

**MINUTES OF PORTLETHEN &  
DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009**

COMMUNITY  
COUNCILLORS

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

YOUTH  
REPRESENTATIVES

HAZEL MCKINNON  
PENNY SENTANCE

ABERDEENSHIRE  
COUNCILLORS

ALASTAIR BEWS  
PAUL MELLING (7.15pm)  
IAIN MOLLISON (7.15pm)  
CARL NELSON

ABERDEENSHIRE  
COUNCIL

LYNN BUCHAN (COMMUNITY LEARNING)

POLICE

APOLOGIES

RON SHARP (VICE CHAIR)  
DOROTHY MAIN  
PC KEVIN MARRON  
PC JILL ANDERSON

MEMBERS  
OF PUBLIC

STEPHEN MCKERRON  
NEIL MCDOWALL (DEANCOURT LTD)

PRESS

LEANNA MACLARTY (P&J)  
CATRIONA WEBSTER (LEADER)

<b>1.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>	
	Dorothy Main and Ron Sharp from the Community Council. Kevin Marron and Jill Anderson from the police.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>REVIEW &amp; APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	
	There were no comments on the previous minutes.  The minutes were Proposed by Alex McKay. Seconded by John Tether.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>PLANNING APPLICATION APP/2009/2420</b>	
	This agenda item was changed to accommodate Neil McDowall who had requested to speak on the above planning application as the police had intimated that they were unable to attend. They had submitted a report which is attached.  Mr McDowall, Chairman & General Counsel, Deancourt Ltd. Gave a history of the planning application for change of use from agricultural to Class 6 (storage and distribution) of an area surrounding the Stone Circle at Badentoy. He thought that perhaps the Community Council were unaware of the most recent proposals put forward. These were then outlined with photographs etc. and then took questions. Rab Dickson pointed out that the screening trees would be within the 30 metre zone asked for by Historic Scotland. Mr McDowall suggested that having the trees in the zone would be acceptable. Rab then asked where the 16 jobs would come from. Mr McDowall replied that the site would let out and the proposed user had suggested this number. John Tether asked what type of buildings would be constructed. Mr McDowall said these would be single storey of the portacabin type.  The chairman thanked Mr McDowall for his report.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>COMMUNITY LEARNING &amp; DEVELOPMENT (CLD)</b>	
	Lynn Gave the following report.  Adult literacy work has commenced in Portlethen and Newtonhill.  Aberdeen College Classes There has been a good uptake for 2 Digital Photography, 2 Computing for the Terrified and 1 ECDL year 1.	

	<p>Centre Based Classes Salsa and yoga have proved very popular along with the various stages of Pilates learners. Centre staff always welcomes new ideas.</p> <p>Consistency and Confidence course for parents of primary school is due to start next month in partnership with Social Work.</p> <p>‘You make the difference’ course has started for parents of young children. This is in partnership with Speech and Language Therapists.</p> <p>Youth Work Over 30 are attending the S1 Drop In on a Monday night. Over 20 are attending the S2 Drop In on a Tuesday night. Rhapsody Youth theatre is planning a performance in October as part of the SALT festival.</p> <p>P.A.T. member Emma is on the newly formed Aberdeenshire Youth Council.</p> <p>Youth work staff will be doing detached work in Portlethen and Newtonhill soon.</p> <p>The Duke of Edinburgh Award starts again at 5.00pm on 4<sup>th</sup> October at the Bettridge Centre for the Portlethen School Network. This is open to young people between the ages of 14 and 24.</p> <p>The <b>St Sports Kit</b> will be on at the Green from Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Youth Workers, police and <b>St SpcAS</b> coordinator will be working in partnership on this initiative.</p> <p>The North Kincardine Community Development Group has their art and photo competition and exhibition on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> October.</p> <p>Childcare staff are busy with near full capacity uptake in 2’s and 3-5’s.</p>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>COMMUNITY COUNCIL YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES</b>	
	<p>Hazel had nothing to report.</p> <p>Penny reported that the school were happy to reschedule Gordon’s talks to the school assemblies.</p>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS LIGHTS</b>	
	<p>Bill passed the latest letter from Aberdeenshire Council on insuring the Christmas lights to Dorothy Foreman.</p> <p>Dorothy confirmed that the Community Council had received £10000 from ‘Awards for All’</p>	

	<p>Donations for 4 raffle prizes have been received so many more are needed.</p> <p>She is meeting with Blachere on Thursday to finalise the order. There are 2 sets of old lights, one OK and one needing repair, which are LED but still too heavy to mount on lamp posts. What should be done? It was agreed to have the 2 LED lights made serviceable and offered to Jubilee and Bourtree halls for use. The 2 ‘children’s lights to be converted to LED and the remainder to be disposed of.</p> <p>As we were paying for the fittings on some lamp posts Councillor Melling asked for clarification. The extra costs were for fittings on lamp posts outwith the area agreed with Aberdeenshire Council.</p> <p>Alex reported on the fund raising night on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Tickets will cost £1 per ticket and the proceeds from the raffle would need to cover costs. Quiz and cheese and wine until 9.30 then a disco until midnight. A quizmaster is available and Christine has a list of children’s questions. Can each Community Councillor supply a raffle prize? Christine has approached a local cheese supplier with a view to them supplying at no cost. Gordon asked if the church having an event on the same would affect attendance. Alex thought that each was aiming at a different audience.</p>	
<b>7.</b>	<b>AUDIT OF OPEN SPACES</b>	
	<p>Alex reported that new goal posts are needed in Burnside park. The path itself has been improved and other areas are reasonable.</p> <p>Councillor Melling reported Doug Allan was looking at ways of financing repairs to the wall alongside the railway path. The Community Council confirmed that they were willing to take on the path clearance once repairs are carried out. Derek Johnson was asked to approach the person he knows who constructs dry stone dykes with a view to obtaining prices. He will pass on to Councillor Melling. Lyn Buchan suggested that the CLG may be able to help via the Duke of Edinburgh Awards.</p> <p>As to the Audit of open spaces it was agreed reluctantly to write saying the PDCC will await the strategy report. <i>(Since then John Tether agreed to write a report which was passed to Bill to send.)</i></p>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>BEDDING PLANTS IN TUBS, HANGING BASKETS ETC.</b>	
	<p>Nobody was willing to take this on as a project but it was agreed to invite Alan Cairnduff, Horizon Project, Stonehaven to give a talk at the next meeting.</p>	

