

**Lochgelly Community Council**  
**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016**  
**385 Social Club**

1. **Present:** Brian Schulz (BS), Tam Durham (TD), Alan Gardiner (AG), Stevie Murray (SM) George Kinnell (GK), John Magee (JM), Jimmy Mann (JMa), Raymond Wilson (RW), Carol Mackie and Jean McDonald (JMC)

**Apologies:** Jim Haddow, Davie Hemseed & Billy Baxter.

**Councillors Present:** Councillor Mark Hood & Councillor Linda Erskine

**2. Minutes of previous meeting**

Proposed as accurate - JMa, Seconded TD

**3. Matters Arising**

- a. BS advised that the flag pole and flag had been put up temporarily on the side of St. Andrews Church.
- b. SM advised that he had contacted Growing in Lochgelly about attending the community council to talk about the community garden, however he hadn't heard back.
- c. SM had attended the session with the judges for the SURF award, this had been very positive and he was hopeful that Lochgelly would be successful. They were very impressed by the Town House redevelopment and the other physical changes across the town. The nominations will be considered in December

**4. Citizen & Young Citizen of the Year Awards**

- a. COTY – Karen Yeoman
- b. YCOTY – Daniel Pratt

**Action – SM to contact both successful nominees and confirm in writing.**

**5. Financial Matters**

GK advised

- General Account = £2,583.83
- Special Projects = £3541.39 (Jubilee Park)

Outgoing expenditure includes

1. £28 Wreath,
2. £25 – Archie Page (Barrell Decorations at War Memorial)
3. £150 Remembrance Teas and Coffee provision, normally £100 however as a one off agreed to increase due to existing balance.

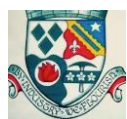
Finance report approved.

**Actions**

GK to discuss Floral Grant form with SM and arrange for submission to Fife Council.

GK to arrange for accounts to audited

**6. Communications Received**



Sender	Substance	Action needed
Fife Council	Weekly Planning Applications	Circulated as necessary, particularly when there are any plans submitted which may require statutory consultation or are of specific interest to Lochgelly
Beth Flynn (Fife Council)	Review of Parliamentary constituencies	Circulated to Community Councillors, added to websites and social media for comments
Carol Millar	Information relating to the process for honours list nominations	noted
Stuart Duffy	Information relating to LGBT promoting a gala fundraiser	Circulated to Community Councillors
Susan Grant (Fife Council)	Notification of application for Remembrance Day Parade	Noted
Wendy MacGregor	West Area Planning committee agenda	Circulated to Community Councillors
Hazel Cross (Fife Council)	Acknowledgement of request and confirmation of delivery of flag pole and flag for remembrance day parade.	Noted.
Cllr Linda Erskine	Invitation to visit new refurbishment of Town House on 21 <sup>st</sup> November at 1pm	CC to confirm attendance. JMc & CM
Fife Council Licensing Board	Notification of application for off license, 50 Page Street Lochgelly.	Object on the basis that there sufficient locations with off license facilities.
Susan Grant (Fife Council)	Notification of street parade for Christmas Lights switch on 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Noted

BS asked if there were any questions relating to the communications received.

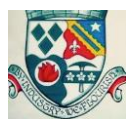
# **1. Groups which CC attend**

## **a. Health Centre**

BS advised that the sub group had published template letters for members of the public to send to the Health Minister. There had been very good coverage of the groups work in the local media and the response from the members of the public had also been positive. Land had been identified in the town for the new health centre and Community Councillors had been invited to attend option appraisal meetings with the NHS.

## **b. Public Park Improvement group**

SM advised that the Council had provided assurances that the Community Garden development on the top level tennis court would be completed by Spring 2017 as planned. The lower level would be grassed over and the intention would be to get support for this to be allocated as a Satellite park which would attract funding.



The footpaths through the park would be repaired during the winter period although the group were contributing to this most of the funding would be through Fife Council. The wall at the South entrance was to be repaired during the next few weeks.

The group agreed to contribute £20k to the Skate Park development, which is being designed with the support of local skaters. The football hub proposals would see significant investment on Muir park including a new playing surface. It is hoped that this development would also include new changing facilities and toilets.

