

**MINUTES OF PORTLETHEN &
DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

TUESDAY 26 MAY 2009

COMMUNITY
COUNCILLORS

GORDON MUNN (CHAIR)
RON SHARP (VICE CHAIR)
BILL GRIFFITHS (SECRETARY) from 7.15pm
RAB DICKSON
DOROTHY FOREMAN
DEREK JOHNSON
DOROTHY MAIN
ALEX MCKAY
JOHN SHACKLETON
RON SHARP
KES SMITH
CHRISTINE STEWART
JOHN TETHER

YOUTH
REPRESENTATIVES

HAZEL MCKINNON

ABERDEENSHIRE
COUNCILLORS

COUNCILLOR CARL NELSON

ABERDEENSHIRE
COUNCIL

POLICE

APOLOGIES

JUNE WOOD (TREASURER)
PENNY SENTANCE (YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE)
COUNCILLOR PAUL MELLING
COUNCILLOR IAIN MOLLISON
COUNCILLOR ALASTAIR BEWS
PC KEVIN MARRON

MEMBERS
OF PUBLIC

MAGGIE BROWN
CHRIS JOHNSTONE
GARRY BROWN
ANNE PARK
GARRY BROWN

PRESS

JOANNE ROSTRON (MEARNS LEADER)
ALISON RENNIE (EVENING EXPRESS)
LEANNA MACLARTY (PRESS & JOURNAL)

1.	APOLOGIES	
	June Wood (Treasurer), Penny Sentance (Youth Representative), Councillors Melling, Mollison and Bews, PC Marron.	
2.	REVIEW & APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES	
	The minutes were agreed with no amendments.	
	The minutes were Proposed by Ron Sharp. Seconded by Dorothy Foreman.	
3.	POLICE REPORT	
	There was no police presence but an emailed report was sent to Bill at 2.30pm. This had been forwarded immediately to the rest of the Community Council. The report is attached to the end of the minutes.	
4.	COMMUNITY LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT (CLD)	
	There was no report put forward.	
5.	COMMUNITY COUNCIL YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES	
	Hazel said there was nothing to report as all youth representatives were busy with exams.	
6.	XMAS LIGHTS	
	Dorothy Main and Dorothy Foreman passed round various proposals put forward by Blachere so that the PDCC could decide on which option to use. They have spent a lot of time and effort on the proposals and seeking funding. Gordon congratulated them on their efforts and hoped that funding could be found.	
7.	COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTICE BOARDS	
	Kes still to source the special Allan keys	Kes
	Alex McKay took possession of the third notice board with a view to having it erected at the Jubilee Hall.	
8.	COMMUNITY PLANNING + DYNAMIC DROP IN (DDI)	
	Christine and Bill described how the thought that the DDI which takes place on 12, 13 and 14 th June would operate. This is an opportunity to engage with the public and obtain their views on the proposed Local Plan and how they	

	would like to see the area develop. Names of volunteers to help at the event were called for.	
9.	LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN	
	Bill handed the reports received from Aberdeenshire Council to John Tether who will chair a meeting in his house at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 2 nd June to discuss the implications for the PDCC area. Other PDCC members are welcome.	
10.	TREASURER'S REPORT	
	The Clochandighter account holds £8,778.46 with approx £2,300 to be invoiced for the next edition. The PDCC account holds £1,420.93	
11.	PLANNING REPORT	
	Application to build global headquarters for Survival Craft at Findon – 2 storey office block. Derek attended the Banchory Leggart presentation at Banchory Devenick. Though local people are not happy it would seem to be a well thought out project. The business park hopes to attract some 6000 office based jobs with park and ride facilities. 3000 houses would be built and there would be a 360 hectare country park. Due to congestion at Bridge of Dee they would turn Leggart Terrace into a dead end and re rout city traffic to the Charleston interchange.	
12.	CORRESPONDENCE	
	The documents received on the Development Plan Scheme were passed to John Tether. Bill had been asked by Mark Skilling if the CC could supply a bank of street names in order to cut down the length of time it can take to go through various procedures. To be put on the next agenda.	
13.	COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR REPORTS	
	<i>Christine Stewart</i> Christine reported she was still waiting a copy of the estimate to produce the leaflets for the Church Fair. These would be inserted into the next issue of the Clochandighter which is due out at the end of this month. <i>Rab Dickson</i> Parliamentary boundary changes are to take place and he wondered if anybody knew what was involved and where a copy could be obtained. Councillor Nelson said that this had been ongoing for 2 years and plans could	

