

## **Lochgelly Community Council**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

### **1. Welcome & Apologies**

**Apologies:** Jon Magee, Jean McDonald, Rab Miller & Jim Haddow

**Present:** Brian Schulz (BS), George Kinnell (GK), Tam Durham (TD), David Hemseed (DH), Alan Gardiner (AG), John King (JK), Carol Mackie (CM) and Stevie Murray (SM).

**Councillors Present:** Councillor Hood

### **2. Minutes of previous meeting**

Proposed as accurate CM, Seconded DH

### **3. Matters Arising**

Page 1 – BS confirmed that he had received confirmation from Fife Council that two councillors had resigned.

Page 1- BS advised that he had received one application from Mr James Mann to join, unfortunately he was unable to attend tonight. SM proposed to accept the nomination, seconded by DH subject to confirmation from Mr Mann.

Page 2 – GK advised that the Hymn sheets were £16 not £33.

Page 3 BS confirmed that the Community Council had received pantomime tickets and distributed to various groups throughout the town for their group and further distribution (e.g. sheltered housing complex). GK advised that he had been asked to ask by Helen Ross (LCDF) why a previous Community Councillor had been given tickets. BS advised that whilst tickets hadn't been given to the individual concerned, although they are eligible and whilst we appreciate the LCDF assisting with the distribution, it for the Community Council to decide where the tickets go.

Page 3 - DH asked if any works had commenced on the drains on the Lizzie Brae? Cllr Hood advised that they had chased up Transportation to get the work done. He will liaise with Cllr Erskine regarding this.

Page 4 – BS advised Councillors that whilst it is important that information is shared about the discussions that are held in these meetings. It is vital that the discussions are accurately reflected.

### **4. Citizen & Young Citizen of the Year 2015**

BS advised that he had received three nominations for the COTY and two for YCOTY. He read through their nominations opened the debate to the CC and a show of hands for each nomination was taken.

#### **Decision**

**Citizen of the Year – Derek Johnstone (Lochelly Past & Present Website)**

**Young Citizen of the Year – Cherie Blair**

**Awards to be presented at the next Community Council meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00,**

#### **Action**

**GK to arrange for the trophy's to be supplied**

**Teas and biscuits to be organised by TD.**

## 5. Financial Matters

GK advised that LCC Christmas lights account had now been closed.

SM asked whether the floral grant application had been submitted. GK confirmed that £580 was due to be paid for this year, although he expressed disappointment at the display across the town this year. They needed to look at the submission for 2016 and possibly decide on increasing the fund to see if this would improve the floral display.

SM asked why the auditing of the accounts had been changed to April this year, which meant that only part of the year had been audited and asked for a statement of current balances. GK advised that he wasn't aware of why the year had been changed previously but it would appear that the April date was the normal financial year and slipped over time. DH responded that Fife Council had requested that they move the dates of the annual meetings as they had previously clashed with the elections. This had been then moved to November across the area.

GK advised that the financial report produced earlier in the year showed what they were expected to spend. However, we need to look at the accounts being audited for the AGM.

The current financial balance is:

- General Account = £1,342.39 subject to expected expenditure
- Special Projects = £3541.39 (Jubilee Park)

CM asked whether we need to spend all of the money within the financial year? GK advised that we must spend at least 80% of allocated funding.

### **Action**

**Accounts to be properly audited for the AGM meetings**

## 6. Communications

Community Council Insurance – Passed to GK

Weekly Local Planning updates- SM advised that after some protracted debates we now have access to the email account. He will forward the weekly updates that have been received.

DH asked about the website and whether it was still being held 'hostage' or not? BS advised that they hadn't been provided with the password and account details as yet. SM asked whether the LCC had paid for the domain name? GK responded that the former secretary had stated that he was gifting the site to the community council, he hadn't submitted any receipts for the payment of the name therefore wouldn't be entitled to any payments.

SM proposed that the LCC invest in a local notice board. The costs of these are approximately £900. We can look to get some external funding. A general discussion took place regarding the location of the noticeboard. This would be discussed at a future meeting.

### **Actions**

**SM to circulate any information from the email account**

**BS to contact the ex-community councillor about the site admin. If no satisfaction then contact Fife Council for legal intervention.**

**SM to liaise with Fife Council regarding the notice boards at the town house and look into funding for another one.**

## 7. External Groups which CC attend

a. Public Park Improvement group

SM advised that there had been no meeting since the last community council. However, a site visit at the old tennis courts for Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 3pm. MUGA court scheduled to commence for January 2016.

b. Mossmorran Safety Liaison Committee

Nominations will be taken at the AGM. JK advised that he would be interested in attending.

c. 4 Wind Development Trust

BS advised that the Trustees will be scheduling a meeting as soon as possible.

d. Lomond Hills Trust

No update

8. Councillors Report

Councillor Hood provided updates on

- Cycling Circuit, event arranged for 2<sup>nd</sup> December
- Community Use schools opening hours to move to Saturday mornings
- Sports Camp scheduled for youngsters.
- Local Office – No plans to change opening hours
- Motorsport – they are dealing with a number of complaints
- Christmas Lights – No request for funding from Lochgelly. The CC suggested that the money be made available to local schools who are investing in the play areas with the schools

Councillor Hood advised that he will circulate an electronic copy of his report to Community Councillors.

9. AOCB

DH asked whether there was any information on the dates for the AGM for the Lochgelly Development Forum. He advised that there used to be regular meetings advertised, but hadn't been aware of any general meetings being held arranged for some time.

SM asked for an update on the health provision in the Town. There had been numerous complaints about waiting times for appointments. Councillor Hood advised that he had received a response for the Health Minister (Shona Robison) advising that there was adequate provision in the town. There are two issues that need to be addressed, the growth in demand for services and the standard of the building.

It was agreed that the Community Council need to focus a campaign on this issue and raise awareness of the specialist support which is available for people (e.g. Counselling Services provided by Urban Therapy).

BS sought agreement to change the start times for future meetings of the Council. BS suggested that it is moved to 6pm, however we would retain the standard 2 hours scheduled for the meeting. Agreed.

a. Date of next meeting –

- i. **Citizen & Young Citizen of the Year Wards 2015**
- ii. **AGM Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30 in the 385 Social Club**