

Lochgelly Community Council
Wednesday 10th January 2018
385 Social Club

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

Apologies: Alex Dixon, Carol Mackie , Raymond Wilson ,Cllr Rosemary Liewald, Jim Haddow & Billy Baxter.

Councillors Present: None

BS welcomed all to this evening meeting

Community Police Officers Britany Primeau & Gavin Keith provided an update on recent policing activity in the town. There have been 58 crimes reported which is lower by comparison with other areas. 32 of these have been detected including vandalism, anti-social behaviour, assault and so on. The action plan which was instigated to combat the sale of alcohol to under age people has seen one retailer caught and charged with the offence and one individual who was purchasing alcohol for under-age drinkers charged. They have received interest from other Councils about the project and are meeting with Trading Standards to discuss taking the project forward.

Police Scotland are currently reviewing community police arrangements which may result in a change of personnel covering Lochgelly.

Questions

Community Councillors expressed concern about this potential change given the efforts which have been made to integrate policing across the town and its successes. Agreed that the Secretary should contact the local inspector to express these concerns.

JMc asked whether support was provided by Fife Council with tackling the sale of alcohol?

PCBP explained that they are working with Trading Standards on this point

AG asked whether there had been any reported break ins over the last month?

PCGK advised that there hadn't been any reported.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Proposed as accurate - CD, Seconded JM



3. Matters Arising

- (a) JM asked whether Councillor Liewald had provided any feedback about the wild flowers which had been damaged with the new housing scheme? SM reported that there was no response from Councillor Liewald

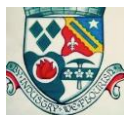
4. Financial Matters

CD reported that he had taken the information to the accountant for auditing. The annual claim from Fife Council had been made in time although we are just under the 80% threshold for annual spending. We will need to spend approximately £250 by the end of the financial year to achieve this target. CD highlighted that there was £2837.55 in the general fund, although there was three cheques which remained outstanding. .

JM proposed that grants of £100 for each of the local primary school environmental groups be awarded. Seconded by JMc. BS to contact the local headteachers for arrangements to be made.

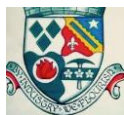
SM reported that he had been contacted by a resident from Grace Street about the special projects fund and the October 2017 minutes. SM had provided a response for them. They had explained that work had been undertaken in the area already. CD Information is still being gathered about the special projects fund from the previous treasurer however it may be time to look at alternatives for the fund.

5. 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
Peter Finnie (Mossmorran & Braefoot)	Update on SEPA flaring data	Passed to Jimmy Mann
Carolyn Bell (Resource Efficient Solutions)	Resource Waste Strategy workshop event Tuesday 30 th January 2018, 7-9pm Corrie Centre	Request attendees
Kevin Sayer (Fife Council)	Reference floral decoration grant update. Manager on leave till 8 th January 2018, to expect a response thereafter.	Noted and chase up
Cllr Rosemary Liewald	Complaint about facebook article by Mark Hood	Article not related to Community Council business, activities or purpose. Nor written as a Community Councillor.
George Kinnell	Notice of resignation from Community Council	Thanked George for his involvement in the CC. Notified Fife Council
Nancy Neimczyk	Reference to October CC minutes regarding Grace Street RA and Jubilee Park. Nancy confirmed that they aren't aware of any projects associated with the park.	Advised that this related to historical special projects fund about the Jubilee Park and whether there was a need to retain the fund for that project or use it for other areas.

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



6. Groups which CC attend

a. Health Centre

JMa advised that there had been no feedback from the Health Minister despite numerous attempts to get some clarity for the delays. Councillors discussed the need for the local MSP's to be more vocal in their support for the campaign, particularly given that the NHS have confirmed that there is a need for a new health centre. When considering the pressure that the local GPs are under, 60 % of their time is supporting patients with mental health problems and 1:3 cases are for specialist mental health support, a purpose built accommodation is an essential requirement for the town. We also need to consider the increase in population and its effect on GP time.

b. Public Park Improvement group

No meeting of the group. Given that the group funding is earmarked for major projects which are planned for the park it was agreed to reduce the number of meetings of the group. The skate park is progressing well and should be completed over the next few weeks. SM reported that there had been feedback from the Council about the designs and funding for the play park.

However, no feedback had been provided to the queries about the state of the newly laid surfaces on the old tennis courts and red ash areas.

c. Mossmorran Safety Liaison Committee

JM reported that feedback from the December meeting was added to the facebook site. Concerns about the lack of reporting were discussed, it was reported however that there is ongoing air quality monitoring throughout the year and that flaring continued to cause problems throughout communities. JM had also feedback that the Senior Citizens appreciated the tickets to the pantomime.

d. 4 Wind Development Trust

SM reported that the next meeting is scheduled for the 5th March 2018

e. Lochore Meadows Development Board

No meeting of the group. However, MH expressed disappointment that there hadn't been an application made for Scottish Grant funding yet. There is £750k which had been allocated from Fife Council and this could've been used for match funding.

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

No reports received. SM expressed concerns about the recent article in the local papers from Cllr Lockhart. The article appeared to imply that other towns in the ward had disproportionately suffered from a lack of funding as a result of Lochgelly and Cowdenbeath receiving more. SM suggested



that there was no evidence presented to substantiate the article and would only serve to attempt divide communities which had been subjected to years of under investment rather than getting them to work together for better funding.

8. AOCB

- a. No questions from the members of public.
- b. JMc asked about the planned road works in Plantation street which had been delayed. JMc to provide details to SM
- c. TD asked about the contact number for replacement wheelie bins. Number provided
- d. JMc complained about the state of the path on Bank Street which were covered in chewing gum. Agreed to raise this with the Councillors at the next meeting.
- e. Date of next meeting – **Wednesday 14th February 2018 at 6.30pm**

