



Lochgelly Community Council
Public Park Improvement Group
385 Social Club, Lochgelly
10th April 2017

Present

Stevie Murray (SM), Jimmy Mann (JM), Stephen Duffy (SD), Colin Davidson (Fife Council), Jean McDonald (JMc) Cllr Mark Hood (MH) & David Hemseed (DH)

Apologies – Tam Durham, Margaret King, Carol Mackie & Alex Lamond

1	Minutes from previous meeting & Matters Arising Minutes approved – DH, seconded JM
2	Financial Reports JM advised that there was no change to the financial report provided at the previous meeting. At present there £123,095.10 in the general account, although an invoice for the PPIG groups contribution to resurfacing the red ash surface was recently paid.
3	Park Update Community Garden Development SD advised that they were aiming to get the top soil in place week commencing the 17 th April 2017. The turfing will take place shortly afterward although they were concerned about the lack of rain over the previous few weeks. This may cause delays in progressing with the project. The trees planned for the area surrounding the garden are on order, although the supplier isn't keen to remove for planting during the dry period. The plants are also on order for the planters. Lower Level Tennis Courts MH advised that the funding had been approved by the Area Committee. Combined with the PPIG contribution there is £200k set aside for the project. They will then be looking at accessing grants to help supplement the funds. SM advised that he had met with Kevin Sayer (Fife Council) to discuss who will be leading the project and to ensure that they will engage the local schools in the planning stages. Kevin had advised that they would be looking at preparing a scoping paper including options to be taken out for discussion with the schools. They would look at adopting the same method of voting used recently in the 'oor bit' exercise.



	<p>MH advised that they are hoping to start the project following the summer holidays, submit additional funding and planning applications by the end of the year. This would allow the work to be completed by summer 2018.</p> <p>Skate Park SM advised that the project had been delayed due to Fife Council procurement processes. They remained on track to complete the project over the summer period.</p> <p>Heritage Centre SD advised that the group were looking to carry out ground testing over the next few weeks. This would allow them to consider where the best place for the building to be located is. SM asked that consideration be given to the local householders in Melville Street. He had noticed that the damage and vandalism being caused in the park migrates across two main directions. The concerns would be that a building with a car park would attract potential problems.</p>
4	<p>AOCB SD advised that they would need to consider the amount of support that they could afford the group in future. There is a great number of community groups across their work area and they will need to manage their time accordingly. SM added that the group needed to consider its longer term objectives as most of the major projects come to an end.</p> <p>The group agreed to support the campaign to raise awareness of the problems associated with dog fouling. Discussions to be arranged with the relevant Council Officers to progress this.</p>
5	<p>Date of next meeting - Monday 5th June at 6.00 in the 385 Social Club</p>