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Portlethen & District Community Council

28 November 2025 | 7pm | Larch Room, Portlethen Academy

In Attendance

Community Council Members: Domhnall McLennan (Chair), Joy Komolafe, Billy McKay, John Burgess

Councilors: Mel Sullivan

Apologies: Cllr Catherine Victor, Blair Meston, Michelle Aitken, Stewart Lees, Mandy Ross

In attendance: Ken Watson, Darren Robertson, Graeme Craig

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1. Welcome

Domhnall opened meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance.

2. Apologies

As above

3. Approval of previous minutes; passed with no amendment. Joy proposed, Billy Seconded.

4. Actions arising: Grit Bins: 13 October Aberdeenshire adopt a grit bin scheme allowing community councils to adopt Grit Bins; Await Blair's report

5. Path & road Lighting in Portlethen; no action from Aberdeenshire; although Cllr Sullivan said regularly raised by councilors and money was in budget for this year. Joggers and runners falling/ tripping. Domhnall spoke and emailed Keith Melvin Street Lighting officer mentioning Domhnall had photographs of the leg that required stitches. Keith said he would let the local roads team in Stonehaven know of our concerns, and knew the trees were impacting on the lighting; also he provided a map of the affected area, and wrote: "I am aware there is an active fault which states there is an underground cable fault which is affecting that section of footpath lights. The incoming cable from Bruntland Road to column 1 is faulty and as these are path lights would be of lower priority re their repair".

6. Meikle Carewe disbursement – Ken said he found it an enjoyable meeting, and decisions regarding funds were published.

School Catchment areas online session Tuesday 4th November; no one attended.

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<p>7. North East Scotland Community Councils Convention. Graeme Craig said he would be attending and could give feedback.</p>	<p>GC</p>
<p>8. Financial: Mandy by Whatsapp said she hoped to get up to date next week.</p>	<p>MR</p>
<p>9. Business Arising: Nescan – unlocking shared ownership and community benefits 18th November; No one attended. Last Call of applications for coastal communities fund 27th October 2025. Has been some path work completed. Have money to redo north side near Survitec in Findon, and looking for helpers. Public engagement Aberdeen Rapid Transport – Those who attended said it was a rehash of previous general discussions and was rather poor. Bancon Marywell Development: Ken attended – he checked, and no-one in Marywell knew of the event; poorly attended, and a lot of houses in a small area. Previously Domhnull had sent an email in response to notice of meeting of our concerns regarding school and health provision which is already stretched. Noted Thistle drive development had been granted. GC supplemented existing feelings that the flashing 20MPH signs should be left, and that much of the 20MPH is probably unnecessary and not needed.</p> <p>10. Sports Club did not attend to present their asset transfer application.</p>	
<p>11. Main sewer From Portlethen to Nigg requires replaced; breakages weekly 38 + in last year. Findon Villages and farms affected. Domhnull emailed Scottish Water, Councilor victor & MSP Audrey Nicol. Alex Johnston of Scottish water replied writing that <i>“Thank you for contacting Scottish Water to discuss your concerns regarding the sewer line from Portlethen Wastewater Pumping Station. We are sorry to hear about these issues which have impacted you and the community.</i> <i>We are aware of issues impacting this pumping main and we have been working to identify appropriate actions to reduce the frequency of incidents on the line.</i> <i>We are in the early stages of developing an investment project to replace the section of the pumping main which is impacted by bursts.</i> <i>However, you will be aware that Scottish Water is currently operating in a very challenging financial landscape. We have had to review our commitments to ensure our investment programme is affordable, and we can continue to deliver excellent water and waste water services for communities across Scotland while protecting the environment. While we can only invest within the financial limits we have, we are working through this challenging period to ensure we are in the best position possible to deliver the future investment we know is needed.</i></p>	

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Therefore, if approval is granted for this project, the earliest this would likely move to a potential development stage is during the investment period covering 2027 – 2033.

We have an existing process for stakeholder engagement once projects are confirmed and financially committed to, and it is at this stage that more information will be provided.”

12. Flower growing group – Cllr Victor; Domhnull tried to contact the owner of the greenhouses at Findon; from Cove bay Nurseries. Son said David Penny was on holiday for 3 weeks, and to contact through Cove bay nurseries. DM left PDCC card with name.

13. AOCB; Community Notice board inaccessible in ASDA. Domhnull & others asked ASDA to keep clear however regularly pallets in front.

Jubilee Hall extension has planning permission so will be meeting room and extension to hall.

Graeme raised the problems with the health centre access through E- consult, and had written to MSPs over some of the posters regarding diversity and possibly condescending outlook of same. Regarding missed appointments – perhaps if a text reminder system was implemented as with dentists it would help.

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