

**MINUTES OF PORTLETHEN &  
DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2010**

COMMUNITY  
COUNCILLORS

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

YOUTH  
REPRESENTATIVES

HAZEL MCKINNON

ABERDEENSHIRE  
COUNCILLORS

PAUL MELLING  
CARL NELSON  
IAIN MOLLISON (8.25pm)

ABERDEENSHIRE  
COUNCIL

LYNN BUCHAN (COMMUNITY LEARNING)

POLICE

APOLOGIES

RAB DICKSON  
TOM MORROW  
JOHN TETHER  
PENNY SENTANCE  
COUNCILLOR ALASTAIR BEWS  
PC KEVIN MARRON  
PC JILL ANDERSON

MEMBERS  
OF PUBLIC

STEVE MCKERRON  
BILL MCKINNON  
JAMES SMITH  
GRAEME ROSE  
TOM TERVIT  
CORINNE ROSS  
GORDON ROSS

PRESS

CLAIRE DOUGLAS (LEADER)  
ALISON RENNIE (EVENING EXPRESS)

<b>1.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>	
	Rab Dickson, Tom Morrow, John Tether, Penny Sentance and Councillor Alastair Bews. Due to a prior meeting Councillor Mollison attended at 8.25pm.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>REVIEW &amp; APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	
	There were no comments on the previous minutes.  The minutes were Proposed by Ron Sharp. Seconded by Alex McKay.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>POLICE REPORT</b>	
	No police were in attendance but the secretary received an email report after the meeting which has been appended to these minutes.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>COMMUNITY LEARNING &amp; DEVELOPMENT (CLD)</b>	
	<p>Lynn Buchan gave the following report:</p> <p>Young Scots Packs delivered to all S1 PSE classes this month.</p> <p>Started today with 16+ Options – group of 6 young people who have left school and not in employment or training. This takes place in the Porty Cabin from 2.00 to 4.00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.</p> <p>By the end of this week some 30 second year pupils will have received First Aid training. Further courses will take place.</p> <p>Portlethen Action Team has won a BT Seen &amp; Heard Award and has been invited to the awards ceremony in London on 17<sup>th</sup> March in recognition of their hard work locally, nationally and globally.</p> <p>Safe on the Net – Internet Peer Educators are working with Station House Media Unit to make a local film about internet safety. Funding for this project came from Cash Back for Communities.</p> <p>A Public Arts information cheese and wine evening for residents of Portlethen Network, which covers Portlethen, Cammachmore, Newtonhill and Muchalls, will be held on 9th March from 7.00 to 8.30pm in Portlethen Academy.</p> <p>The Playpark group will hold a meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> February with Community Planning Partners to move the project on.</p>	

	<p>A Newspaper group started last Friday at 10.00am in the library.</p> <p>Hoping to open the Porty Cabin at weekends for older young people in conjunction with police and funded from Anti Social Behaviour bid.</p> <p>Retired person adult learning open day to take place in the Porty Cabin on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January from 10.00am to 2.00pm.</p>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>COMMUNITY COUNCIL YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES</b>	
	<p>Hazel reported that Penny is having ongoing discussions with the rector for Gordon to give a talk to morning assemblies on the workings of the PDCC. This will probably have to be postponed until after the prelims.</p>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS LIGHTS</b>	
	<p>Christmas has been and gone with the lights being put up and now taken down and stored in the container at Hillside.</p> <p>Gordon thanked the two Dorothy's and their team for the sterling work put into fundraising and arranging purchase, installation etc.</p> <p>Dorothy Main went to a meeting on fundraising which will be presented to the lights sub-committee and put in a folder for future reference.</p>	
<b>7.</b>	<b>CLOCHANDIGHTER</b>	
	<p>Neither Christine nor Gordon has received any applications to become editor of the Clochandigher. Gordon asked the press if they could put out further appeals in their papers.</p> <p>Councillor Melling pointed out that the profit from the magazine was the PDCC's main access to funding and it would be disastrous to let it fold. He outlined how Jess Horne had taken over after the previous editor, Sue Andrew, left the area and had done a good job until Christine had finally taken over.</p> <p>Bill agreed and suggested a sub-committee be set up as an interim and offered to help where possible. June said she would possibly take on finances as she more or less did this already as treasurer. Gordon asked for volunteers but no other community councillor offered to help.</p>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>BRUNTLAND ROAD/A90 JUNCTION</b>	
	<p>Councillor Melling updated the meeting on events since the bus accident on 4<sup>th</sup> December. He had written a letter to The Scottish Executive but has been informed that any changes are low priority. A site meeting was held on 16<sup>th</sup> December with Aberdeenshire Councillors, police etc.</p> <p>Buses are being rerouted via the Badentoy roundabout and then south on the A90 to Bruntland Road.</p>	

