

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE ROYAL BURGH OF LOCHMABEN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Lochmaben Town Hall Library
Tuesday 5th June 2023 – 7.00pm**

Present:

Kenelma McCrae (KMCC) (Chair), May McKerrell (MMcK)(Vice Chairman), Bob Murray (BM) (Treasurer), Carys Mainprize (CM)(Secretary), Jim Davidson(JD), J. Purdie (JP), B. Forbes (BF), Zena Forbes (ZF) Cllr. Carlyne Wilson (CW), Cllr. Stephen Thompson (ST), Colin Davidson (CD), Carol Rogerson(CR)

Members of the public: E. Armstrong (EA), M. McKelvie (MM), Andrew Rogerson (AR), L. Davidson (LD), Jenni Robertson (JR), Euan Maxwell (Press)(EM),

Apologies:

PC Cowan (PCC).

1.Introduction:

The meeting was held in the Town Hall Library after the AGM. All present were reminded that this is a public meeting and as such will be minuted as well as being reported in the Annandale Herald series. The meeting was quorate with five members of the Community Council being present.

2. Appointment of elected Community Councillors for the Casual Vacancy Election

Chair – Kenelma McCrae

Vice-Chair – May McKerrell

Treasurer – Bob Murray

Secretary – Carys Mainprize

3. CC Constitution and DGC Scheme of Establishment

Signed by KM ad ZF

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting 1st May 2023.

The April minutes were proposed as approved by JD and seconded by MM

5.Matters arising:

Email to Kings Arms JP

6. Police Report:

KM read out the following:

POLICE SCOTLAND
DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

Community Council: LOCHMABEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Date of Meeting: 02/05/2023

Officer Attending / Report Prepared By: PC John Cowan V0524

Updates Required / Requested From Previous Meeting

N/A

Crime Update (cover Performance / Issues / Trends)

08/04/2023 – Police responded to reports of a disturbance outside a Licensed Premises where a number of people fighting in the street. Enquiries ongoing to establish full circumstances.

16/04/2023 – Male charged with vandalism to front door of house in Campbell Court.

27/04/2023 – Sneak-in theft reported from house in Barras. Reminder to all to lock doors overnight and as a matter of course.

28/04/2023 – SFRS responded to grass fire near to Ravenhill. Initial investigations suggest it was set deliberately.

Community Issues/Initiatives

Summer Drink Drive campaign continues with regular early morning checks across the region.

Several local Community Councils have expressed interest in purchasing Rural Watch and Neighbourhood Watch signage. These can be bought directly from the website at the following link.

I have confirmed purchase cost of £21.12 plus p&p.

The signs are excellent quality composite metal and 42x30cm to cable tie to lamp posts.

[Neighbourhood Watch Scotland | Composite Sign - Neighbourhood Watch Scotland](#)

7. Treasurers Report:

BM reported as per AGM

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Finance Movements 3/5/23 - 6/6/23

Balance brought forward		11,287.47
<u>Income</u>		
H.K. Thorburn Builders	100	
Thorburn Funeral Directors	100	
Coffee Morning donation	20	
Tesco Community Fund	<u>500</u>	
		<u>720</u>
		12,007.47
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Church Hall Hire - Coffee Morning	40	
Shrubs for Church Hall Garden	75	
Book Tokens for School Art Competition	90	
Lochmaben School Learning Centre	30	
Annandale Community Transport Services Subs.	35	
ICO - Freedom of Information Annual Subs	35	
Long Service Award	<u>58</u>	
		<u>363</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>£11,644.47</u>

Future Expenditure due includes the Community Gardens and the Victory Park Project.

KMcC asked about the annual subs paid to Annandale Transport, what it was for. MM suggested a presentation from Annandale Transport to raise awareness and inform the CC and the public of what they do. MM will arrange this.

8.Councillors update:

ST reported that George Hunter Trust had opened for applications. Ony opens a few times a year for applications. Awards go to groups only in the area which benefits Lochmaben.

9. Any Other Business:

KM reported communications are ongoing with the council regarding football/MUGA and discussion has taken place with Lochmaben FC.

ZF reported concerns over caravan and derelict cottage on land next to Castle Loch as you come towards Lochmaben. ZF to take forward.

BF advised that SEPA will visit CLLT. They are visiting farms in the area looking for defuse pollution into Annan waterways. BF to report back at next meeting.

JR advised she wishes to be co-opted onto the CC officially now that she is a resident. KM to look into and action at next meeting.

JP voiced concerns over ecology report made for premises where Tesco is being built and asks that the CC seek reassurance that animals will be removed (as per the report).

Moss Vale/Mill Loch bridge needs to be made safe ST to raise with Core Paths Officer.

10.Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 8th August 2023 at 7.00pm in the Town Hall library.