



Lochgelly Community Council
Public Park Improvement Group
385 Social Club, Lochgelly
30th January 2017
Annual Meeting

Present

Stevie Murray (SM), Jimmy Mann (JM), Colin Davidson (Fife Council), Jean McDonald (JMc) Margaret King (MK) Carol Mackie (CM) & David Hemseed (DH)

Apologies – Stephen Duffy, Tam Durham & Alex Lamond

1	Minutes from previous meeting & Matters Arising Minutes approved – CM, seconded JM
2	Election of Office bearer MK took the chair and sought nominations for the various positions. Chairperson - SM proposed by JM Seconded by DH Secretary – No other nominations, SM agreed to continue in the role –Proposed by CM Seconded by – JM Treasurer – JM – Proposed by SM, seconded by DH
3	Reports SM circulated copies of his annual report which outlined some of the areas of work which had been carried out over the previous 12 months. SM particularly thanked the staff from Parks, Streets and Open Spaces for the input into this project. JM circulated copies of the audited accounts and advised that we currently have £123,095.10 in the account. One outstanding invoice for £9200 which was our contribution to the grassing of the old red ash area. JM highlighted that we had been advised that from April, free business banking would end. He will look at alternative banks to see what they can offer.



4	<p>Park Update</p> <p>Community Garden Development</p> <p>CD advised that the work should commence by the end of February, depending on the weather. It would be completed by mid-spring to allow planting for the summer months. This would be the path from Johnstone Crescent and through the garden, raised flower beds(planter) and the seating areas.</p> <p>Lower Level Tennis Courts</p> <p>CD reiterated that by removing the red blae from the top level and the lower level this can be used to support the development of the slope between the two levels. The initial works would be done at the same time as the upper level, additionally they would look at lowering the wall to make it safer.</p> <p>SM asked about planting around the area? CD advised that he would liaise with Andrew Haworth to get a plans drawn up.</p> <p>SM asked MK about the community project funding for assisting paying for this part of the project. MK supplied copies of the applications form.</p> <p>DH advised that there was considerable damage caused by a motor vehicle on the new surface. He asked if there was anything that could be done to stop cars/vans accessing the area. SM advised that he had read that the damage was caused by Police Scotland and would hope that if there were the case that they would contribute to the costs of repairs. There had been discussions previously about fencing around specific areas of the park. This would need to be removable to allow access for the gala celebrations.</p> <p>DH asked about the level of damage caused at the shelter area of the park. This had been reported to him on a frequent basis. CM added that there was a lot of criticism about the shelter in the first place and that it attracts large amount of youngsters to the area. The problem is associated with illegal sales of alcohol and then the bottles being smashed.</p> <p>SM advised that he had been in contact with the community police officers to see if they can help control the sales of alcohol. He asked that there be increased checks of the area at the weekend and asked whether there was anything that the Community Workers could do to help.</p> <p>Agreed – CD to contact Andrew Haworth for plans</p> <p>CD to get costs for fencing down the union street side and across the pavilion access point</p> <p>MK to liaise with colleagues in CLD about any support they can provide.</p>
5	<p>Date of next meeting - Monday 6th March at 6.00 in the 385 Social Club</p>