

## **Lochgelly Community Council Councillor Report October 2017**

### **Linda Erskine**

This is a snapshot of some of the activities I have participated in over the last month. There is too much to mention. I sought information on the local budget spend for every part of our ward and to this end I enclose the Lochgelly spend over the past 5 years for your information. Happy to discuss this at the CC meeting on Wednesday.

I want to encourage every Community which makes up the ward to participate in the Development of Lochore Meadows Country Park Development Group. There is a space for a representative from every Community Council and I sincerely hope that all three councils in my ward will allocate a rep to the group. See terms of reference at end of report.

### **Lochgelly**

I am hugely disappointed that we are facing another delay in the development of a desperately needed new Health Centre. I will seek support from our MP and local MSP's assist us pursue this. The centre is already at breaking point and next year over there will be over 100 new families moving to Lochgelly putting even more pressure on already overstretched facilities

Working with Lochgelly Heritage group – to deliver initially the heritage trail which opened 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. Unfortunately there has been an accident with one of the boards. Parks street and open spaces repairing the board. Work to complete the heritage trail goes on. There will be no meetings for 6 weeks as the focus is on delivering the Christmas lights switch on in Lochgelly. I believe that the heritage building will be the main focus of attention going forward.

Dealing with family who have been affected by the inappropriate placement of resident. Housing confirmed that the normal environmental risk assessment had been undertaken but not for where the tenant was finally placed. Working with family affected.

Issues with suitability of housing for family, working with officers and families to resolve.

Supported Lochgelly Polar Academy fundraising at Shardy's bar. Local talent offering their support to the young people at our school. £800 raised. Next fundraiser 6 November Curry Night. 10<sup>th</sup> November race night. Parents and students are working really hard to raise as much as they can towards the ambitious £170,000 target required. I hope that as many local people and organisations will work together to make this project a reality for our young citizens.

Visited Lochgelly Albert to see if the flood prevention improvements made in August were satisfactory.

Recently met with committee members of Lochgelly Albert Colts. Having some issues with officer of council re lease.

## **Cardenden**

Some very difficult anti-social behaviour issues in the area. Police and housing have been involved, this has taken it's toll on the tenants in the area. Working with housing to seek a resolution.

Received a petition from approx. 50 residents who have been affected by behaviour of addict. Again working with housing and residents to resolve the issue.

Attended McMillan Coffee morning in Bowhill Learning Centre, total for the year £2800 raised, congratulations to the fundraising group.

Attended fundraiser for the environment group, organised by the Wilson family. £1000 raised and presented with Christmas light for the community

Presented prizes to school children for the Light up Cardenden Christmas light competition.

## **Benarty**

Benarty Community Council – Main issues Concerns about the propose lease for Boat club. Ongoing issue for group.

Benarty Community walkabout – issues identified, broken walls and dangerous paving at Ballingry square, fencing at the entrance to Ballingry. Housing issues, harling falling off walls, condition of gardens and flooding. Anti social issues with broken fencing. Met with the volunteers in the community shop, noted that there is a lack of accessible toilet facilities in the community shop. Will work with group to try and resolve this.

Working with Ballingry Astros to resolve issues created by officers.

Working with Meedies golf club in relation to accommodation issues and visited the training they have for young people on Thursday evening this is attended by up to 15 young people from across the ward. Training all delivered by volunteers.

I have been asked to ensure that there is new sand for the Meadows “beach”

## **General Issues**

Panel member for appeal sub committee – Employee challenging dismissal outcome. Strategic Budget Group – Councillors considering officers suggestions in budget process

Met with trade Unions to discuss workforce priorities, standby and related allowances

Education meeting – to consider the proposal for rezoning Dunfermline Schools

Sport & Leisure trust AGM meeting. – Main topic of discussion, potential reduction management fee. And potential impact on services.

Citizens Advice Rights Fife 20<sup>th</sup> year AGM. Identifying the important work that this group does for Fife. Especially active in assisting people dealing with the benefits system.

Workshop - working towards a fairer Fife. Looking at how Fife Council supports hard up families, providing advice and practical support to those who need it.

Administration meeting- working together with SNP colleagues to discuss how we deliver the administration's combined manifesto workshop for all Councillors to meet and familiarise themselves with officers of all services. To raise awareness of issues relevant to the different parts of the ward.

Moved a motion on Period poverty, to provide free sanitary products to all girls in Fife High Schools.

Supported an amendment to a motion about the potential boatshed at the Meedies. Mover of the motion accepted the full terms of the amendment.

Chaired head teacher appointment panel for Ceres primary school.

## **Lochore Meadows Country Park Development Board Remit and Terms of Reference September 2017**

### **Purpose**

- To provide a vision for Lochore Meadows Country Park (LMCP) which respects its environment and provides economic opportunity for local businesses and initiatives
- To oversee the future development of LMCP as a local and national centre of excellence.
- To liaise with and represent the view of local residents on sustainable investment in LMCP infrastructure and services.
- To preserve and develop the history and heritage of LMCP and the surrounding area.
- To capitalise on existing facilities and to deliver new and improved facilities.
- To increase the appeal of LMCP to children and young adults.
- To identify external funding sources to deliver the vision.
- To consider bringing LMCP into community ownership via a Development Trust or similar body.