	<p>Aberdeenshire Council have agreed to carry out a traffic model of the junction and report the results within the next month. Paul is not keen to have the junction closed due to access to Lairihillock. He will keep the CC updated.</p> <p>Gordon asked when the Badentoy junction would be completed as final surfacing and lighting still had to be done. Also lighting on many other junctions was problematic. Also directional signs at the new Marywell junction had been damaged some time ago and had not yet been repaired. Bill was asked to write to Malcolm Christie, Aberdeenshire Council.</p> <p>John Shackleton queried why the rerouted buses went back down the A90 instead of using the new bus stops in Muirend Road. He was asked to raise this at the Bus Forum.</p>	Bill
<b>9.</b>	<b>FLY TIPPING –INCLUDING ABANDONED CARS</b>	
	<p>Gordon reported that he had been approached about what looked like abandoned cars in Broomfield Park On investigation it was found that these are parked within a private house boundary and are under cover of a tarpaulin. As there is no sign of a repair business being carried out everything is legitimate. He will monitor the situation.</p> <p>Councillor Melling asked about the state of the path between Broomfield and Myrtle Terrace as he had asked Aberdeenshire Council to investigate. Gordon replied that he had not checked within the last few days but would do so.</p>	
<b>10.</b>	<b>AGM</b>	
	<p>Ron asked if Aberdeenshire Council would allow more CC's to cover the expansion of housing at Hillside. Councillor Melling said he would raise this with the area manager.</p> <p>Councillor Nelson suggested that the CC change from having 6 areas within the CC to only 2 which matched the voting areas Portlethen North and South. It was pointed out that this had been set up by Aberdeenshire Council and the CC thought only they could alter. Paul will raise with the area manager</p> <p>Councillor Melling agreed to carry out the same tasks as he had last year in accepting new nominations to the CC and if required oversee any elections.</p> <p>Bill to place advertisements as required.</p>	
<b>11.</b>	<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>	
	<p>The Clochandighter account holds £9266.77 approx with printing costs of the next edition still to be deducted.</p> <p>The PDCC account holds £14910.68. This includes the Christmas light fund holding some £3185.00.</p>	

<b>12.</b>	<b>PLANNING REPORT</b>	
	<p>Derek reported that the main planning application to be published is for a business recycling plant in Findon. APP/2009/4149. After discussion Bill was asked to put in an objection on pollution, noise levels, increase in traffic, existing roads unsuitable for heavy goods, verge damage etc. <i>Letter sent 27/01/10.</i></p> <p>Several residents from Marywell, who were in attendance, said that they have raised various objections and submitted a petition to Aberdeenshire Council on the proposal to build 125 houses in Marywell. The Planning Department have ignored these and they asked if the Community Council could help. APP/2009/2401. It was pointed out that the CC had already submitted an objection. Bill was asked to write voicing the residents' concerns. Councillor Melling stated he would also look into the matter. <i>Letter sent 28/01/10.</i></p>	<p>Bill</p> <p>Bill</p>
<b>13.</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	
	<p>Bill read out an email he had received on the origin of the name Clochandighter.</p> <p>An email from Councillor Melling was read out on the possible future of the Old Aberdeenshire council Groundsman Depot. Intentions are to turn this site into housing for Cornerstone, CAB offices and a cafe to be run by 'Young Mums'.</p> <p>An email from Graham Brechin asking the CC to create a weather station on the Portlethen flyover. This was ruled out as being too expensive and TrafficScotland already had cameras nearby.</p> <p>The email, which had already been circulated, on Planning Training for Community Councillors was read out. They only persons who showed interest were the chairman and the secretary. These names will be put forward.</p>	
<b>14.</b>	<b>COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR REPORTS</b>	
	<p><i>Dorothy Main</i></p> <p>Asked how to go about getting a larger mailbox in Hillside. Councillor Mollison indicated that the only way was via telephone and it can be very difficult to get hold of a person. Phone number is 0845 7740740.</p> <p>She also asked about the area earmarked in Hillside for retail. Did this mean that either Stewart Milne or Aberdeenshire Council had to supply a suitable store? The answer is no as it is up to a business enterprise to put in a planning application.</p>	

