

Lochgelly Community Council
Wednesday 13th September 2017
385 Social Club

1. Present: Brian Schulz (BS), Tam Durham (TD), Stevie Murray (SM) Alan Gardiner (AG), Jimmy Mann (JMa), Raymond Wilson (RW), Craig Dempsey (CD) Mark Hood (MH) and Jean McDonald (JMC)

Apologies: Cllr Linda Erskine, George Kinnell, Carol Mackie, Jim Haddow, Alex Dixon & Billy Baxter.

Councillors Present: Councillor Mary Lockhart & Councillor Rosemary Liewald

BS opened the meeting by congratulating the Gala Committee on their fantastic efforts for this year's gala celebrations. It was one of the best events that the town has had for many years.

2. Presentation(s)

Hazel Cross Fife Council provided an update on the development of the Rockgelly project and the other projects across Lochgelly. The Rockgelly project will be run for social purposes, the facility will house different levels to accommodate different abilities.

There is an ongoing consultation on the area behind the building to see what can be done. The square area can include seating, flower or shrub bedding and so on. The consultation runs until the 30th September and has already included open events and discussions with local householders.

Questions

JMC – asked whether the building will block out sunlight?

HC – No, they have tested the location at various times of the day.

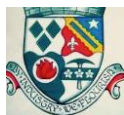
JMC – what level of feedback was provided from the householders?

HC – in the main the feedback was positive, some concerns about the possibility of youngsters congregating in the area behind the building but nothing too problematic.

SM – Is there any update on the old FabTek site? This remains one of the Community Council's main priorities and appears to be taking an eternity to progress.

HC – They recognise that this is one of the Community Council's priorities and will work with them to progress this issue. The problems associated with this being an old industrial unit are causing the main delays. The Company who own the site are aware of the need to discuss possible solutions, however there are significant costs associated with this type of reinstatement of land.

SM – In relation to the Rockgelly site, what considerations have the Council taken over parking?



HC – The initial response from Transportation was that other than a Sunday this area wasn't normally an issue, however they are actively looking at other facilities to see what parking options are available. One example is when there is a competition taking place that buses can park at the High School and the competitors can be shuttled to and from the building.

MH - is there anything that the CC can do to progress the FabTek issue?

HC - The Council will keep you informed of progress, however possibly looking at ideas for the site would help.

MH – Is the funding still in place for the rockgelly project?

HC - yes all the capital and operational funds are in place. They wont need to retender for any of the work, unless it exceeds specific amounts.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Proposed as accurate - JM, Seconded AG

SM noted that Davie Hemseed had taken the decision to retire from the Community Council. Davie was the longest serving member of the CC and has dedicated the best part of three decades to support the work of the Community. SM will prepare a revised press release seeking a replacement, it was recognised that there is a need to encourage a greater gender balance on the council.

4. Matters Arising

(a) None

5. Financial Matters

£3,551.55 in the accounts, as the Treasurer has again submitted apologies, these figures cannot be scrutinised. BS to liaise with George Kinnell about future attendance.

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.
Fife Council	Information relating to seeking representatives for NHS working group looking at GP services	Circulated to Community Councillors
Fife Council	Seeking views on street names for the new housing estate next to the Avenue	Added to website and circulated to Community Councillors. Responded with the following suggestions Joe Temperley Crescent Happyland View Jenny Gray Place
Fife Council Licensing	Renewal of licence for McColls shops on Lumphinnians Road and North street for the sale of alcohol between 10am and 10pm.	Noted
Police Scotland	Notification of possible spaces for community speed watch training course	Added to facebook and website
Fife Council	Copies of development plan scheme	Circulated to Community Councillors and added to website
Fife Council	Notification of community drop in event to consult on the development of Rockgelly, the new climbing facility.	Added to website and facebook pages. Circulated to Community Councillors.
Michael Kordes (Student)	Looking for information relating to Lochgelly Charrette	Passed onto Mark Hood, closest CC involved in the project.
Stevie Murray (4 Winds Trust)	Copies of approved minutes and annual accounts	Added to website



Kevin Sayer (Fife Council)	Information relating to public drop in event relating to boatshed development	Circulated to CC
Hazel Cross (Fife Council)	Notification of filming event related to the SURF awards.	Noted, volunteer may be required.
Simon Jeynes (Fife Council)	Notification of removal of bin calendars as a result of budget reductions	Added to facebook and circulated to CC
Lochgelly Heritage Group	Invitation to opening of the Heritage Trail, Thursday 28 th September, 1100 Public Park	Jean McDonald will attend.

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

7. Groups which CC attend

a. Health Centre

JMa advised that there hadn't been a meeting of the sub group. Although confirmation about the preferred site had been publicised. Agreed to contact local MSP's to get their support for the project.

b. Public Park Improvement group

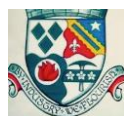
No meeting of the sub-group, however general discussion took place relating the length of time that work is taking to complete. Additionally, the increase in problems associated with the mess left at the weekends.

Mossmorran Safety Liaison Committee

JM advised that the Mossmorran air quality monitoring group had met, he had challenged the company representatives about the impact that the flaring has on the local communities and that the communities would expect the outcome from SEPA investigation into the plant to be made public. Alex Rowley, MSP requested that a separate investigation be carried out and the HSE are also carrying out an investigation.

c. 4 Wind Development Trust

SM advised that the annual accounts had been audited and approved by OSCR. SM advised that the Trust had awarded £13k to various groups at their previous meeting. The next meeting of the group is scheduled for 21st November 2017.



d. **Lochore Meadows Advisory Board**

No meeting of the group. Discussion took place that the group had been disbanded and that the Council were looking to set up a separate group to oversee community participation.

8. Councillors Report - Must be submitted in advance of the meeting.

LE written report circulated

RL passed over a written report and spoke through the report.

Cllr Lockhart suggested that Councillors rotate attendance at the Community Council meeting. This would reduce time taken up on Councillors reports. SM highlighted that the purpose of requesting written reports was to reduce time but still allow sufficient time to scrutinise the work undertaken. However, if the Councillors wish to rotate then they can discuss the proposals and bring back suggestions to a future meeting.

9. AOCB

- a. No questions from the members of public.
- b. AG highlighted that the railings in Fraser Drive and Johnstone Crescent are becoming a safety concern as they are rotting away. Cllr Liewald agreed to investigate this issue.
- c. RW asked about housing allocations given concerns about a convicted sex offender being housed so close to a primary school. There have been a lot of discussions on social media about this problem and action needs to be taken to protect youngsters who are being placed at risk by housing allocations.
- d. BS highlighted that dog and horse fouling was an increasing problem in the town and hoped that the Council would take action to tackle the problem.
- e. SM highlighted the opening of nominations for COTY and YCOTY awards. The YCOTY award will be open to anyone 16 and under. Groups can be nominated, SM to publicise the nominations in local media and social media platforms.
- f. Date of next meeting – **Wednesday 11th October 2017 at 6.30 pm in the 385 Social Club**