**c. Mossmorran Safety Liaison Committee**

No meeting held. BS advised that he had received the pantomime tickets which were distributed to the following groups

- **St.Serfs Church**
- **St Patricks Church**
- **Old Folks reunion Committee**
- **Wilson Bruce Sheltered Housing complex**
- **Any remaining tickets to be handed into the community shop for distribution**

**d. 4 Wind Development Trust**

The financial accounts for the Trust were published on the 4 winds trust page on the community council website as agreed.

Next meeting Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016

**e. Lochore Meadows Advisory Board -No meeting**

GK complained that about the lack of meetings of the advisory board. He advised that there was a public meeting arranged for the following Monday which he intends to attend. There are similar concerns from other areas surrounding the Park.

MH advised that the meeting was to discuss the new proposed centre in the park and that there had been suggestions that the intention was to delay the project as a result of the planning consultation. There had been concerns about the size of the new facility. Although its footprint is smaller the actual public space inside is bigger.

JMa stated that he hadn't seen the plans for the building, so it was difficult to comment on them. JMc agreed.

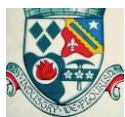
**Action**

SM to write to the Chief Executive of the FCCT about the lack of meetings of the group, however advising that this Council was unable to comment on the proposals as we hadn't seen them.

**2. Councillors Report**

Councillor Erskine provided an update on her activities over the last four weeks. As well as attending various Fife Council, Trust and Integrated health & Social Care meetings she has been involved in various community events. One major issue related to Welfare reform – Fife Council Executive Committee received a report on the impact of welfare reform in Fife. It was agreed to respond to the Scottish Governments Consultation and seek to strengthen the need for a joined up approach to the delivery of benefits between all Governments and the DWP. The need to include Direct Payment with universal credit

Including the opening of the new Skate Park and MUGA court in Benarty, bulb planting in Cardenden, Lochgelly Brass Band night and the Memorial Service in Bowhill commemorating the pit disaster.



Cllr Erskine advised that she has been involved in discussions with tenants relating to the building of wind turbines at Lady Helen Cottage. SURF Judges had visited Lochgelly met with Council officers, Andrew Saunders, Community Council Secretary, Community Development Forum and Councillors. Discussed the Community development Plan. Outlined the changes to the town since 2009, Judges were taken a tour from the business centre, institute, new housing and town house, onto the Community Shop. Judging outcomes announced December.

Health staff and consultant outlined what work requires to be undertaken before a business case is presented for potentially a new centre.

Health & Social Care Partnership budget is overspent by nearly £12m. £6.8 overspend in prescribing costs, remedial work being undertaken across surgeries and hospital dispensary, rest made up with community healthcare, children services, social care and housing services. Recovery plan being worked on.

At the previous Cowdenbeath Area Committee it was reported that there had been a reduction in Common Good Fund by £1300. This was explained as a result of investment changes over the previous 12 months.

Participatory Budget Oor Place, takes place on 15<sup>th</sup> November. 4 top choices for the ward Area Lochgelly & Cardenden. Councillor Erskine concluded by adding that the internal features from the Townhouse including the Bell and plaques, internal fittings and Furniture were in storage although we need to consider how best to utilise these in the town.

Councillor Mark Hood reported work had commenced on the St Andrews church building. There were problems relating to Housing allocations and anti-social behaviour across the town.

He has been working with local volunteers regarding the designs for the Skate Park. This will result in some changes to the original design however they are still looking at ways to fund the project. The agreement from the Park Improvement Group to invest £20k would help facilitate funding streams.

The Cycle Loop plans are progressing and will be considered by the planning committee, it is looking very positive for this project.

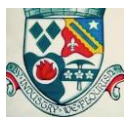
Ongoing discussions relating to the development of the old Fabtek buildings with the land owners. Football hub development plans are ongoing and he has been engaging with the local teams about the facility and its requirements.

Councillor Hood advised that the new buildings behind the Minto lounge would be called 'The Stables'.

### **Questions**

SM asked about the common good funds, specifically regarding supporting community groups to access these funds? LE agreed to speak to the relevant Council Officers to get more details on the workings of the funds.

BS thanked both Councillors for their reports.



### 3. AOCB

- a. BS advised that the flag pole was in place for the remembrance service. Community Councillors were reminded to be at the Centre Car park for 1015.
- b. advised that there were no members of the public present
- c. Date of next meeting – **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December AGM 2016, 6.00 in the 385 Social Club**