	<p><i>Derek Johnson</i></p> <p>Asked the councillors if they had had a site meeting for the planning application in Harley Terrace, Old Portlethen. None had taken place.</p>	
<b>15.</b>	<b>ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORTS</b>	
	<p><i>Councillor Melling</i></p> <p>He has spent a lot of time on the landslip problems at Bervie Braes. Stonehaven CC has written to the Scottish Executive supporting Aberdeenshire Council's bid for £5.6M to carry out safety work.</p> <p>Involved with the local Cub group as they are having problems getting leaders. He has launched an appeal and spoken to the academy rector as pupils can get certificates for volunteering.</p> <p>The Bowling and Tennis clubs are looking at amalgamating.</p> <p><i>Councillor Mollison</i></p> <p>ASDA and Portlethen Academy are liaising with the police on the problem of litter.</p> <p>Pupils from the Academy have put a petition in to Aberdeenshire Council asking for safe cycling facilities between the school and Newtonhill. Negotiations are taking place with local landowners to find a suitable route.</p> <p><i>Carl Nelson</i></p> <p>Has had a few complaints about snow clearance during the recent bad weather but reckons that Council workers have, on the whole, done a good job.</p>	
	<b>AOCB</b>	
<b>16.</b>	<p>Dorothy Foreman asked if the CC could approach the academy rector with regard to litter problems. This has been done in the past and the rector has tried to have the problem solved but it could be a health and safety issue.</p> <p>The meeting finished at 9.45pm.</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2010 at 7.00pm.</p>	

# **POLICE REPORT TO PORTLETHEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON TUESDAY 26 JANUARY 2010**

## **REPORT FOR NOVEMBER TO JANUARY**

### **CRIMES & OFFENCES**

VANDALISM - 6 reports received with enquiries ongoing.

ASSAULT - 4 reports received and enquiries ongoing.

BOP - 4 report received with enquiries ongoing.

THEFT - 13 reported 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 - 2 detected.

OFFENCES CONNECTED TO RTC's – 5 RTC's where offences were detected.

CARELESS DRIVING - 4 detected.

The above does not include Fixed Penalty tickets issued.

### **INCIDENTS ATTENDED**

Youth Related Calls - 10

Underage Drinking - 3

Noisy Music / Neighbour Dispute - 6

Road Traffic Collision's - 50

Other Road Traffic incidents (Careless Driving, mobile phones etc) - 38

Alarm Activations - 29

Animal related calls (including on road) – 16

Suspicious Incidents – 9

Concern calls - 7

Assist the public - 6

Missing Persons -2

Flooding -3

Industrial Accident -1

Disturbance -19

**NOTES**

This report is only the Portlethen area and does not include the other community beat areas: Newtonhill, Cammachmore, Muchalls, Drumoak, & North of the A90.

Youth calls and underage drinking incidents reported to ourselves have remained at a very pleasing low level once again. This is particularly pleasing as the statistics include the festive period.

Due to the prolonged and adverse weather conditions over the past month, there has been a considerable amount of road traffic incidents which in turn puts a strain on the resources available to attend other ongoing incidents. Hopefully the worst of the weather is behind us and we can look forward to a better spell.

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