

Lochgelly Community Council
Wednesday 14th December 2016
385 Social Club

AGM and Monthly meeting

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

Apologies: Jim Haddow, Davie Hemseed, John Magee & Billy Baxter.

Councillors Present: Councillor Linda Erskine (LE)

Annual General Meeting business

2. BS advised all that he had attended the SURF award ceremony on behalf of the Community Council at his own expense. This had been a tremendous achievement for Lochgelly and was a credit to all of the hard work done over the last ten years to improve the town. BS highlighted that this was down to the co-ordinated efforts of all the various voluntary groups, Council Officers, Councillors and the support from Ore valley Housing association.

3. The Chairperson and Secretary provided written reports and spoke through the content (issued separately and published on website).

a. Questions were asked from community councillors about both reports.

4. Councillor Linda Erskine took the Chair for Election of Office Bearers

a. Chairperson – Brian Schulz – Nominated by Jimmy Mann, Seconded by Jean McDonald

b. Vice- Chairperson – Carol Mackie - Nominated by Stevie Murray, Seconded by Alex Dixon

c. Secretary – Stevie Murray Nominated by Jimmy Mann, Seconded by Alex Dixon

d. Treasurer – George Kinnell - Nominated by Stevie Murray, Seconded by Jimmy Mann

5. Treasurers Report

Gk circulated copies of the accounts to March 31st 2016, he explained that these were currently with the Accountants. These show that the General Account = £2,583.83 and the Special Projects = £3541.39 (Jubilee Park). GK explained that signed copies would be circulated for the January meeting.

SM asked that the accounts should be up the annual meeting, not the end of the financial year. The decision to move the audit date was taken by the previous office bearers with no discussion with the community council and no consideration to the impact on the annual meeting timescale.

Action

GK to arrange for accounts to be audited to the end of the calendar year to link in with the annual meeting date.



6. Representatives to external groups

- a. **4 Winds Development Trust** – Although the selection of Trustees is linked to the election of community councillors the following reps were confirmed
 - i. **Stevie Murray and Brian Schulz**
- b. **Mossmorran Safety Liason committee – Jimmy Mann**
- c. **Public Park Group** - JMc stood down from the group, AD asked to join. Confirmation sought whether GK would continue on the group as a representative from the LCDF? GK confirmed he would be. SM to seek volunteers and to participate in the group. Community Council reps on the group confirmed as
 - i. **Stevie Murray, Tam Durham, Jimmy Mann, Alex Dixon & one other to be confirmed**
- d. **Lochore Meadows Advisory board – George Kinnell**

7. AOB

- a. SM proposed that the start time of the monthly meetings be changed to 6.30pm. The meetings would run from 6.30 – 8.30 pm. **Agreed**
- b. BS asked for questions from MOP – **No questions**

Monthly meeting

8. Minutes of previous meeting

Proposed as accurate - JMa, Seconded TD

9. Matters Arising

No matters

10. Financial Matters

GK advised

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

Finance report approved.

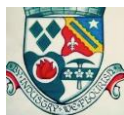
Actions

GK to arrange for accounts to be issued and audited to end of the calendar year

11. 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. Of note across Lochgelly boundary was the application to change one of the industrial units on Auchterderran road into a Gym.
Exxon Mobile	Invitation to Burns Supper	Pass onto Old Folks Reunion Committee and Wilson Bruce Court residents
Hazel Cross	Invitation to SURF awards	Circulated to Community Councillors
Heather McIlroy	Request for information about next meeting date	Date and time provided
Emma Silvey(NHS Fife)	Copy of email sent about site visit for possible health centre building	noted
David Bishop (Scottish Government)	Response to Health Centre Campaign letter. Advising that NHS consultation exercise	Circulated to Community Councillors
Jennifer Kerr	West Area Planning Committee notification	Circulated to community Councillors
Chris Broome	Acknowledgement of the LCC letter regarding lack of advisory group meetings covering Lochore Meadows country park	Circulated to community Councillors
Stuart Duffy LGBT	Invitation to an LGBT awareness event	Circulated to Community Councillors and added to social media page
Emma Palmer (Fife Council)	Invite to Community Resilience awareness event, 20 th January 2017	Seek nominations



