

**Lochgelly Community Council**  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017**  
**385 Social Club**

**1. Present:** Brian Schulz (BS), Alan Gardiner (AG), Stevie Murray (SM) George Kinnell (GK), Jimmy Mann (JMa), Raymond Wilson (RW), Davie Hemseed (DH), Jon Magee (JM) and Jean McDonald (JMC)

**Apologies:** Jim Haddow, Carol Mackie, Tam Durham & Billy Baxter.

**Councillors Present:** Councillor Linda Erskine (LE) & Councillor Mark Hood (MH)

**2. Minutes of previous meeting**

Proposed as accurate - JMa, Seconded RW

**3. Matters Arising**

Footpath under railway station bridge. MH advised that he had been advised that netting was to be added although not aware of when this is scheduled. LE to chase this up.

**4. Financial Matters**

GK advised

- General Account = £1,925
- Special Projects = £3541.39 (Jubilee Park)

GK highlighted that there are difficulties with the delay in Fife Council submitting invoices so late. This makes it difficult to account for, the last invoice was for 2015. There is also problems with the breakdown contained within the report.

DH asked whether the annual grant had been claimed yet? GK confirmed that it had.

SM asked about the invoice from Fife Council relating to printing material? GK advised that this was a previous campaign run by the Community Council and had been for leaflets and posters.

Finance report approved.

**Actions**

GK to circulate annual accounts to all Community Councillors

GK to arrange expected expenditure for the year spend

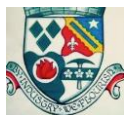
GK to contact Fife Council about the delays in receiving invoices and there content

**5. 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 for the Skate Park in the Public Park
Kevin Sayer (Fife Council)	Oor bit Evaluation	Circulated to Community Councillors
Karen O'Donnell	Notification of Mossmorran Air Quality Monitoring group meeting.	Passed onto Jimmy Mann and clarity sought about whether we attend this group or whether the note is for information only.
Emma Pilmer (Fife Council)	Community Resilience bulletin	Noted
Jenni Whittle (Fife Council)	Barriers to community engagement in the Scottish planning process consultation	Circulated to Community Councillors and added to website
Debbie Cassells (Fife Council)	Notification of community council insurance renewal	Passed onto George Kinnell (Treasurer)
Lynn Kelter (Fife Council)	Change of meeting date for the Mossmorran Air Quality Monitoring group meeting.	Passed onto Jimmy Mann
Brian Mottershaw (Dalgety Bay Players)	20 Tickets for Senior Citizens to attend their show	Passed onto Old Folks Reunion Committee

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



## **6. Groups which CC attend**

### **a. Health Centre**

BS advised that Community Council representatives had been invited to attend the second options appraisal meeting scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> January. He would arrange a meeting of the health centre sub group before then.

MH advised that it appears that there is general acceptance now from the NHS that Lochgelly needs a new facility, although they haven't committed anything to this. They had looked at possible sites across the town. This would need to include proper infrastructure to allow people to gain access using public transport.

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

No meeting this year. Next meeting scheduled for 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017

SM advised that there had been a quote received from Fife Council regarding the community garden. This included work on ensuring accessibility for all users, including a new footpath from Johnstone Crescent side and replacement of all the kerbing surrounding the two levels. The next meeting of the group was scheduled to be a general meeting, the accounts are with Margaret King to arrange for auditing. MH asked to add the football hub discussions onto the end of the general business and to invite local football team representatives along.