### **Membership**

- Convenor of Cowdenbeath Area Committee (CAC)
- Two other CAC members (one from each Ward)
- One representative from each of the eight Cowdenbeath Area Community Councils
- Two school pupil representatives
- Two local business representatives
- Two voluntary sector representatives
- Community Council representatives will be nominated by their Community Council. Lochgelly High School and Beath High School will each nominate their representative. Business and voluntary sector nominees will be sought by open advertisement and, if there are more nominations than places, will be subject to a public on-line vote.

### **Accountability**

- Members are responsible to the Communities they serve and will ensure that information is gleaned from, and decisions fed back to, residents and citizens in the LMCP area. This feedback can be via reports to community forums, social media and the local press. The views of the Board will also be fed back

to Cowdenbeath Area Committee.

### **Review**

- The remit and terms of reference will be reviewed on a five year cycle.

### **Working methods**

- Members will work together to agree and achieve a vision for LMCP taking advice from external agencies as necessary.
- Sub groups will be convened to pursue specific initiatives – for example fund-raising and publicity.
- Decisions will be made by consensus if possible. If not decisions will be made by a simple majority of those attending. The Convenor will have the casting vote in the event of the tie.

### **Meetings**

- There will be a minimum of six meetings per annum.
- Meetings will be administered by the Area's Community Manager and/or staff.
- Meetings will be supported by the Area's Community Use Manager and the Park Manager
- Papers will be issued seven working days before meetings
- The meetings will be open to any interested party who wants to attend
- Meetings will be chaired by the Convenor of CAC. In his/her absence a substitute Chair will be appointed by those attending.

### **Sharing of information and resources**

- Information will be available to the group via the LMCP website
- All non-confidential information will be freely available on the website.

### **LOCHGELLY WARD SPEND 12/13 – TO DATE**

YEAR	FUND	PROJECT	AMOUNT	COMMENTS
12/13	LCP	Happylands Film Support	3333.00	One third cost
		Lochgelly Gala	2000	
		Christmas Lights	3799.18	
		Cleaner Tidier Fife	5000	Half of ward cost
		Summer Programme	3337	
		Storage Theatre Workshops	2166	
		Hall Street Council Depot valuation	1422	
		OVHA Environmental Improvements	16000	Contribution to cost
		Easter Programme	2190	
	FSF	LCDF	5500	

		LHS Breakfast Club	10000	
		Reducing Teen Pregnancy	15453	
		Sunflower Nursery	6115	
13/14	LCP	Youth Theatre	1566	
		Summer Programme	3000	
		Cleaner Tidier Fife	5000	
		New Vane Farm T & R Seedcorn	150	
		Easter Programme	2000	
		Garden for Heroes	11300	Contribution to cost
		Ocean World (Theatre Production)	2500	
		Lochgelly Forward	14000	
		Lochgelly Christmas Lights	425	
		Rockathon (Rockgellit)	5000	
		LCDF	3826	Possibly Christmas Lights
14/15	LCP	Cleaner Tidier Fife	5000	
		In the Dancing Kingdom	1500	Lochgelly Centre
		Lochgelly Forward	16000	
		Lochgelly Community Shop Security measures	900	
		Lochgelly Christmas Lights	3552	
		Grace Street Planning application	401	
		Lochgelly Centre IT Upgrade	3128	
		Lochgelly Easter Camp	1500	
		Summer Programme	2085	
	FSF	Summer Programme Lochgelly Centre	5000	
		Lochgelly High School Employability Project	25000	
		Lochgelly high School Community Use Improvements	66000	

		Lochgelly High School Band Competition	800	
15/16	LCP	Summer Programme	10893.09	Contribution to cost
		Cleaner Tidier Fife	5000	
		Grace Street Road Improvements	10017.53	
	Welfare Reform	Rockgelly	50000	
16/17	LCP	Cleaner Tidier Fife	5000	
		Summer Playscheme	5000	
		LHS Pool Lifeguard Project	850	
		Lochore Meadows Fishery	3333	Contribution to cost
	Growth Budget	Lochgelly Skatepark design	3000	
		Lochgelly sports camps	2906.92	
		Lochgelly Christmas Lights	440	
17/18	LCP	Summer Programme	15000	Ward contribution
		Lochgelly war Memorial	1400	
		Lochgelly Heritage trail	3437	
		Cleaner Tidier Fife	5000	
		Johnstone Crescent Pavilion	80	
		Lochgelly Gala	2000	
		LHS School Pipe Band Competition	588	
		Lochgelly Albert Drainage	10851	
		Lochgelly High School Olympiad	500	