Jennifer Kerr (Fife Council)	West Fife Area Common Good sub-committee meeting agenda and minutes	Circulated to Community Councillors
Jayne Baxter	Invite to Brexit discussion on 5 th December 2016	Noted
Stevie Murray (4 Winds Trust)	Copies of notes from 2016 4 Winds Trust meetings	Added to LCC community council website page
Gillian Smith (Fife Council)	Information relating to changes to bus services in Fife	No effect to services in Lochgelly route. Circulated to Community Councillors
Laura McDonald	Request for more information regarding Public Park development.	Passed to Public Park group. Response provided.
Gordon Robertson	Edinburgh Airport development consultation document	Circulate to Community Councillors
Lynn Kelter (Fife Council)	Copies of Mossmorran Air Quality monitoring group agenda and minutes	Circulated to Community Councillors and added to Community Council website.
Iona Jones (Benarty CC)	Invite to attend their Community Council meeting on 12 th January 2017.	SM and CM to attend if possible.
Catherine Cubbitt (Mossmorran Shell)	Invite for 70 Senior Citizens to attend Burns Supper on Thursday 19 th January 2017. 1.30 – 4pm	Liaise with Old Folks reunion group, Wilson Bruce Court old folks home and publicise any spare through media channels.

BS asked if there were any questions relating to the communications received, there were none. Communication list to be circulated to community councillors.

12. Groups which CC attend

a. Health Centre

BS advised that the next meeting of the sub-committee would be arranged for early 2017. SM encouraged members of the council to send the template letters to the minister. If we are to achieve a new facility then it is vital that the pressure is maintained. We are aware that there is budget savings proposed, part of which is due to a £6 million overspend in prescription medication. Our proposals to have a new health centre which can accommodate a wider range of professionals then the more likely that patients will get the type of support they need and as a consequence reduce costs associated with prescriptions. Finally, whilst it is evident that this is not a political campaign we need to ensure that the all candidates in the local government elections are fully committed to supporting the need for a new health centre.



JMc complained about the lack of specialist services in the Health Centre. SM responded that this is part of the problem with the existing premises. LE and JM highlighted that the recent consultation meetings arranged by the NHS were very poorly handled and it felt that they were intentionally attempting to put communities against one another. The land is available in the town from the Council for a new centre, the recent report confirmed that the building isn't suitable which everyone who is interested in the town knows.

b. Public Park Improvement group

SM confirmed that the development of the Community Garden development was still on track for Spring 2017 as planned. There had been delays in getting quotes from Transportation services.

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 next meeting is scheduled for 30th January and will be the annual meeting, it is hoped to link this in with a meeting with the local football teams about the football hub. The accounts have been passed onto Margaret King (CLD) who has agreed to get them audited for the group.

c. Mossmorran Safety Liaison Committee

No meeting held. JM noted that the minutes from the Air Quality monitoring group from January 2016 had recorded the Community Councils complaints. They also raised issues about the number of complaints received about the subject. This showed that, despite suggestions otherwise, we were raising this problem at every opportunity.

Alex Sharp had passed on thanks from the Old Folks reunion committee for the pantomime tickets, JMc also expressed thanks from the senior citizens who had attended.

Action:

SM to write to Mossmorran thanking them on behalf of the senior citizens

d. 4 Wind Development Trust

The last meeting of the group was on Monday 28th November where over £8000 had been awarded to community groups. Currently there is over £77k available from community groups across the four areas. SM reminded everyone that the process is application led and is dependent on the groups applying for grants this influences where the funds are distributed. Information relating to the 4 Winds Trust is also available on the Community Council website.



e. Lochore Meadows Advisory Board

GK advised that he had attended recent public meetings about the proposed new facility in the Meadows. GK advised that the main complaints were about the lack of public consultation on the plans, which had been recorded in the Community Councils letter to Chris Broome.

SM proposed that the Community Council supports the campaign for facilities which are suitable for the location, seconded by CM. Carried.

13. Councillors Report

Councillor Erskine reported on a number of areas which she had been working on over the previous 4 weeks. These included

- Attendance at the SURF Awards – LE congratulated all of the local volunteers and officers for their efforts in making this award possible. The judges were particularly impressed by the Town House refurbishment.
- Executive Director and Lochgelly West PS headteacher recruitment
- Integrated Health Board savings proposals which include direct attacks on the terms and conditions of employees
- Play Park audit should be completed in January 2017
- Increase in the number of extensions to properties without planning permission
- Walkabout planned for January, if there are particular areas where the Community Council want checked they should let her know
- Attended the recent public meetings in Lochore along with Mark Hood who attended as the Area Committee chair
- Bus Service changes – number 34 service changes, which takes people to the Corrie Centre, this has stopped them being able to attend.

Questions

- a. SM asked what action had been taken to address the problems raised a couple of meetings back regarding the footpath under the railway bridge? Cllr Erskine to contact Transportation about this matter.

14. AOCB

- a. No questions from the member of public in attendance
- b. Date of next meeting – **Wednesday 11th January 2017 at 6.30 pm in the 385 Social Club**

