been posted on the PCC facebook page.
- JCC Proposals from East Coast Community Councils: The group includes Cullen, Buckie, Findochty and Portknockie. The PCC agree that this would be a useful group and query whether Keith and Strathisla have been consulted re: being a part of that group? SF will seek clarification. SF

7 **Treasurers Report**

- Account balance: currently sits at: £3,711.45. The flagpole repairs and paddler signage (when ordered) will come off that total.
- External Examiner of Accounts: AF will contact the proposed examiner AF

8 **Planning**

- None relevant to the village.
- NB TMC are updating the planning application procedure and the circulation of data.

9 **Events**

- none

10 **Members/Elected Members Updates:**

- Items highlighted this month include: constituency briefings, Full council and cybersecurity.
- DG (Cllr) Advised that he had been in contact with the roads department regarding concerns about some roads in the village. An email response stated that further inspection had taken place and several repair instructions had been raised. It was felt that none of these presented a safety concern but they would continue to be monitored on a regular basis. Residents can report concerns on the TMC website; REPORT IT.

11 **Community Feedback**

- Vehicle Obstruction on Mairs Street: following the reporting of a van being parked inappropriately on Mairs Street, the matter was passed to the Antisocial Behaviour team at TMC for investigation. On TMC's advice, this issue has now been passed to the DVLA.
- Slater Circle: TMC enquired about an Unpaid Work Team carrying out tidying up work.

12 **JCC**

- Last minutes circulated.

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13 **AOB**

- Speeding by company vans: Residents have submitted complaints to PCC regarding speeding by drivers for two companies. SF will contact both companies regarding the reports of their drivers speeding in the village. — SF
- Bow Fiddle Doric Song Signage: this sign is now in place near the Bow Fiddle Car Park.
- Dog Poo Bag Dispensers: Ginny From Brew & Renew has kindly offered to raise funds for and provide dog poo bag dispensers in the village. A raffle will be held to help fundraise for this and details will be posted on the PCC facebook page. — JT
- Grass cutting - Cruats farm have been approached and agreed they could cut some areas in the village on request but are concerned about insurance and liabilities.

14 **Next meeting** at 7pm on 12 October 2026 in the Macboyle Hall. — ALL

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