

**Lochgelly Community Council**  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017**  
**385 Social Club**

**1. Present:** Brian Schulz (BS), Alex Dixon (AD), Stevie Murray (SM) Alan Gardiner (AG), Jimmy Mann (JMa), Mark Hood (MH), George Kinnell (GK) Jean McDonald (JMc) and Tam Durham (TD). Lorraine Mullen Fife Council and Bailey Lee Scott MYSP were also in attendance.

**Apologies:** Craig Dempsey Cllr Linda Erskine Cllr Rosemary Liewald, Jim Haddow, Carol Mackie, Raymond Wilson & Billy Baxter.

**Councillors Present:** Councillor Mary Lockhart

BS welcomed all to this evening meeting

**2. Presentation(s)**

Andrew Saunders (Ore Valley Housing Association)

AS spoke about the ongoing discussions relating to the Fabtek site. He was aware that the Community Council had highlighted this as one of their priorities given the existing state of the buildings.

They are in dialogue with the current owners of the land about the level of work required for reinstatement and the costs associated with this. It would be Ore Valley HA preference to purchase the land and build social housing on it and have had their staff looking options and specification necessary to prepare for this. This is only speculative at this stage as a great deal of negotiations remain ongoing. If things do progress they would be looking to get proposals prepared for early next year for the district valuer to consider. This could then allow for fuller development of proposals over the course of 2018. If the land was secured then it would likely be 2019 before any real work commenced.

Andrew offered to attend future CC meetings to provide updates. BS asked if there were any questions.

JMa asked about the company that purchased the land, was this just a 'banking purchase'. AS advised that he wasn't sure although it was possible that they purchased the land without any desire to develop it.

BS thanked AS for his presentation and welcomed the offer for regular input into the Community Council.



## Police Scotland

PC Brittany Primuea & PC Gavin Keith(Police Scotland) provided an update on local activities since the last meeting.

- Overall there were 226 calls, 33 crimes recorded including 1 housebreaking, Road Traffic offence, 1 fire raising and 1 Police assault.
- 13 crimes have been detected so far, the remainder ongoing.
- They are working with Schools to try and address the problems which have been highlighted at the Community Council meetings.
- The support for the action plan to tackle the anti-social behaviour is being widened to include other partners. This is a positive step as it will result in greater community buy-in.

## Questions

MH asked about the ongoing problems with youngsters causing damage in St. Patricks Church and its grounds. They are also being abusive toward the people going to the church. The problems are from primary and secondary age youngsters.

PC Gavin Keith advised that they are aware of the problems in this area and have been going into all local schools. Lorraine Mullen also advised that the Council will look at sending in a detached Youth Worker to engage with the youngsters. Safer Communities Officers may also be able to help address the problems.

JM highlighted again the ongoing problems with car parking in the Knockhill Close area of the town. This is likely to cause a serious problem in the future.

PC Brittany Primuea advised that the problem has to be raised with Fife Council as they have responsibilities for this particular area.

## 3. Minutes of previous meeting

SM noted that the notes issued hadn't included the nomination to the new Lochore Meadows board.

Proposed as accurate - AG, Seconded JM

## 4. Matters Arising

- SM advised that there had been feedback from the Council about the railings at Fraser Drive. The Council were arranging for them to be inspected.
- SM reported that there was also no feedback about the potential removal of wild flowers at the entrance to the new housing estate in the avenue from Cllr Liewald although apologies had been submitted for this evenings meeting.



- (c) JM highlighted that the feedback from Cllr Liewald suggests that the Community Council accepted that JMc had behaved inappropriately. This was not the substance of the discussion at the previous meeting. There was more disappointment that a formal complaint had been made because of someone's apparent facial expressions and that nothing had been raised at the time. BS confirmed that he had spoken with JMc after the meeting and when the complaint had been received he had responded accordingly.
- (d) SM reported that the sod cutting had taken place for the new Skate Park. Members of the Community Council had attended the event along with local school children and politicians.
- (e) SM reported that Fife Council had accepted the nomination made to the Lochore Meadows Development Board. This wasn't necessary at that time although other CC also made nominations. GK sought clarity who had been nominated, he was advised that MH had been nominated and seconded. GK then used expletive language towards SM, SM complained to the Chair and GK was told by the Chair that using such language is not acceptable and about the level of expected behaviour which should be displayed at Community Council meeting.

## 5. Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year awards

### COTY Nominations

Helen Ross, Christine McGraith and Aileen McKenna for their continued efforts with the Christmas Lights and Heritage group

Scott Lowe for his selfless work in attempting to tidy up the Loch

Zodiac Dance Group over 16's for winning various championships at a National and UK level

Stacey Gunn for her work with the Zodiac Dance groups which have benefited all age groups in the town.

