

Lochgelly Community Council
Wednesday 8th February 2017
385 Social Club

1. Present: Brian Schulz (BS), Carol Mackie (CM), Alan Gardiner (AG), Stevie Murray (SM), George Kinnell (GK), Jimmy Mann (JMa), Davie Hemseed (DH), and Jean McDonald (JMC)

Apologies: Raymond Wilson, Jim Haddow, Tam Durham & Billy Baxter.

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

2. JM raised a point of order seeking confirmation whether it is permissible for the meeting to be recorded without attendees' knowledge and to then produce edited versions online without permission. JMC added that she had been told that two meetings had been recorded and edited so that it appeared to be from one meeting.

BS advised that it wasn't illegal to record public meetings although there is a responsibility on the individual recording it to inform all of those present. Those in attendance have the legal entitlement to be provided with an unedited copy of the recording should they wish so long as the request is made in writing to the person recording the meeting.

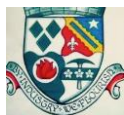
3. Presentation(s)

Lesley Hyndman (NHS Fife) gave a very informative presentation on the development of the assessment plan for the new health centre. LH explained that there are 4 stages in the process, Strategic Assessment which was completed in March 2016, Initial agreement which confirms the benefits and agreements, Outline Business Case and Standard Business Case. They need to be successful in their capital funding bid to help prepare for each stage. There have been two workshops held including representatives from the community council which allowed them to prepare the option appraisal. The Option appraisal will look at Physical Structures, Accessibility, Flexibility in its usage, Strategy delivery and Community Benefit. After the assessment Francis Street was their preferred site, LH reinforced though that there was still a great deal of work to be done.

The next stages are finalise costings associated with the project, submit capital investment plan to the relevant boards and Scottish Government, the planning and public consultation process before any work could potentially start.

JMc asked how long the build would take? LH responded that the builds don't usually take that long once they start. In reality though it is potentially 2019 before the work would start and be completed.

DH advised that when the houses were knocked down the land was stabilised.



LE asked about the committee stages involved in this process? LH advised that the NHS would have the ability to approve the plans, the HSC Partnership would have a say on the project progressing however the funding needs to be provided by the Scottish Government.

SM expressed disappointment that the project was delayed to the extent that it had been, the delays in the process are impacting on the people of Lochgelly as well as the surrounding towns who use the facility. The creation of a health hub would allow support to be provided for multiple health problems, physical and mental. It would free up GP time as well through the appropriate treatment being provided following triage.

BS on behalf of the Community Council, thanked Lesley for her time and advised that they would look to invite her to future meetings.

PC Brittany Primeau (Police Scotland) provided an update on Police Scotland activities since the last meeting. 500 calls from December 1st, 72 crimes recorded, 21 undetected. These are for various offences.

They have been working with Schools and Care Homes in the area to talk about their work in the communities. The subjects range from home safety to bicycle maintenance and safety. Over the last few weeks they have been in discussions with shop owners about the sale of alcohol to underage people. They have been patrolling the Public Park, although the largest problems have occurred in Dunfermline where they have been deployed to.

DH asked about the number of Police Officers allocated to Fife? There is a continual recruitment drive and there are new recruits progressing through the college.

DH asked if there was any truth in the suggestion that the damage caused by a vehicle in the Public Park was a Police Patrol Car? BP advised that she had heard of this and was attempting to contact the relevant Officer who was on duty that night.

CM asked about the illegal dumping of tyres across the town? BP would need to investigate this further and respond.

BS thanked BP for her time this evening and the information provided.

4. Minutes of previous meeting

JMa advised that it was JM who had highlighted the need to repair the war memorial not himself, agreed to amendment

Proposed as accurate - JMa, Seconded DH



5. Matters Arising

- (a) Footpath under railway Station Bridge has been cleaned and is part of an ongoing maintenance.
- (b) SM advised that Craig Dempsey had submitted his nomination for the vacant position. SM proposed that we Craig is appointed to the community council as a full member, CM seconded.
- (c) SM advised that John King hadn't responded about his participation in the Community Council. Therefore in line with section 8.3(d) of the Scheme of Establishment he will cease to be a member of the Community Council. SM to confirm this in writing to JK and to Fife Council. DH proposed that the vacancy to be opened up for public interest and seek nominations.
- (d) SM advised that he had had a very productive meeting with Helen Ross from the Heritage group about the town house bell. He advised that the preference would be to locate it close by the town house, possibly in the square behind the building. It could also be situated at the Centre where more people would see it and link it into the heritage walk.

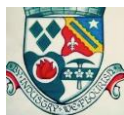
6. Financial Matters

GK advised

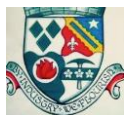
- General Account = £1,925 which includes the annual grant of £1258 for 2017
- Special Projects = £3541.39 (Jubilee Park)

Finance report approved.

