

**MINUTES OF PORTLETHEN &
DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

TUESDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2009

COMMUNITY
COUNCILLORS

GORDON MUNN (CHAIR)
RON SHARP (VICE CHAIR)
BILL GRIFFITHS (SECRETARY)
RAB DICKSON
DOROTHY FOREMAN
DEREK JOHNSON
ALEX MCKAY
TOM MORROW
JOHN SHACKLETON
CHRISTINE STEWART
JOHN TETHER

YOUTH
REPRESENTATIVES

PENNY SENTANCE

ABERDEENSHIRE
COUNCILLORS

PAUL MELLING
IAIN MOLLISON (8.20pm)

ABERDEENSHIRE
COUNCIL

POLICE

APOLOGIES

DOROTHY MAIN
JUNE WOOD (TREASURER)
HAZEL MCKINNON
COUNCILLOR ALASTAIR BEWS
LYNN BUCHAN (COMMUNITY LEARNING)
PC KEVIN MARRON
PC JILL ANDERSON

MEMBERS
OF PUBLIC

JESS HORNE
HILDA DILWORTH
ANNE PARK

PRESS

CLAIRE DOUGLAS (LEADER)

1.	APOLOGIES	
	Dorothy Main, June Wood, Hazel McKinnon, Councillor Bews and Lynn Buchan. Councillors Mollison has a prior meeting which starts at 6.30pm but will attend later. Kevin Marron and Jill Anderson from the police.	
2.	REVIEW & APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES	
	There were no comments on the previous minutes. Tom Morrow asked about representations being published on the web site as he could see his own in regard to the planning application at Marywell but could not see the PDCC one. Bill was asked to write to Aberdeenshire Council for verification. The minutes were Proposed by Alex McKay. Seconded by John Tether.	Bill
3.	POLICE REPORT	
	The police had sent apologies to the secretary though they had hoped to have a PC in attendance. Gordon read out the report which is attached to the end of the minutes.	
4.	COMMUNITY LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT (CLD)	
	Lynn had telephoned her apologies to the secretary and reported that there was nothing new to be added to the previous minutes. Everything was continuing as usual.	
5.	COMMUNITY COUNCIL YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES	
	Penny agreed to speak to the rector with a view to getting possible dates towards the end of January for Gordon to give his talk to the Academy assemblies.	
6.	CHRISTMAS LIGHTS	
	Dorothy Foreman reported that she had spoken to Blachere about the remainder of the PDCC order. Seems as if the lights delivered had come from stock with the remainder due from France any day. They have cut back on stock due to the recession. They will be shipped and stored in Dorothy's garage so that Wallace Electrical can easily uplift them for mounting on the lamp posts.	

	<p>The lamp post junction boxes have been completed and Wallace Electrical hope to start fitting on 1st December.</p> <p>Dorothy has spoken to 6 different Aberdeenshire Council employees when trying to ascertain when the lamp post junction boxes would be fitted. Too many involved with very little communication.</p> <p>She has received a form which Wallace Electrical need to complete on power consumption etc.</p> <p>The email from Mr Dennis Scott, Aberdeenshire Council on extra insurance of the lights was discussed. It was agreed to take out the insurance. Bill to contact Mr Scott.</p>	Bill
7.	CLOCHANDIGHTER	
	<p>Christine has gone out to tender for 3500 copies of the Clochandigher as from march 2010. In fact Service Point, who already print our magazine; have come back with a lower price of £2245 even with the increase in numbers.</p> <p>There has been no response so far for a replacement editor. Christine has a job spec. For the editor position.</p> <p>Jess Horne asked if it would be possible to for the position of editor. (Bill, this does not make sense) Also it is a 2/3 person job. Would it be possible for Academy pupils to take on?</p> <p>The latest version of the magazine is due out at the end of this month.</p>	
8.	TREASURER'S REPORT	
	<p>As June was unavailable Christine went through the accounts.</p> <p>The Clochandigher account holds £7977.84 with approx £600 to come in and this edition to cost £2610.</p> <p>The PDCC account holds £14929.17. This includes the Christmas light funding.</p> <p>Christmas light fund £12370.00 approx.</p>	
9.	PLANNING REPORT	
	<p>Alterations to a house in Broomfield Road.</p> <p>Application by Stewart Milne to alter house types at Schoolhill.</p> <p>The PDCC had received an email from Newtonhill & Muchalls CC pointing out planning app APP/2007/2042 was about to become live. This is an</p>	

