

Councillor Linda Erskine Community Council
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Linda Erskine Councillor report March 2018

Housing estate on the Avenue. – I have escalated the narrowing of road issue to senior planning officers

Car Parking Improvements which I requested last year are being delivered at Sharp Grove, Morris Ave with the removal of old lock ups. Grassed areas which were being used by local residents for parking vehicles are being replaced by parking bays. Work now concluded

Pursuing the building of a new fence at the old garages at Lomond Crescent.

Hugh Ave. – To assist traffic flow the pavement has been reduced to make parking bays in order to improve the safety in this street, work commenced 12th February, now concluded

Heritage Centre – Project board membership has been agreed,

Boundary Issue – A correction to the last report in which I indicated that in 1997, at local government reorganisation the Community Council Boundary between Lochgelly and Glenraig was changed, there is no evidence for this. The question asked at the area committee was answered, however the two constituents who asked the question are dissatisfied with the response.

Supporting 3 groups with advice on Community transfers. One group have already met with Community

Had a site visit with transportation officer re markings in Church Street, Park Street and Main Street. Also raised concern about the parking practices in the vicinity of the old trustee bank.

Unsafe parking in Stewart Cresc, have requested intervention of transportation safety officer.

On Friday the Be Jennie Lee project this year involved 7 primary schools from across the Cowdenbeath Area with performances from all the schools and the premier of the beautiful we are All Jock Tamson's Bairns ballad.

Also was able to congratulate Joe Campbell, Modern Apprentice at Fife Cultural trust who sailed through his training and studies with flying colours. Hopefully this will encourage some local young people to consider an apprenticeship in the arts.

International Women's Week; A very successful event took place on the 10th March in Lochgelly Centre where over 60 participants took part in the activity. Afternoon tea was served with lots of wonderful home baking produced by the organizing group. It was agreed that next year we can look to combining the events with the Be Jennie Lee project.

Skate park handover took place on 12th March. Work on the ground repair to be undertaken. Received a number of complaints about vehicles travelling through the park, also condition of the paths need to be resolved.

Sunflower nursery will be appointing a new head teacher as well as Denend Primary School, I am on the interview panel for both appointments.

Lochore Meadows Country Park Development Group – meeting with volunteers, officers and elected members on 20th March

Submitted applications for funding to representatives of Lochgelly Polar Academy. Students travel to Greenland 2nd April.

Two constituents who need assistance with welfare benefits.

Housing issue with gas leak, the gas had been turned off leaving a family with two small children with health issues with no heating or hot water. I was able to get a technician to check the issue out further and a repair was undertaken giving the household warm and hot water after 3 days without.

A week of last month was taken up with dealing with the aftermath of the severe snow storms which hit our constituency. As you all know we all met with what was a very challenging outlook. My main priority was to ensure that old and disabled people were safe and not left without food. The Salvation Army played a large part in coordinating work.

Some will know that we lost a resident in Moss View Home and there was difficulty getting the lady to the local undertakers. I have to thank the 30 people and Zander Hughes from Cardenden who all turned up to clear Francis Street in order that the family could deal with their bereavement properly.

There were many, many local heroes during that spell of awful weather conditions and I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to them and all the council staff who went over and beyond the call of duty ensuring that care and safety of residents were paramount.

Cowdenbeath Area, the most recent minutes are now available on line. Major impact on Lochgelly School reports, summer activity for your and Boundary.

1st Local tourism meeting took place on 21st February successful venture that we should also involve local history and heritage groups.

These are some of the issues I have dealt with in the last weeks. Happy to answer questions either at the meeting or by email if preferred.

Linda W Erskine
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