## **Action**

**SM to contact Peter Duncan about this matter**

### **c. Mossmorran Safety Liaison Committee**

No meetings since previous community council meeting

### **d. 4 Wind Development Trust**

No meetings since previous community council meeting. Date of next meeting scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017

### **e. Lochore Meadows Advisory Board**

No meetings since previous community council meeting



## 7. Councillors Report

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

- Appointment of Head Teacher at Lochgelly West PS
- Supporting the Brass Band fundraising events
- The report on the subsidised public transport in central Fife has been completed, all routes have been maintained.
- The staff who provided the summer play scheme supporting vulnerable families to ensure that children received meals during holiday periods went above and beyond the call of duty. They had arranged for the service to be provided during the Christmas break.
- Across the ward there are 40% of household in housing arrears. Discussions are ongoing with Council Officers on how to manage this problem and support tenants to repay arrears.
- 2700 Social Houses completed and handed over in the last 12 months. They are pressing for other sights to be marked for development.
- Fife Council have located the Town House bell and have suggested that the Community Council discuss options for locating the bell with the Heritage Group.
- The Dial-a-ride bus service would be maintained, despite some suggestions that it would be withdrawn.
- Working with Fife Council Officers to address the problems of Fly tipping in the town.

### Questions of LE report

- a. JM asked whether the bell could be located in the new Rockgelly building? LE advised that the two groups could discuss this option.
- b. JM highlighted that the war memorial was in need of repair.
- c. DH added that there is a grant scheme available for the repairs and maintenance of war memorials. MH would pick these points up in his report.

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

- The survey of all the local war memorials has been completed. They have applied for funding to carry out the remedial work needed across Fife, including Lochgelly. The application is from the war memorial grant society. MH to send the final report to the Community Council.
- The last meeting of the Lochore Meadows advisory group was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> December. MH will circulate the briefing to the Community Council. This included the pre-demolition work which was required prior to the complete demolition. There hasn't been any contract awarded for this as yet to demolish the existing building.
- He has met with Environmental Safety Officers in the area to look at the increasing problem of dog fouling in the town. They are looking to engage the local primary schools to commence with a wider project on this problem.
- There are problems with GP appointments across the town. The problem is recognised as being caused by a number of factors including the lack of GP's. They will be working with the NHS to identify possible solutions although it is linked to the Community Councils campaign for a new health centre.



## Questions of MH report

- d. GK confirmed that there had been a meeting of the advisory group on the 16<sup>th</sup> December. He sought confirmation that Lochgelly Community Council position was that we supported the call for a new facility and to support Benarty's position that the plans were inadequate. BS and JMCD advised that this wasn't the community council's position. GK asked SM what the position was, SM advised that as agreed at the previous meeting we support the campaign for a new facility in Lochore Meadows.
- e. JMCD asked about the shortage of GP's and the problems with older people waiting outside the practice.
- f. DH added that Berry Street had been identified previously and that this is the best location. MH responded The NHS had looked at various sites, taking on board the feedback from the Community Council. There are some issues with the ground in Berry Street which will have to be dealt with if that they agree that we need a new centre and chose this location. MH added that the GP posts are being advertised, but that no-one is applying. SM stated that the local MSP, supporting the Community Council campaign at one of the public meetings, had commented that their experience of the new health centre in Glenrothes was that where there were decent facilities then there is correlation with the increase in GP's applying to work there. This adds more weight to our call for new facilities which deal with the causes of the problems and not only the symptoms.

## 8. AOCB

- a. No questions from the member of public in attendance
- b. DH asked about some of press articles 'slagging' off Community Councillors. Commenting that he should understand how hard the role and the view that they had failed to carry the role out properly when they were involved.
- c. JM complained that there are still vans and cars accessing the park area through the footpath on Auchterderran road. SM to contact Fife Council about this.
- d. SM advised that he hadn't had any response from Community Councillor John King and advised that he would write to him seeking confirmation on whether he wished to continue in this role or not in line with guidance.
- e. BS closed the meeting by explaining that this was Jon Magee's final meeting with the Community Council. He is moving onto new challenges within the Baptist Church. BS expressed his thanks and gratitude's to Jon for his commitment to the town and the work he had carried out. Jon thanked everyone for their support and wished the Community Council all of the very best for the future. SM to publicise the vacancy and outline the role of the Community Council as a statutory function.
- f. Date of next meeting – **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 6.30 pm in the 385 Social Club**