	<p>application to build 55 houses on the chicken shed site. Newtonhill CC were worried it may be detrimental to the Causey Mounth road and ancient monument. After discussion the PDCC agreed that the houses were better than the chicken shed and would not detract from the ancient monument. Neither would it cause a problem with the old road. Bill to write to Aberdeenshire Council supporting the application but ask for the road and monument to be protected.</p>	Bill
10.	CORRESPONDENCE	
	<p>Bill was asked to read out a letter from Jess Horne on recent flooding problems behind Gorse Circle and Alder Drive. It would seem that somebody has dammed the stream, and this, together with vegetation growing on the banks of the stream is causing flooding. Anne Park, who lives nearest to the dam, has spoken to several Aberdeenshire Council employees to ascertain who was responsible. She was informed to contact the police who would then contact the relevant organisation. A Mr Watson, Aberdeenshire council, had promised to have both the dam and vegetation removed. Only part of the dam has been removed and the promised start date of 16th for clearing vegetation. Only part of the dam has been cleared and no start has been made on the vegetation.</p> <p>Jess pointed out that the ground was already waterlogged and any further rain would just run off causing even more flooding as the existing stream water level was lapping the stream banks.</p> <p>Jess would like to know who to contact before any further flooding. Anne asked if PDCC could write to Aberdeenshire Council for clarification of what procedures were in place prior to possible flooding. Bill was asked to phone Willie Munro and also write.</p> <p><i>(Bill phoned next morning but Willie Munro out of office. However he has ascertained that a Stephen McFarland on 01569 768475 should be contacted during office hours and 08456 081207 out with. This will be answered by the duty officer who will then pass on to the relevant contact.)</i></p>	Bill
11.	COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR REPORTS	
	<p><i>John Shackleton</i></p> <p>John had attended the Charities Fair in Stonehaven and had spoken to Mearns FM. They said that they would be willing to broadcast details of meetings etc. It was pointed out that the Portlethen area is unable to receive such broadcasts.</p> <p><i>Dorothy Foreman</i></p> <p>There is a foul smell emanating from the Findon Burn and asked if the PDCC could complain. The PDCC have written on several occasions and have been informed that the public should phone SEPA on 01224 248338 as soon as possible when this happens.</p> <p><i>Alex McKay</i></p>	

	<p>Aberdeenshire Council have almost finished the drainage at Burnside Park.</p> <p><i>Gordon Munn</i></p> <p>Asked Councillor Melling if there was any update on the path from Broomfield Park to Myrtle Terrace. Councillor Melling said he had contacted Aberdeenshire Council who said they would get somebody to investigate.</p> <p><i>Ron Sharp</i></p> <p>Ron was pleased to announce that the open spaces around Boswell Road had been legally adopted by Aberdeenshire Council though not the paths as they are not up to standard. The Residents Association hope to broker a deal by putting up money to cover any costs.</p> <p><i>John Tether</i></p> <p>Asked if anybody was aware of the rerouting of the 109 bus service. Several people had noticed.</p> <p><i>Tom Morrow</i></p> <p>Residents are getting up a petition against the proposed Marywell development.</p>	
12.	ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORTS	
	<p><i>Councillor Melling</i></p> <p>He is to attend a meeting with flood volunteers in Stonehaven tomorrow to discuss any problems.</p> <p>Aberdeenshire Council are to rebuild the wall by the path alongside the railway line. He is assuming that the PDCC will coordinate volunteers to help clearance on the path.</p> <p>During the flooding he had taken note of stream levels in the Moss area when walking his dog but was unaware of problems in other areas.</p> <p><i>Councillor Mollison</i></p> <p>There will be a full Council meeting on Thursday.</p> <p>He apologised for attending the meeting late but has another meeting in Woodhill House at 6.30pm. This is Enterprise North East.</p> <p>The road repairs at the Badentoy junction have started.</p>	
	AOCB	

13.		
	<p>Alex asked if the social lunch/dinner which used to be held around Christmas years ago could be reinstated. It was suggested that a social committee be formed.</p> <p>Tom will not be able to attend either the January or February meetings.</p> <p>Gordon asked for an item referring to the AGM is added to the next meeting.</p> <p>He then thanked everyone for their input over the year.</p> <p>The meeting finished at 9.20pm.</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on 26th January 2010 at 7.00pm.</p>	

POLICE REPORT TO PORTLETHEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2009

REPORT FOR OCTOBER TO NOVEMBER

CRIMES & OFFENCES

VANDALISM	- 1 report received with enquiries ongoing.
ASSAULT	- 3 reports received and enquiries ongoing.
BOP	- 1 report received with enquiries ongoing.
THEFT	- 6 reported, 1 detected and 5 enquiries ongoing.
Impersonating a Police Officer	- 1 report received with enquiries ongoing.

The above does not include any ASBO Fixed Penalty tickets issued.

ROAD TRAFFIC

DANGEROUS DRIVING	- 1 detected.
SPEEDING	- 1 detected.
DRINK DRIVER	- 1 detected.
OFFENCES CONNECTED TO RTC's	- 1 RTC's where offences were detected.
CARELESS DRIVING	- 5 detected.

The above does not include Fixed Penalty tickets issued.

INCIDENTS ATTENDED

Youth Related Calls	- 5
Noisy Music/Neighbour Dispute	- 3
RTC's	- 3
Alarm Activations	- 15
Animal related calls (including on road)	- 4

Suspicious Incidents	- 3
RT Other	- 18
Concern calls	- 7
Assist the public	- 7
Missing Persons	-2
Flooding	-6
Industrial Accident	-1
Disturbance	-2

NOTES

- Please note that PC Ross Campbell will be running a Police Surgery at ASDA, Portlethen on Sunday 6 December, with the use of the mobile Police Office. He will be covering aspects of home security, festive drinking and any other matters you wish to speak about.
- This report is only the Portlethen area and does not include the other community beat areas: Newtonhill, Cammachmore, Muchalls, Drumoak, & North of the A90.
- There has been a decrease in youth calls in the past few weeks. The specific foot patrols will have undoubtedly helped with this matter.
- Due to the unfortunate flooding specifically in the Stonehaven area over the past couple of weeks, resources have been limited within the Portlethen area. However, over the past weekend, officers at Portlethen have been carrying out specific shoplifting patrols at the major retail stores to deter any potential thefts at all levels.

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