

Lochgelly Community Council
Wednesday 10th May 2017
385 Social Club

1. Present: Brian Schulz (BS), Alan Gardiner (AG), Stevie Murray (SM), George Kinnell (GK), Jimmy Mann (JMa), Carol Mackie (CM) Raymond Wilson (RW) Davie Hemseed (DH), Tam Durham (TD), Craig Dempsey (CD) and Jean McDonald (JMC)

Apologies: George Kinnell, Jim Haddow, & Billy Baxter.

Councillors Present: Councillor Linda Erskine (LE)

2. Presentation(s)

Lorraine Mullen (Fife Council, Community Education Worker) provided an overview of the work undertaken in the area. They cover the whole ward, they are trying to establish a base in the town which would make it easier to raise engagement. Lorraine has attended several meetings in the area including the Heritage group and will be attending the Gala Committee meeting. They have created a Youth Club in the Centre on a Tuesday evening which has between 25-30 youngsters attending. They also have a junior club which has about 12-15 children attending. They are looking at setting up the Youth Club on a Friday night as well.

Lorraine advised that she is aware of the anti-social behaviour in the Public Park and wants to work with the local Police and CC to address this issue. Unfortunately it isn't unique to the town and occurs across many areas. They will need to look at how to manage the distribution of alcohol to youngsters and engage with them on what support is required to give them something different to do.

They also work on Adult learning projects and capacity building in the town which includes developing and building capacity in the area.

Questions

CM – Will there be any clubs formed for younger primary age children?

LM – They are looking at this type of project

DH – Have you looked at using the Town Hall as a base?

LM - Explained that the town hall doesn't have the IT infrastructure needed to support an office accommodation.

TD – Do you think that removing the shelter adds to the problems in the Park?

LM – No, moving the shelter would move the problems to other areas. Tackling the problem is what Community Education want to achieve.

CD – A lot of damage is caused to properties surrounding the park at the weekend, what type of action can be taken to help deal with this issue?

RW – the whole town suffers as a result of the behaviour with what they do when they leave the park?

LM – The alternative options include looking at re-instating the Blue Light discos in the town, this may help in some way. Also looking at possible buildings that the young people can use, in a more supervised environment.



BS thanked Lorraine on behalf of the Community Council for his contribution tonight and opened the invitation to attend future Community Council meetings.

Police Scotland

Written report submitted advising that the local Police Officers had been working with the local Primary and Secondary schools. They are away with children from Lochgelly West PS children for the weekend to Dalguise.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Proposed as accurate - JM, Seconded CD

4. Matters Arising

- (a) SM advised that he had been contacted by Fife Council about the Pavilion lease. The suggestion that there was problems with electrical work not being authorised and that this effected the lease agreement. SM advised that he had responded advising that he hoped the problem could be fixed and that it would be disappointing if The Gym was unable to progress with their plans.
- (b) DH highlighted that he hadn't mentioned smashing a single bottle when talking about the park.
- (c) LE advised that the minutes from the March meeting had recorded that there was no money in the common good fund, this wasn't what was said. She had reported that there was no interest shown, monetary terms. She was still seeking a report from the relevant Council Officer.
- (d) BS advised that he had been contacted following the previous meeting about the discussion about the problem raised by GK about the LCDF and Gala Committee. Helen Ross from the LCDF had been advised that the Community Council agreed to investigate the allegations made by GK (transfer of funds & community shop income distribution). BS had advised Helen that this was factually incorrect and that they had been lied to. The Community Council had advised GK that this was not a matter that we would get involved with and that we hoped that the two groups could sort the issues out. He had thought that Helen was attending tonight so that this could be reiterated.
- (e) RW advised that they had discussed the funding issue had been explained to them by LE and they were happy with the reply.

5. Financial Matters

GK advised

- General Account = £3,581.55 (this includes £500 floral grant decoration)
- Special Projects = £3541.39 (Jubilee Park)

SM advised that he had contacted Stephen Duffy (Streets, Parks and Open Spaces) about the outstanding invoices. Still no response to the apparent 2015 outstanding invoice. SM advised that he wasn't aware of what was happening with the special project fund which was earmarked for the Jubilee Park. LE to liaise with the residents association.

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. Of note to the town was the application to change the types of houses on land adjacent to the Avenue and the approval of the golf course on land west of Loch Gelly.
Kevin Sayer	Notification of event charting the history of coal mining in our communities	Circulated to community councillors and the Heritage Committee.
David Campbell (Fife Council)	Acknowledging the Community Councils agreement to the lease of the Pavilion to community group.	Noted
Stephen Duffy (Fife Council)	Notification of site visits for heritage trail sign posts	Noted
Beth Campbell (Fife Council)	Providing advice relating to the Community Council's manifesto campaign.	Noted. Articles published online and in the local press.
James Mann	Copy of response to complaints about community councillors. No substance found in the allegations, misrepresented the LCC stance on the development of the lochore meadows facility. No exclusion of Fife Council employees from participating in community activities.	Circulated to Community Councillors.
Kevin Sayer David Campbell (Fife Council)	Notice of end of lease arrangement for the Pavilion. Issues relating to unauthorised alterations to electricity. Seeking views on future usage of the facility.	Requested information relating to the costs associated with repairs. Expressed disappointment that the facility will not be used.
Brittany Primeu (Police Scotland)	Invitation for 2 delegates from the community council to attend the Crime Prevention panel AGM 25 th May	Circulated to Community Councillors for expressions of interest



