

**MINUTES OF PORTLETHEN &
DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

TUESDAY 25th AUGUST 2009

COMMUNITY
COUNCILLORS

GORDON MUNN (CHAIR)
RON SHARP (VICE CHAIR)
JUNE WOOD (TREASURER)
BILL GRIFFITHS (SECRETARY)
RAB DICKSON
DEREK JOHNSON
DOROTHY MAIN
ALEX MCKAY
JOHN SHACKLETON
CHRISTINE STEWART
JOHN TETHER

YOUTH
REPRESENTATIVES

HAZEL MCKINNON
PENNY SENTANCE (7.15pm)

ABERDEENSHIRE
COUNCILLORS

IAIN MOLLISON
CARL NELSON

ABERDEENSHIRE
COUNCIL

LYNN BUCHAN (COMMUNITY LEARNING)

POLICE

APOLOGIES

DOROTHY FOREMAN
PAUL MELLING
COUNCILLOR BEWS
PC KEVIN MARRON
PC JILL ANDERSON

MEMBERS
OF PUBLIC

TOM MORROW
BRIAN MACKIE
MARTA MACKIE

PRESS

1.	APOLOGIES	
	<p>Dorothy Foreman, Councillor Melling, Councillor Bews, PC Marron and PC Jill Anderson.</p> <p>Tom Morrow has come forward as a possible representative for Hillside as he lives in Marywell. As there is one vacancy Gordon proposed he be Co-opted. This was seconded by Bill and carried unanimously. Tom was then asked to join the Community Councillors.</p>	
2.	REVIEW & APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES	
	<p>Item 14 Councillors Nelson and Smith should read Councillors Nelson and Clark.</p> <p>The minutes were Proposed by June Wood. Seconded by Christine Stewart.</p>	
3.	POLICE REPORT	
	<p>The police were unable to attend but had emailed Bill with a report which is attached to end of minutes.</p>	
4.	COMMUNITY LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT (CLD)	
	<p>Lynn gave the following report.</p> <p>Youth Work – S1 Club on Mondays (32 young people attended last night) S2 Club on Tuesdays Rhapsody Youth on Wednesdays Taster sessions with different projects on Thursdays</p> <p>Youth workers are to be trained in outreach work next month – September 3rd and 10th. This will then be put into practice.</p> <p>Kincardine and Mearns pocket guide is nearing completion.</p> <p>Work within the Academy is continuing with lunchtime drop-ins, first aid, etc.</p> <p>Adult learning enrolment takes place tomorrow night from 6 to 8pm and Thursday 10am to 2pm.</p> <p>“You make a Difference” course starts next month for parents of young children in partnership with a speech and language therapist.</p> <p>Adult literacy volunteers and youth workers have gained PDITALL qualification for literacy and numeracy tutoring.</p>	

	The HMI report is on line as from today.	
5.	COMMUNITY COUNCIL YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES	
	Hazel will organise dates with Gordon for his presentation to be held in the Academy. There are 5 separate Assemblies. Penny had nothing to report.	
6.	XMAS LIGHTS	
	<p>Final Connections on various lamp posts for this Christmas have been finalised and agreed with Aberdeenshire Council. Dorothy Main has instructed the Council to put in new fixings as agreed, and to reinstate the previous fixings. This is in hand.</p> <p>She has asked for letters to be sent to 2 local electrical contractors requesting written estimates for the supply and fitting of plugs, erection, dismantling, and removal to the storage container for a total of 20 lights. <i>Bill sent out letters 23 August.</i> Blachere have also been asked to quote for comparison purposes.</p> <p>Discussions have taken place with Blachere on the refurbishment of the “Kids” lights which we will reuse and are finalising the ordering of the new lights which, hopefully, will be submitted within a couple of weeks, in good time for supplying in time for the proposed mid- November switch on. Dorothy put forward the estimate for the refurbishment of the “Kids” lights to the Community Council for consideration - £144.25 + VAT. This was duly approved and Bill was asked to write accepting the quotation.</p> <p><i>Fundraising</i> The team have had verbal confirmation from Kmap that they have approved the Community Council’s application for £1000. A letter of confirmation is awaited. The cheque will be handed over in early September. Final confirmation from Awards for All should come through in early September. A decision is still awaited from the Co-op Community Fund. As soon as definite confirmation or dates of release of monies are received, these will be circulated to everyone.</p> <p>2 community fundraising events have been organised following various meetings of the fund raising team (the 2 Dorothys, Christine and Alex). These will be held in the Bourtree Hall on Saturday 3rd October with a Family Quiz Night, cheese and wine etc. and Saturday 28th November with a Race Night (over 16’s only). The Quiz night will cost £1 per head and the Race Night £5 per head. Tickets will be available soon and hopefully each Community Councillor will take a few to sell. Alex is the main contact for the 2 Bourtree events. An advertisement will be placed in the next Clochandighter and posters for the notice boards will be produced.</p>	<p>Bill</p> <p>Bill</p>

