

MINUTES

Portlethen & District Community Council

24 July 2025 | 7pm | Larch Room, Portlethen Academy

In Attendance

Community Council Members: Stewart Lees, Domhnall McLennan (Chair) John Burgess, Michelle Aitken, Joy Komolafe

Councillors: Cllr Catherine Victor

Apologies: Billy MacKay, Blair Meston, Airlie Robertson, Mandy Ross, Cllr Mel Sullivan

In attendance: Ken Watson, Darren Robertson PTA, Peter Flockhart NMCCC, Janie Kennett

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1. Welcome

Stewart opened meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance.

2. Apologies

As above.

3. Approval of previous minutes

Minute of 26 June adopted with Apologies from Joy, addition of Cllr title for Mel Sullivan

4. Updates on actions from previous minutes

DM: Garage; Legal advice is the names do not require changed; DM will check with Ron. Will check if title sale to another group would incur legal fees.

DM: Local groups Ongoing. Hoping to arrange general meeting later in year

DM; Telephone kiosk transfer in hand. Signed documents

SL: Key cabinet Still outstanding; Still have to ask Paul?

Bushes next Bowling; Keith Brown has offered to get quotes and submit to council for reply

5. Morrisons Post office: David Wright Store manager presented and apologised as his area manager who would have come, had an Audit she had to attend.

David said that it was Morrison staff that had to be available for the general store as well as staffing the post office. The previous post office had dedicated staff; Morrisons have multitasking staff, and several areas of work they have to cover. Previously Morrisons supplied McCalls, however took over to maintain their sales when McCalls got into difficulty.

Action

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They are open more hours than the previous post office, and do not have the same support as the previous post office. They have trained more staff, however, there is a lot of abuse directed at the Morrisons staff trying to run the Post office side, which is not constructive, and is soul destroying for the staff who are doing their best. Stewart agreed to write to Post office counters, and DM was asked to write to Morrisons to approach the perceived problems from both sides.	SL DM
6. Community council forum report; Stewart summarised his report which was distributed previously to members.	
7. The local development plan survey the council is publishing should assist in generating interest and ideas. Some councils are trying to get 16 -18 year olds involved – the future has to be with younger persons. Some of the “Local” subjects included Peterhead.	MA
8. Financial: Treasurer has to apply/ get our grant funding. Not present. Meikle Carewe Wind farm; Joy volunteered to attend the disbursement meeting.	
9. A member of the public contacted the council regarding Graffiti – especially opposite the meat factory. It was decided to see if one of the organisers of the “New Art Festival might attend and suggest ideas to direct the graffiti perhaps to a “Graffiti wall” as has been done in Aberdeen. Grit Bins – Aberdeenshire Councilors were asked to vote on refilling them, not removing them it is believed; Stewart has written to Tim Steven regarding this; as we believe local community could take them over. Young bike riders: a member of the public raised the “Droves” of young cyclists under the underpass risking lives with poor cycling, many in the middle of the road. It was agreed to put mention on facebook to encourage parents to tell younger riders of the dangers. Cookston road surface dressing it was agreed made little impact. There is a meeting at the allotments 21 August to see how some members of the public might grow flowers for community displays as Aberdeenshire will no longer provide.	ALL
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