

## Minutes Lochmaben Community Council

Lochmaben Town Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 at 7pm

Present :- May McKerrell of Hillhouse (MMcoH), Secretary Carys Mainprize (CM), Jennifer Robertson Minute Secretary (JR), Bob Murray Treasurer (BM), Cllr Carlyne Wilson (CW), Cllr Stephen Thompson (ST), Jane Purdie (JP) Jim Davidson (JD) Reporter Annandale Gazette, 2 members of the public.

1. Welcome and apologies Kenelma McCrae
2. Minutes from previous meeting proposed BM seconded JP
  
3. Matters from the members of the public A reminder about the 80year D Day celebration on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June at the War memorial Details will be put on Lochmaben Life FB page.
  
4. Matters arising
  - Well Pharmacy , Well state that a new pharmacist is to be appointed for the Lochmaben branch in July
  - a) A letter has been received from the General Pharmaceutical Council to the community council stating that the problems have been resolved , however JP is still receiving complaints from the residents and is now requesting that the problems now to be reported to the newspaper. MCMoH was unable to contact Dr Brown and he requires correspondence to be sent by letter CM to follow up. Cllr Stephen Thompson also has reported the problems to the Health and Social Care Partnership (NHS) Chief Officer. Cllr Thompson has asked to be copied into any future correspondence between community council and Well and GPC.
  - b) Tractors speeding through town, CM to write letter to Farmer's Union to request drivers can be made aware of the need to slow down when going through the town. CM to look at possibility of erecting Slow Down signs and ST suggested that LCC could contact the council re problems with the roads and parking in the town. Not yet know when 20 MPH will be implemented in Lochmaben.
  - c) Lunch Club Cllr CW is visiting the community centre this week to discuss the lunch clubs room rental. Her findings will follow.
- 5 Police Report enclosed

6 Treasurers report enclosed

7 Councillors update

ST reported that he had received communication from the council explaining the recent road works programme.

CW reported she is aware of the muddy path between tennis court and Victory Park. CW to follow up on the bin requested by member of public between Barras and Merton Court.

CW is going to follow up the signing of the lease for the "Paddy" for the Lochmaben Community Gardens.

THURS 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – Lochmaben to Lockerbie active travel path community engagement session, 2-4 Lockerbie Town Hall and 5-7 Lochmaben Church.

8. CC Members update

a)Kings Portrait JP is to contact the Lord Lieutenant of Dumfries if she would be kind enough to unveil the portrait date and time TBC. JP to arrange for a cake.

b)BM and CM to discuss where to site plaque at Victory Park to recognise local businesses, Dumfries and Galloway council, and Foundation Scotland funding.

c)JP and CM reported that Camper Vans are causing a congestion problem at the parking area by Bowling/Tennis clubs. CM to see if it is possible to erect a No Overnight Parking sign there and for a height restricting barrier.

d)Lochmaben Community Gardens - 4 raised boxes are now in situ at the "Paddy" awaiting liners and fillers then planting will take place.

e)Church Hall lowered kerbs reported, CM waiting to hear.

f) Princes street car park work started on tidying it up. However some areas of grass cutting done poorly, JD reports. Possibility to discuss with council how Lochmaben green spaces are to be looked after (cutting/wildflower areas, etc) for next year.

g) MmcKoH - Merlin Project request for support from LCC re feasibility study for Lochmaben, CM asked that LCC could see the guidelines from the funding bodies to ascertain whether LCC actually need to support the study as sounds like it is better for Merlin project to obtain permission from land owners where wells are situated (including D&G Council). ST to check if DGC would support. LCC suggested that Robin Crichton attend the AGM on July 1<sup>st</sup> as the guest speaker to clarify and answer questions members might have. ST suggested MmcKoH declare interest in future meetings/voting when the Merlin Project is discussed.

h) ACTS membership renewal, all approve.

#### 9. AOB

JR reported that a resident had requested a larger rubbish bin due to her family circumstances however the request had been denied, advised to write to councillors to appeal.

10 Date of next meeting AGM (postponed from June meeting).  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 7pm Lochmaben Town Hall