Following a vote of Council members Zodiac Dance Group over 16's were awarded the Citizen of the Year award 2017

### YCOTY Nominations

Ava Stark for displaying tremendous courage and bravery in her fight against illnesses

ZeeDC part of Zodiac Dance group under 16's

Emma McCulloch for achievement in the field of boxing

Following a vote of Council members Ava Stark was awarded the Young Citizen of the Year award 2017.

BS congratulated all who were nominated for their efforts and recognised their contributions to the town. SM to write to the successful nominees and invite them to the next meeting of the Community Council in December. GK to arrange for ceremonial plaques to be purchased and provided for the winners of the two awards.



## 6. Financial Matters

GK reported that there was £3,541.84 in the special projects fund and £3081 in the general fund. GK had received funding requests from the following:

- Adrian Scott – Wreath £29 agreed (electronic invoice sent to GK)
- Lest we Forget group – Catering for Remembrance Sunday £200 agreed
- Archie Page – Purchase of Poppies for the cenotaph £25 agreed
- Margaret Blaikie, Old Folks Committee – Christmas Treat £100 agreed
- LCDF – Christmas Lights - £100 agreed

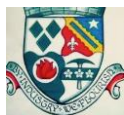
Lochgelly Gala Committee requested support to pay for damage that had been caused to a lamp post during the gala day preparations. Agreed that we would look towards helping meet the costs, however in the first instance Cllr Lockhart to contact Fife Council to meet the costs associated with this situation.

MH to liaise with the Grace Street

## 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.
Fife Centre for Equalities	Weekly newsletter	Circulated to Community Councillors
Stephen Duffy (Fife Council)	Response to drainage complaint on the new community garden and confirmation that the benches would be in by the end of the month	Noted and awaiting response to drainage investigation
Fife Council	Street parade application for remembrance Sunday	Noted
Kevin Sayer	Acknowledgement of response to Lochore Meadows Country Park consultation.	Noted
James Glen x10	Request for information relating to the 4 Winds Trust.	Advised in first response that information was available on LCC website. A further 9 emails on the same subject were received same response provided.
Hazel Cross (Fife Council)	Response to enquiries about ensuring that the war memorial and St. Andrews Church site would be ready and tidy for the Remembrance Sunday.	Site would be tidied up and new banner would be purchased to put over fencing with the wording 'Lochgelly Community Remembers'.
Linda Bisset (Fife Council)	Complaint regarding language used on social media by Mark Hood from a Mr John Purdie	Acknowledgment provided to complainant and investigation ongoing.
Beth Flynn (Fife Council)	Confirmation of Mark Hoods appointment to LCC and requesting that signed declaration form is provided	Arrange for form to be signed and returned
Mike Kilbank (Fife Council)	Notification of sod cutting event for the new Skate Park in the Public Park.	Circulated to Public Park Improvement sub- group members



Fife Council	Notification of street parade for Christmas Lights switch on event	Noted
Simon Jeynes (Fife Council)	Information on food waste bins	Circulated to Community Councillors
Adrian Scott (Lest We Forget Club)	Re-issue of grant application sent to Treasurer on 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2017. Requesting information about who to send the invoices to. Information about the wreath for the LCC	Acknowledged receipt and circulated to Community Councillors
Cllr Liewald (Fife Council)	Raising concerns that the Youth Shelter was being removed from the Public Park.	Advised that this is the first that we had heard, however there are a lot of negative views about the structure.

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

## 8. Groups which CC attend

### a. Health Centre

JM wrote to the Health Minister about the delay in progressing the development plans. Seek a response from the local MSPs on the subject and assurances that the need for a new Health Centre in Lochgelly would not be ignored.

### b. Public Park Improvement group

Skate park project has commenced. Agreed to seek an update from Kevin Sayer about the play park project.

SM highlighted that the Council's Parks Department had resumed responsibility for clearing up the park on Sunday mornings.

JMc Highlighted that the coping stones at the south entrance hadn't been repaired despite assurances from the Council that they would be replaced.

### c. Mossmorran Safety Liaison Committee

JM had put the questions raised onto our Facebook page. Notification of the most recent flaring had been received albeit belatedly.

### d. 4 Wind Development Trust

The next meeting of the group is scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

### e. Lochore Meadows Advisory Board

No meeting of the group. Covered elsewhere in the meeting



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

Reports from Councillor Erskine and Liewald circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Lockhart advised that she had been supporting a number of constituency cases over the previous 4 weeks and in particular spoke about the sink hole which had appeared in one constituents garden. The Area Committee had endorsed the Period Poverty campaign.

**10. AOCB**

- a. No questions from the members of public.
- b. TD asked about the new homes being built in the Avenue and would there be assurances provided that the Section 75 monies would be paid to the local communities. Cllr Lockhart would liaise with the relevant service in the Council and feedback to the Community Council.
- c. Date of next meeting – **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 6.00pm Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Awards, AGM 6.30 pm in the 385 Social Club AGM.**