William Shand (Fife Council)	Notification that a 18 hole golf course on land west of Loch Gelly opposite Westerton Farm. Community Council had previously objected to the proposal.	Circulated to Community Councillors.
Rosemary Liewald	Introducing herself and looking for CC meeting dates	Responded advising of meeting dates, venue and times. Advised of correct contact email address.
Hazel Cross (Fife Council)	Confirmation of temporary removal of pillar and gate at St.Andrews Church to allow development work.	Noted
Heritage Group	Copy of outline proposals for the new heritage centre	Noted, need to request appendix 1 which was missing from the pack.

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

DH has there been any communication about work on the old Ironmongers shop on Main Street? No, not heard of any work.

JM asked about the work on Rockgelly, has this also been on the war memorial? No, but we are aware that work was due to be done on the memorials in the area.

JM Who owns the Pavilion? So far as we know the land that it is on belongs to Lochgelly and is part of the Common land assets.

JM advised that the complaint had already progressed to stage 2 as anticipated.

7. Groups which CC attend

a. Health Centre

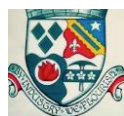
JMa advised that there hadn't been a meeting of the sub group. The NHS are still working up the proposals as advised during their presentation.

Agreed to contact them at the end of the month as this would link in with the timescales given previously.

b. Public Park Improvement group

SM advised that the work had been completed on the paths around the Community garden, turf would be getting laid over the next week or so. The trees had been planted surrounding the area. There had been a delay due to the dry spell that we were going through. The planters will be getting built over the next few weeks as well. SM advised that he had been clearing the park of rubbish on a Sunday morning and asked if LE could help with getting bags from the Council. LE would look into this.

JM asked about the costs associated with the Planters? SM advised that we had initially thought that this was included with the £29k allocated for developing the area, however this wasn't the case and we will need to fund these from existing money.



TD advised that there had been a lot of positive feedback about the development of the park.

Mossmorran Safety Liaison Committee

JM advised that there hadn't been a meeting since the previous CC.

c. 4 Wind Development Trust

SM advised that the next meeting of the Trustees is scheduled for 22nd May 2017.

d. Lochore Meadows Advisory Board

No meeting of the group. SM advised that the minutes of these meetings still hadn't been passed onto the Community Council by GK.

8. Councillors Report - BS proposed, given that we have potential for 4 Councillors attending meetings that all reports must be in writing and passed onto the Secretary at least 3 days prior to the meeting. Agreed, SM to notify Councillors accordingly.

LE written report circulated

Supporting Constituents

- Supporting a disabled constituent for appropriate housing allocation,
- Four families reported concerns with anti-social behavior, including one constituent has been subjected to a catalogue of intimidatory behaviour from a neighbour. As a result I have been working with housing, police and constituents.
- Business man dumped garden waste in Council property. Officer to deal with potential fine.

General issues

- Illegal and irresponsible dumping of waste, across the constituency is an issue,
- Dog fouling continues to be an issue across the ward,
- Local football team requiring assistance to have work completed by council,
- Local football team assisted in a clear up of dumped waste,
- Two empty properties in Lochgelly, one appears to have been vacant for 3 months which I have been pursuing the issue with housing,
- Removal of Podiatry service by the NHS has created numerous complaints,
- Surgery at the Sheltered Housing Complex,
- Dealing with potential loss of disabled vehicle for community centres.

Community Groups support

- Tenants & residents group, main issues are lack of suitable housing, the need for more investment in the local community,
- Daffodill tea fundraising for Cardenden environment group



- Joint meeting of Heritage Groups chaired by Lochgelly CDF group to commence the development of the plan for the Happyland heritage project
- Working with Cardenden environment group and interested constituents to develop the playpark strategy.

Questions of LE report

- JMC asked about the removal of the Podiatry services in the town? LE advised that she had been contacted by several constituents about this problem and would be taking it up with the NHS. General discussion took place about the problems associated with the removal of this service to the town.

9. AOCB

- No questions from the members of public.
- JMC asked about the problems of parking at the cross? SM advised that this had been raised in the press article, agreed to raise this with the local police.
- TD reported that the problems which occurred previously accessing the cemetery were happening again. Access blocked and gates locked. Agreed to contact the relevant Council Services about this.
groups.
- DH highlighted that the latest complaint against community councillors had been investigated from the same member of the public, should the CC not be making a fuller public response. AG asked whether the content was libellous or not? Highlighting that Alex Sharp was a Community Councillor and an employee of the council at one point. TD advised that it isn't worth wasting anytime responding to the complainant, it would simply lead to a tit for tat debate.
- Date of next meeting – **Wednesday 14th June 2017 at 6.30 pm in the 385 Social Club**

