**Lochgelly Community Council**

**Wednesday 14th February 2018**

**385 Social Club**

1. **Present**: Brian Schulz (BS), Stevie Murray (SM) Alan Gardiner (AG), Jimmy Mann (JMa), Jean McDonald (JMc), Craig Dempsey (CD), Alex Dixon (AD) and Mark Hood (MH).

**Apologies**: Tam Durham, Carol Mackie, Raymond Wilson, Cllr Rosemary Liewald, Jim Haddow & Billy Baxter.

**Councillors Present**: Councillor Erskine

1. **Minutes of previous meeting**

Proposed as accurate - CD, Seconded JMa

1. **Matters Arising**
2. 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 a response from Councillor Liewald however, the response related to the wrong area. This was perhaps down to lack of knowledge of the area that was initially raised.
3. BS reported that the Primary Schools had thanked the CC for the donations towards the green environment projects.
4. **Financial Matters**

CD reported that there had been some problems with the transfer of the two bank accounts, however this was slowly progressing. Presently there are two accounts, the general fund, £4158.51 and the Special Projects fund, £3541.84. CD explained that he had been unable to get any information about the special projects fund from George Kinnell (ex-Treasurer) about the special projects fund. George had informed CD that he hadn’t received any information about the account for a number of years. In addition the floral grant application hadn’t been submitted for 2017, which meant that the Community Council had missed out on the grant.

SM expressed disappointment that it appeared that the ex-Treasurer hadn’t submitted the floral grant application as a great deal of effort had been made by Councillor Erskine to progress this at the time. More pressingly was the lack of detail about the special projects fund. The ex-Treasurer had provided monthly reports to the Community Council about this fund and had provided annual accounts reporting the status of the fund.

Agreed that advice would be sought from the bank about this matter and guidance from Fife Council on appropriate steps to be taken should there be no details provided by the ex-Treasurer or any made available.

1. **Communications Received**

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| 1. 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 |
| Christine Beveridge (Auchtertool CC) | Requesting information about number of constituents | Information provided and advised that she should contact FC to get up to date details. |
| Lynn kelter (Fife Council) | Seeking availability to attend meeting relating to Mossmorran liaison group | Passed to Jimmy Mann |
| Tom Kinnaird (Benarty CC) | Seeking Lochgelly Community Council support in calling for a review of boundaries. Which would result in the LCC boundary moving to the railway line. | Discuss at the next meeting |
| Claire Graham (Mossmorran Action Group) | Seeking copies of minutes from the Mossmorran Safety group which she had been told was agreed at the December meeting | Advised that she had been wrongly informed and that copies of the notes were available through FC. |
| Lesley Laird MP | Seeking nomination for meeting on 12th April 2018 to discuss remit of monitoring group and associated actions | Passed to Jimmy Mann |
| Debbie Cassells (Fife Council) | Insurance documents | Passed to Craig Dempsey |
| Stephen Duffy (Fife Council) | Response to email sent on 14th December 2017 relating to floral decoration invoice. | Passed to Craig Dempsey |
| Stephen Duffy (Fife Council) | Update to email sent on 16th October 2017 relating to poor drainage and resultant damage on the new community garden. Service are still investigating the cause, although they believe that it was caused by the grass being cut too short | Noted and monitor |

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

SM explained that there had been no rational explanation provided by Benarty CC about the reason for the boundary review. It was suggested by Benarty CC that there had been problems with the current boundary and that Lochgelly’s boundary was in fact the railway line. Benarty CC request was with the intention of getting that boundary re-established. They indicated that there had been no consultation about the changes when they had been implemented.

SM explained that there was a number of inaccuracies in their request. Firstly, Lochgelly’s boundary is immediately after the farm road at the High School, not the railway line. The administrative boundary of the Community Council is the Fitty burn and was established as part of the consultation to form the scheme of establishment for Community Councils in 2010/11.

General discussion took place about the request, a number of Councillors felt that the real reason for the request was associated to the Cycle Park and found it strange that after so many years of no problems at all this is now suddenly a problem. Agreed that we do not support the request for the review and write to our Councillors to ensure that they reflect our views at the Area Committee.

1. **Groups which CC attend**
   1. **Health Centre**

JMa advised that the response from the NHS regarding the Scottish Governments reply was that there had been a change in priorities in that they were more focused on care in the community and that the GP contract was being issued. It was generally accepted that these were not suitable answers and that they should have no bearing on the development of a facility that would achieve multiple solutions through both proactive and reactive support for patients. It was agreed that Lesley Eyeman (NHS fife) be invited to the April meeting of the Community Council.

* 1. **Public Park Improvement group**

No meeting of the group. Responses had been provided by the local parks manager about the problems with the turfing at both the north and south of the park. JMc asked about the damage to the South entrance wall and that the Parks Manager had said that this would get repaired. SM to chase this up with the relevant managers.

The skate park is almost completed, we are awaiting the ground works to be finished and the floodlights to be installed.

* 1. **Mossmorran Safety Liaison Committee**

JM reported that an approach had been made by Benarty residents to extend the membership of the group and looking for Lochgelly CC support for this. Agreed that the request should be submitted formally, however in principle it was agreed that we would support such a move.

* 1. **4 Wind Development Trust**

SM reported that the next meeting is scheduled for the 1st March 2018

* 1. **Lochore Meadows Development Board**

No meeting of the group. However 24 people have expressed an interest in becoming involved in the board.

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

Reports circulated and added to website from Councillors Erskine and Liewald.

Although Councillor Liewald wasn’t in attendance the following points were raised about her report

* Wild flowers destroyed at the top of the avenue, wrong location reported back from PSOS Manager
* Clarity about location of land being allocated to growing in lochgelly and whether this was the land previously earmarked in early 2017 for the development or new land?

Councillor Erskine responded to the following questions

JMc raised concern about the possible change of use for the old TSB back and the problems of associated parking.

LE explained that she had been contacted by a local resident and was arranging a site visit over the next few days.

AD asked about parking in Cartmore Road which is causing problems. This is immediately next to the childrens play park and forces people to use the road.

LE requested details and would pass it onto the relevant service.

RW asked (in writing) about access to the Lochgelly Town Hall, he had been informed that bookings weren’t to be taken

LE said that this wasn’t correct, however she would look into the matter further.

BS asked about the invite to become a member of the Heritage Group project board?

LE advised that the previous meeting of the group had agreed that the invitation be extended.

SM advised that this should be submitted formally.

JMc asked about the replacement care home and its opening

LE advised that the Service were planning for later in October 2018

1. **AOCB**
   1. No questions from the members of public.
   2. Date of next meeting – **Wednesday 14th March 2018 at**  **6.30pm**