7. 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. 109 new houses planned for vacant land on the Avenue.
Lynn Kelter (Fife Council)	Change of meeting date for the Mossmorran Air Quality Monitoring group meeting.	Passed onto Jimmy Mann
Catherine Cubbitt (Mossmorran)	Information relating to Burns Supper arrangements	Notification provided to attendees
Callum Boath Home (Energy Scotland)	Seeking invite to attend future Community Council Meeting	Agreed attendance at March Meeting.
Craig Dempsey	Expressing interest in vacancy on Community Council	To be dealt with under matters arising on agenda
Christine McGraith (LCDF)	Advising that George Kinnell was not a representative of the LCDF on the Public Park Improvement group.	Responded advising that GK wasn't a rep on the PPIG from the community council and it was assumed it was the LCDF. GK to confirm what voluntary group he is a representative from.
Lorraine King (NHS Fife)	Notification of Option appraisal meeting	Passed onto relevant group
Stevie Murray (4 Winds Development Trust)	Notification of members annual meeting scheduled for 20 th February, Lumphinnans Bowling Club at 6pm	Members of the Community Council are invited to attend, please confirm how many will be attending for seating arrangements.
Lorna Thompson (Office Manager for conservative list MSPs for the area)	Seeking information about any local campaigns and issues which the Community Council are involved with.	Passed details of the Campaign for a new health centre and sought their support on this issue.
David Campbell (Fife Council)	Notification of St Andrews University plans for a new building in Lochore Meadows. Seeking any comments at our next meeting	Circulated to Community Councillor's



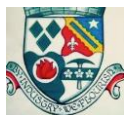
Cllr Linda Erskine	Information about road closure in New Farm Vale area	Added to Community Council social media platform
Kevin Sayer (Fife Council)	Invitation to 'Let talk about Fife's Future' events	Circulated to Community Councillors
Beth Flynn (Fife Council)	Invitation to transport Scotlands Rail Infrastructure strategy consultation	Circulated to Community Councillors.
Helen Ross (Lochgelly Heritage Forum)	Information relating to site visit for Town House bell	Noted
Hazel Cross (Fife Council)	Information relating to the Town House Bell and storage pending its refurbishment.	Discussions ongoing with the Heritage Group
Alex Rowley (MSP)	Parliamentary newsletter	Circulated at meeting
Gordon Robertson (Edinburgh Airport)	Notification of 2 nd consultation on airspace changes	Circulated to Community Councillors
Kathy Hamilton (Fife Voluntary Action)	Looking for an invite to attend a future Community Council meeting to talk about Mentors in the workplace.	Possibly invite for the April meeting

BS asked if there were any questions relating to the communications received, there were none.

8. Groups which CC attend

a. Health Centre

Dealt with during the presentation. SM advised that the group had met following the last option appraisal meeting and were pleased at the positive steps made. There was a press release issued following this meeting which outlined the need to remain focused on progressing with the campaign until funding and further assurances was provided.



b. Public Park Improvement group

SM advised that the group had held their annual meeting on the 30th January. He was elected as the Chairperson and Secretary, JMa was elected as the Treasurer. Plans are in place for the Community Garden to commence at the end of February, this will include the path from Johnstone Crescent to allow full accessibility. This would be completed by late spring for summer planting, the intention would be to invite the schools to participate in this project. St Patricks had previously advised that they would like to get involved.

There is increasing concern about the level of anti-social behaviour at the weekends, discussions had been held with the local community officer about the sale of alcohol to and for underage people. They, in turn, had been in contact with all of the local retailers about this problem to remind them of their legal responsibilities. There are some calls for the shelter to be removed which can be looked at, however we have asked the Community Worker to look at what options are available for young people.

The Community Council discussed the problem of irresponsible dog owners not clearing up after their dogs. One council in England has commenced with a project whereby they fine dog owners who don't have dog bags with them. All agreed that we need to raise awareness of this problem and its effect on the area.

SM had contacted Peter Duncan about vehicles accessing the park from Auchterderran Road, it had been suggested that these were from the plots. GK suggested that Growing in Lochgelly would place a raised flower bed in the area to help block the access.

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 20th February 2017, this is a Member meeting and all community councillors from the 4 areas covered by the Trust are entitled to attend. SM asked that if anyone wishes to attend they let him know for numbers.

e. Lochore Meadows Advisory Board

No meetings since previous community council meeting, the next meeting is 17th February 2017.



9. Councillors Report

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

- Problems with the number of spaces in Nurseries for the local children. This is being raised through the Council
- LHS are celebrating 30 years this year
- Heritage Group linking with the groups in Benarty and Cardenden
- Changes to education provision at Mountflurie and Crossgates. No discussions with parents or elected members
- Recent walkabout around Lochgelly highlighted a number of problems with tenants dumping rubbish from their houses in Lumphinnans road flats.
- Youth Club started in the Centre following the funding from Oor Bit
- Discussions with the managers of the Cemetery relating to traffic management both inside the facility and parking on the main road.
- Working with the local MP, Roger Mullin to support families affected by the benefit attacks
- The Executive Committee decision to progress with the Lochore Meadows new build. They had also agreed that a report be prepared for the Scrutiny Committee on the process involved in this exercise.

Questions of LE report

- a. JMa asked that the problem with changing the style of bins at Lumphinnans road flats would be with the vehicles accessing them.
- b. JMC asked about the Council budgets and how this will impact on employees and the people across the town. LE advised that they are trying to develop a budget which will minimise the effect on the front-line services, however the level of budget reductions makes this almost impossible.

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

- Liaising with the Community Safety groups in Rosyth who have commenced with a campaign to tackle dog fouling. This would be extended to Lochgelly area.
- Identifying areas for social housing across the town and surrounding areas
- Holding discussions with Council Officers to progress with the Community Council's call for the Fab-Tek area to be regenerated.
- Met with Planning Officers about the submission of the plan for 109 Houses on the avenue. This was to ensure that the problems that occurred at New Farm Vale don't reoccur on this project. They needed to ensure that there was greater monitoring of compliance and that the section 75 requirements were fully met. This would potentially mean extra monies for improving the public park.

Questions of MH report

- a. DH asked about the problems with the drains on Bank Street outside the undertakers. MH will contact Transportation services about this problem.

10. AOCB

- a. No questions from the members of public in attendance
- b. Date of next meeting – **Wednesday 8th March 2017 at 6.30 pm in the 385 Social Club**