	<p>2 items have been received for raffling at these events and a local dairy has been approached regarding the supply/purchase of cheese for above events.</p> <p><i>Future Items</i></p> <p>Need to check out insurance cover specific to the Christmas lights as there may be an additional premium to be paid to Aberdeenshire Council.</p> <p>Need to check that the storage container at the Schoolhill Depot is watertight and the locking system repaired or replaced.</p>	
7.	CORE PATHS PLAN	
	<p>Please note that this agenda item should read Core Paths Plan and not Local Development Plan.</p> <p>Ron reported that the planning team had met to discuss the latest version of the Core Paths Plan put out by Aberdeenshire Council. They felt that it did not go far enough nor did they take on board our previous comments. They have produced a new report on the latest version and Bill was asked to incorporate it into a letter and send to Aberdeenshire Council.</p> <p>Rab produced a reply form which had been taken from the web site and asked if we should return it as an objection. It was agreed to do this and to add “refer to our letter” as comments.</p> <p>A vote of thanks was given to the team for the work carried out and the report produced.</p>	Bill
8.	AUDIT OF OPEN SPACES	
	<p>John Tether reported that the spreadsheet was overly complicated. It was overwhelming and difficult to comprehend but the comments on the open spaces within his area seemed to be OK.</p> <p>Councillor Melling had submitted comprehensive details of open spaces near his house.</p> <p>It was suggested that the Community Council should contact the Play Park group for comment. Lynn said she would get contact details.</p> <p>As some Community Councillors had not investigated their areas they were urged to do so, especially on the larger open spaces.</p> <p>Put on agenda for the next meeting.</p>	
9.	TREASURER’S REPORT	
	<p>The Clochandighter account holds £6775.13 with £150.00 still to be deducted and £1555 to be added. This will give an amount of £8180.13</p> <p>The PDCC account holds £2937.93.</p>	

10.	PLANNING REPORT	
	<p>Stewart Milne has submitted full planning application for 40 houses within the Hillside development.</p> <p>A further submission for change of use for land north of Hilltop Lodge i.e. beside the ancient monument even though it has already been turned down by both Aberdeenshire Council and the Scottish Executive on appeal. This was shown on the weekly planning list dated 14 August even though it had been submitted several weeks earlier. Reference number is APP/2009/2420. Bill was asked to write objecting to the proposal and point out the date discrepancy as it could affect time limits.</p> <p>Barratt have submitted a full planning application to build 120 houses in the Marywell area.</p> <p>The next Community Council forum, Viewmount, Stonehaven takes place on 24th September and will include a talk on the new planning laws and how it affects Community Councils.</p>	Bill
11.	CORRESPONDENCE	
	Bill read out various letters but there were no comments made.	
13.	COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR REPORTS	
	<p><i>Alex McKay</i></p> <p>He was happy with the progress being made on the path alongside the railway. Councillor Melling had submitted a report to the Community Council, with photographs, on the condition of the path. He has asked Doug Allen, Aberdeenshire Council, to investigate the possibility of repairing the wall and fence on the understanding that the Community Council would set up a project to clear vegetation etc. The Community Council had already shown willingness to take this on as a project. Gordon suggested that, hopefully, the youths could get involved.</p> <p><i>John Shackleton</i></p> <p>John is still monitoring the situation of the pylon lights being left on during the day at ASDA.</p> <p><i>Gordon Munn</i></p> <p>Gordon had received complaints about the condition of the path between Broomfield Park and Myrtle Terrace.</p> <p>The public meeting on Primary School provision in Portlethen was highlighted as taking place on Tuesday 8th September. This is being run in conjunction with Aberdeenshire Council, Education, Learning and Leisure. Gordon will chair the meeting. He hoped that all Community Councillors</p>	

	<p>Work on the Badentoy roundabout improvements will cost £80000. This will take place soon together with work on the slip roads and the A90.</p> <p>The Fire Brigade have applied for planning approval to install further training facilities.</p> <p>The new planning laws will be reported on at the next Community Council forum on 24th September.</p> <p>The new Laurencekirk station was proving popular with approximately twice the projected number of people using it.</p> <p><i>Councillor Melling</i></p> <p>Although Paul was unable to attend he had submitted reports on the path alongside the railway and on the audit of open spaces for consideration.</p> <p>He had also attended 2 meetings with the police on youth disturbances.</p>	
15.	AOCB	
	<p>The meeting finished at 9.05pm.</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on 22nd September 2009 at 7.00pm.</p>	

**REPORT FOR THE PORTLETHEN COMMUNITY
COUNCIL MEETING ON TUESDAY 25 AUGUST
2009**

REPORT PREPARED BY PC JILL ANDERSON

OFFENCES	DETECTED	UNDETECTED	ONGOING
Theft By Shoplifting	0	0	1
Communication offences	0	2	0
Vandalism	0	1	1
Dangerous Dog	0	0	1
Assault	2	0	1
Drink Driver	1	0	0
Careless Driving	1	0	0
Breach of the Peace	2	1	0
Theft	1	3	2
Attempted Theft by House Breaking	0	1	0
Total	7	8	6 = 21

INCIDENTS

Road Traffic Other	11
Miscellaneous	26
Animals	1
Neighbour disputes	1
Noisy music	2
Road Traffic Collisions	4
Youths	7
Missing persons	

Does not include: Fixed penalty tickets

Incidents dealt with by Portlethen Officers that do not occur in the area specific to this Community Council