

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD Monday 8th June 2026

In attendance: Anne Anderson (Secretary - Minutes), Theresa Coull (Councillor), Shirley Firth (Secretary – Correspondence), Alexandra Forsyth (Treasurer), Donald Gatt (Councillor), John Going (Chair), Lillian Urquhart, Malcolm Winsor. Tracy Colyer via zoom.

Action/
attention

- 1 **Apologies:**
 Jade Tindall
- 2 **Police Update**
 - Report forwarded 1/6/26. No incidents in Portknockie.
- 3 **Guest;** member of the public.
- 4 **Adoption of minutes of last meeting**
 Proposed: SF, Seconded: MW.
- 5 **Matters Arising**
 - Flagpole: The flagpole has been taken down for safety reasons. The quote from Almacit of Fochabers is awaited. It was agreed to apply to the common good fund once the costs were available. DG will raise at the harbour users meeting (10/6/26) to ask if anyone is available with experience of flagpoles. Brew & Renew have very generously volunteered to raise funds for repairs and to purchase new flags. SF
 - McLeod Park: It is reported that there are no current improvement plans for the park area or equipment from Moray Council. T Colyer advised that TMC does however have a community support group (csu@moray.gov.uk) which can offer guidance on fundraising and the purchase and installation of equipment. The PCA will be asked if they wish to become involved in fundraising for the park.
 - Cycle/ Walking track sign: The sign has been erected reminding cyclists to make themselves heard and to respect the safety of other path users.
- 6 **Correspondence Received**
 - Reliability of Stagecoach No.35 Bus Service: Submission has been made to Stagecoach regarding the views of the communities who use this service. The general consensus was that it was very poor and unreliable. Stagecoach acknowledged receipt but as yet no response.
 - Polling Station: following complaints regarding there only being one voting booth at the recent elections, assurances have been received that more booths will be provided at future elections.
 - Station RoadBus / Street Lamp Collisions: Confirmation has been received that the pole will be removed and placed at the opposite side of the road to avoid further issues.

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- Lithium Batteries: SF will investigate the Government Bill regarding the safety and disposal of Lithium batteries. These can be recycled at some retail outlets and TMC recycling centres.
 - Sharps recycling: Items such as knives and scissors can be recycled by handing them into a police station.
 - Jenny's Well Sign: Has been secured.
 - Church Street Handrail: was repaired on 21st may.
- 7 **Treasurers Report**
- Account balance: currently sits at: £2,451.97 excepting the charge from Keiran's Legacy in relation to the defibrillator. Yet to come off; £52 for the Data Protection Fee, £81.66 for cyclist sign.
- 8 **Planning**
- None relevant to the village.
- 9 **Events**
- none
- 10 **Members/Elected Members Updates:**
- T Coull reported on an event (also attended by T Colyer) celebrating the life and work of Isabella Gordon, a 19th Century Keith born marine biologist who from humble origins went on to become an expert in crustaceans. D Gatt provided a summary of council business which is attached.
- 11 **Community Feedback**
- Mairs Street: complaints regarding parking that is causing an obstruction and will be an issue if access is required for emergency vehicles. Information to be passed onto Police. SF
 - Abandoned Car: There is an untaxed car on Cliff Terrace parked partially on the pavement, it has been there for about 2 years. This will be passed to police and reported to TMC as antisocial behaviour. SF
- 12 **JCC**
- Minutes forwarded 26/5/26.
- 13 **AOB**
- Paddling Pool / Harbour signage: The Paddling Pool committee have requested a sign to help visitors find the harbour and paddling pool. The PCC has agreed to pay for the sign, SF will get a quote. As this will be on the A942 TMC roads department will need to be consulted about its location. DG will contact the department and also ask if they will supply the signage.
- 14 **Next meeting** at 7pm on 10th August 2026 venue to be advised. ALL