

Lochgelly Community Council
Wednesday 14th March 2018
385 Social Club

1. Present: Stevie Murray (SM) Alan Gardiner (AG), Jimmy Mann (JMa), Jean McDonald (JMc), Craig Dempsey (CD), Alex Dixon (AD), Raymond Wilson (RW) and Mark Hood (MH). Lorraine Mullen (Fife Council, also in attendance)

Apologies: Tam Durham, Brian Schulz, Carol Mackie, Cllr Rosemary Liewald, Jim Haddow & Billy Baxter.

Councillors Present: Councillor Linda Erskine (LE)

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Proposed as accurate with amendment to the financial report figures- AD, Seconded CD

3. Matters Arising

- (a) SM sought an update from Councillor Erskine regarding the recent Cowdenbeath Area committee meeting. Specifically relating to the question raised on behalf of Benarty CC.

LE explained that a fairly lengthy discussion had taken place at the meeting. It had been confirmed that there was a review of the community councils approved in 2010 where 23 from 85 community councils had responded. The former councillor now raising the question had chaired the meeting where the report was discussed. Andrew Ferguson (Fife Council) had sought clarity from the Benarty representatives as to why they had only selected one of the three maps which had been sent to them. The other two had apparently clarified the position of the boundary. There was no evidence presented to show that there had been a boundary change.

SM added that he had been made aware of some unhelpful comments about Lochgelly during the discussion. Primarily suggestion about bricking up the bridge and that the town had no heritage. Whilst it may be accepted that one of the comments was made in jest, it was inappropriate for one of our local Councillors to make such a remark. SM added that the boundary is where it has always been, the Community Council administrative boundary incorporates part of Glenraig. This is wholly different from a town boundary and there has never been any suggestion of moving Lochgelly boundary to incorporate the village.

It was agreed that the Community Council will not enter into any discussions about the Towns current boundary and call upon all of the local Fife Councillors to reflect and respect that position.

- (b) RW asked about the town hall booking system. Lorraine Mullen explained that the issues on booking were to do with the cluster arrangements within Community Use and that there wasn't always staff available to open and close the building. RW accepted this however the Gala



Committee had attempted to book a venue in July this year and were told that the Service cannot confirm bookings. There were concerns expressed that this was a back handed attempt to run down the town hall. SM to contact Kevin Sayer and Sarah Roxburgh about the venue.

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 confirmed that he is slowly progressing with the transfer of bank details.

CD asked that the Community Council consider closing the special projects fund and allocate the money to other projects in the area. SM advised that from those in attendance there needs to be a 2/3 majority of those eligible to vote to change the use of the account.

Agreed that this would be added to the agenda for the following meeting and that the Secretary and Treasurer prepare options for consideration.

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. Change of use from haulage yard to car wash and car sales show room – Hugh Place
Fife Centre for Equalities	Weekly newsletter	Circulated to Community Councillors
Mike Kilbank (Fife Council)	Opening of Skate Park invite to attend	Circulated to Community Councillors
Lynn kelter (Fife Council)	Cancellation and rescheduling of Mossmorran liaison group	Passed to Jimmy Mann
Mike Melville(Fife Council)	Amendments to election of community councillors	Circulated to Community Councillors
Fife Sailability	Requesting support for sailing project at Lochore Meadows for people with disabilities	To be discussed at the CC
Cllr Linda Erskine	Invite to public meeting on 5K running club event in Lochore meadows	Circulated to Community Councillors
Graham Robertson	Complaint about the anti-social behaviour in the Public Park	Provided a response and suggested that he contact the local Councillors
Brittany Primeua (Police Scotland)	Information about Community Speedwatch event	Circulated to Community Councillors
Fife Council Licensing	Extension of licence for 385 Social Club	Community Councillors to consider



Stagecoach	Reduce frequency between Rosyth and Dunfermline to every 20 minutes. Alternate daytime journeys between Dunfermline and Ballingry will serve Fife Leisure Park (19) or Hill of Beath (19A) to give 20 minute frequency to each. Early morning and evening journeys (19B) will serve both Fife Leisure Park and Hill of Beath. Monday to Friday hourneys to/from Rosyth Dockyard via Kings Road, are numbered 19D. Most journeys to/from Amazon will be withdrawn with replace links available on Service 3B and 33.	Circulated to Community Councillors, added to media platform
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BS asked if there were any questions relating to the communications received.

SM explained that if there were any comments about the change of bus time tables they should be submitted by 23rd March 2018. Generally speaking, Lochgelly Community Council felt that the changes were unrelated to improving services and more about the drive to increase profits. There would also be an impact on onward travel where people need to make connections to other places.

JMc said that it wasn't clear what the Fife Saliability group were seeking, was it funding or a letter of support. SM to contact the applicant and confirm, there was however general support of the project.

6. Groups which CC attend

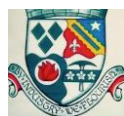
a. Health Centre

SM advised that Lesly Eydeyman had been invited to attend the April meeting of the Community Council. This would be an opportunity to get an update on progress at that stage.

b. Public Park Improvement group

No meeting of the group. SM advised that due to increasing commitments he is unable to continue to organise this sub group. It was agreed that MH would take forward the reaining projects. MH advised that he would need to arrange a meeting of the group.

The skate park was passed over formally. JMc had attended the ceremony on behalf of the Community Council.



c. **Mossmorran Safety Liaison Committee**

JM reported that the last meeting had been postponed due to the weather.

d. **4 Wind Development Trust**

SM reported that Trustees had met the Monday prior and awarded almost £21k to a number of groups across the four areas. The funding will either help achieve the project objectives through part or full funding. The next meeting of the group is scheduled for Monday 14th May 2018.

e. **Lochore Meadows Development Board**

MH advised the initial meeting of the group is arranged for 14th April 2018. He sought details from Community Councillors on what issues they feel should be raised at the meeting. He had already sought assurances about Phase 2 funding and what progress was being made on that.

SM added that the park is sorely lacking toddler and disabled play facilities. This should be added to the agenda for discussion.

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

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

No reports were received from Councillors Lockhart and McLelland

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

- SM advised that although the offer from the Parks Manager was made about the wild flowers, it was too late as the developer had removed them from the location
- JM asked why the Councillor had included the entire copy the letter from the Benarty Heritage group in her report. This implied that she was promoting that agenda which is against the wishes of Lochgelly people.

It was generally accepted that whilst it is interesting to read about Councillors activities across other areas of the ward and Fife, it would be of more use to the Community Council to hear what work is being done to support Lochgelly and its residents

8. AOCB

- a. No questions from the members of public.
- b. General discussions took place about the efforts made by NHS, Council and members of the public during the recent poor weather. Special mention was made of the efforts made to keep the surgery operational
- c. Date of next meeting – **Wednesday 11th April 2018 at 6.30pm**

