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PORTLETHEN MOSS A NATURE RESERVE - UPDATE

You may remember my article in the last edition of the 'Cloch' regarding Portlethen Moss and how, with the support of Aberdeenshire Council and the SNH and on their advice, I was appealing for the necessary volunteers from the local community to form a group to protect the Moss and turn it into a nature reserve.

I would like to convey a **huge thank you** to the 10 members of our community, who contacted me offering their help and support and volunteered to be members of the group. This, at a time when we have no PDCC is very encouraging, in that we can still protect what is dear to us and proceed with a community project.

Below is the latest update I received from Mary Macleod of Aberdeenshire Council:

'I have discussed your success with my colleagues but have not made any progress on the ownership issue as yet. I think the next step should be to set up a meeting with ourselves hopefully SNH and your volunteers to discuss how the project can be progressed and what is involved. I will be taking some holidays during November as will Douglas Allan of Landscape Services but hopefully we can find a window to arrange a meeting.'

At time of writing I am waiting for Mary to confirm a date, hopefully towards the end of November, after which I'll contact the group members to pass on the details of our very first meeting.

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