	<p>be viewed at Viewmount.</p> <p><i>Dorothy Foreman</i></p> <p>There is a broken bollard at the junction of Berrymuir and Bruntland Road with sharp edges. Bill to write to Roads Department.</p> <p>Signs for the Medical Centre incorrectly point towards ASDA.</p> <p>Dorothy thought that the Community Council had received some bad press in regard to the non-appearance of allotments in Portlethen. Maggie Brown agreed to supply the latest list of names and Bill would then write again to Aberdeenshire Council.</p> <p><i>Kes Smith</i></p> <p>Kes reported that the new underpass and the slip road at the new junction have been sprayed with graffiti. Councillor Nelson agreed to follow this up.</p> <p><i>Alex McKay</i></p> <p>Alex reported that there had been a big improvement in the Burnside park though some paths still need some repair and the bridge needs slats replaced.</p> <p><i>Gordon Munn</i></p> <p>Gordon reported on the meeting which he and Bill had attended the previous week on the provision of primary schools within Portlethen. Thelma Birnie, Aberdeenshire Council had outlined various options, all of which include the closure of at least 1 existing school but she stated that the report which was to be put forward to Aberdeenshire Council was to retain the existing 2 primaries, with upgrading, and also build a third at Hillside as and when the new houses were built. He also re-iterated that the Community Council fully supported the views of the parent councils.</p>	<p>Bill</p> <p>Bill</p>
14.	ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORTS	
	<p><i>Councillor Nelson</i></p> <p>He reported on the combine CC meeting held recently at Lairhillock community school. It would seem that several people hoped that a similar school would be built at Hillside.</p> <p>Community Councils should receive between 6 and £700 finance grant this year.</p> <p>The proposed new scheme for Community Councils suggests that 16/17 year old people should be allowed to become Community Councillors but how to police this has still to be decided. Accounts would need 2 independent auditors.</p>	

15.	AOCB	
	<p>Ann Park, ex headmistress at Fishermoss Primary School, promoted an event which will take place later this year and similar to the 'festival by the sea' from last year. This is an innovative reading event which is recognised nationally and they hope to widen it out to a wider public. She suggested that the Community Council could possibly fund a senior citizen event at a cost of approximately £150. Gordon asked that this request be put in writing but should not be a problem.</p> <p>Gordon reported that he had managed to re constitute the PDCC web site and it was now up and running at www.pdcc.org.uk. He asked for feedback, together with any bolt-ons anybody would like.</p> <p>The meeting finished at 9.45pm.</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on 23rd June 2009 at 7.00pm.</p>	

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REPORT FOR PORTLETHEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

ON 26 MAY 2009

REPORT PREPARED BY PC KEV MARRON

TOTAL CRIMES AND OFFENCES REPORTED IN PORTLETHEN SINCE LAST MEETING - 22

<u>ENQUIRY</u>	<u>ENQUIRY</u>	<u>ENQUIRY</u>	
<u>CRIME</u>			
<u>DETECTED</u>	<u>UNDETECTED</u>	<u>ONGOING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Drugs Offences			
2	0	0	2
Vandalisms			
0	5	0	5
Youths being supplied with alcohol			
1	0	0	1
Annoying texts/phone calls			
2	0	0	2
Theft			
0	1	0	1
Wilful Fire Raising			
0	1	0	1
Drunk Driver			

1	0	0	1
Breach Of The Peace & Assault			
1	0	0	1
Breach Of The Peace			
1	0	1	2
Attempted break in to garage of house			
0	1	0	1
Driving without insurance			
1	0	0	1
Theft of car			
0	0	1	1
Speeder			
1	0	0	1
Theft By Shoplifting			
0	0	1	1
Assault			
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
TOTAL			
10	8	4	22

NON CRIME RELATED INCIDENTS

TYPE OF INCIDENT

TOTAL

Miscellaneous	26
Youth annoyance/disturbance	9
Road traffic miscellaneous	28
Road Traffic Collisions	5
Alarm activations	6
Animals on road	<u>2</u>
TOTAL	76

GENERAL

[] Concern has been expressed regarding the parents parking at Fishermoss Primary School

Action has already been taken and the situation will be monitored

[] Concern has been expressed regarding motorists ignoring the rules of the zebra crossings on Bruntland Road

Action has already been taken and the situation will be monitored

[] Police have noticed that HGV's continue to park on the double yellow lines/pavement outside shops on Muirend Road

Drivers continue to be dealt with when seen by mobile patrols. The situation will continue to be monitored and rules enforced

[] Residents are still complaining of litter being dropped around Portlethen at school lunch times.

Specific lunch time patrols have been undertaken and this will continue when possible.

NOTES

[] The crimes and offences and incidents only refer to the Portlethen Community Council area and not Portlethen Police Beat Area

(e.g. Muchalls, Newtonhill, Drumoak, etc)

[] Statistics do not include road traffic offences dealt with by way of a fixed penalty

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