<b>9.</b>	<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>	
	<p>The Clochandighter account holds £6208.35 approx.</p> <p>The PDCC account holds £13905.78 but this includes monies received for the Christmas lights.</p> <p>June was asked to set up a spreadsheet to show the Christmas light funding separately.</p>	
<b>10.</b>	<b>PLANNING REPORT</b>	
	<p>Derek went through the planning applications.</p> <p>Alterations at 33 Boswell Road  Alterations to house in Whinpark Circle  Changes to the plant room at McIntosh Donald.  Proposal to build 125 houses at Marywell by Barratt.  Demolish an old house in Old Portlethen and replace with a much larger version.  Stewart Milne have applied, under a warrant, to increase house density from 35 to 40 in one part of Hillside.</p> <p>Bill was asked to contact the planning department to ask for more time to consider the 125 houses at Marywell. <i>(Bill emailed request 23 September)</i>  Bill was also asked to contact the planning department about the warrant to increase building density at Hillside as there should be an associated planning application. <i>(Bill emailed request 23 September)</i></p>	<p>Bill</p> <p>Bill</p>
<b>11.</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	
	<p>Bill was asked to copy the reply from SEPA on emission of odours from McIntosh Donald Site to Gordon and Christine so that it can be put on the web and printed in the Clochandighter.</p> <p>After discussing the letter from Aberdeenshire Council on the proposed Portlethen Traffic Management Review it was decide to put it on the agenda for the next meeting.</p>	<p>Bill</p>
<b>13.</b>	<b>COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR REPORTS</b>	
	<p><i>John Shackleton</i></p> <p>John reported at length on his investigation as to why the lights at ASDA had been coming on irregularly. Seems as if there was a break down in transmission between Portlethen and the ASDA head office which controls timing. This has now been fixed.</p> <p><i>Gordon Munn</i></p> <p>Gordon had had chaired the public meeting , held on 8<sup>th</sup> September, on</p>	

	<p>Aberdeenshire Council's proposals on the future of primary school provision in Portlethen. The report was based on out of date information and he asked for written confirmation that the Council will support the 2 upgraded schools together with building a third at Schoolhill.</p> <p><i>Derek Johnson</i></p> <p>Litter and debris still a problem at Broadhaven Bay. Somebody had also tried to set a field on fire. It was suggested he contact PC Marron direct. Lyn Buchan said she would bring this up at the Academy.</p>	
<b>14.</b>	<b>ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORTS</b>	
	<p><i>Councillor Bews</i></p> <p>He had attended the public meeting on the school provision and has written the Director of Education asking for clarification. He still awaits a reply.</p> <p><i>Councillor Nelson</i></p> <p>Though there have been many complaints about dog fouling only 4 fixed penalty notices were issued throughout Aberdeenshire in 2008</p> <p>Aberdeenshire Council are looking at the possibility of building a crematorium somewhere in the Council's area. Various possibilities are being considered.</p> <p><i>Councillor Mollison</i></p> <p>At the Area Committee meeting it was decided to delay the decision on the planning applications for Downies and Findon until after a site visit.</p> <p><i>Councillor Melling</i></p> <p>The Moss group would like help in planting some 1700 conifers and 2500 deciduous trees. Appeals are going out to various youth organisations, schools and the general public.</p>	
<b>15.</b>	<b>AOCB</b>	
	<p>The meeting finished at 9.50pm.</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 7.00pm.</p>	

## REPORT FOR THE PORTLETHEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING ON TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2009

<u>CRIME/OFFENCE</u>	<u>ENQUIRY ONGOING</u>	<u>DETECTED</u>	<u>UNDETECTED</u>
Theft by Shop Lifting	2	1	0
Vandalism	0	0	4
Breach Of The Peace	1	3	1
Theft	1	1	0
Fire-raising	2	0	0
Careless Driving	0	2	0
Nuisance telephone calls	0	1	1
Dog out of control	0	1	0
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Sub Totals	6	9	6
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Total			21

### INCIDENTS

Alarm activations	8
Fly tipping	1
Suspicious incidents	7
Miscellaneous	21
Noisy Music	2
Road Traffic - other	12
Animals	2
Youth related calls	9
Fire call	1
Neighbour disputes	3
Road Traffic - collisions	1
Missing persons	1

## NOTES

[] Inspector Jim Gordon has now retired and the name of the new Inspector for the area is Inspector Graeme Mackie.

[] The above statistics are from the date of the last meeting.

[] They only refer to the area specific to the Portlethen Community Council

[] They do not include any incidents/offences on the A90

[] They do not include any fixed road traffic or ASBO fixed penalty tickets issued.

I have also sent you a poster for your information regarding the Street Football dates.

I am back to work on day shift on Wednesday so if there are any issues please contact me.