

Minutes Lochmaben Community Council

Lochmaben Town Hall 2nd September at 7pm

Present :- Kenelma McCrae Chair (KMCC), Vice Chair May Mckerrell of Hillhouse (MMCoH), Secretary Carys Mainprize (CM) Treasurer Bob Murray (BM), Minute Secretary Jenni Robertson (JR) Jim Davidson (JD) Pc John Cowan, Cllr Carlyne Wilson (CW), Councillor Stephen Thompson (ST), Reporter Annandale Gaze e, 3 members of the public.

1. Welcome and Apologies: Jane Purdie

2. Minutes from previous meeting: proposed JD seconded JR

3. Matters from members of the public:

- Residents reported concerns over the lack of street cleaning and weed and litter removal. Also reports of broken glass on the pavements. KMCC suggested the possibility and holding another litter picking day. ST to follow up and report concerns to Dumgal. MoP are reminded that they can report blocked road drains here <https://info.dumgal.gov.uk/faultreporting/Road/Defect> and other concerns such as broken glass to the community council who can pass it onto the council. If the council aren't aware of it, they won't know to repair/clean/remove the issue.
- Lack of accessible play equipment raised. KMCC suggested LCC could look into funding individual pieces to be added to playgrounds. CM to raised this point with CCES.
- Concerns raised on the new housing developments stressing Lochmaben services especially medical practice and chemist
- MoP raised issues over child's journey through the health system and failure of Lochmaben Medical Practice to follow DGRI recommendations about follow ups; LCC to get in touch with council/health board about this.

4. Matters arising :None

5. Police Report: see attached

6. Treasurers Report: see attached

7. Councillors update:

- ST reported that the Coat Of Arms work is underway; Hazel Kerr is taking forward. MMKoH stated that her husband is waiting to get the correct wording for this.
- ST reported that the hedges have now been cut on both sides of Lockerbie Road by Victory Park
- ST reported that some of the trees growing out of the town hall have been removed however still more to be done
- ST reported that work was being done of the potholes at Halleaths
- A report on common good in Lochmaben is being prepared, we hope it includes a way to access some of the income from the caravan site at Kirk Loch and also how to address the overnight parking by camper vans at the car park by the tennis courts
- Grass cutting at the old cemetery should be carried out 3 times a year. Council said firmly that no sheep are allowed to graze the site.
- Headstone safety works are also to be carried out around the cemeteries
- ST mentioned the consultation on the asymmetric school week was out for MoP to comment on
- ST reported that kerbside battery recycling will begin soon
- CW has no updates on a bin which was requested by MoP to be placed near Barras.

8 CC members update:

- MMkoH reported that she has now had a response from Lochmaben Surgery and has passed this onto KMcC
- JR wished to take the opportunity to Thank Jane Purdie for all her hard work in setting up the Lochmaben Community Gardens at the Paddy as she has now resigned from her role as chairperson, JR wished to reiterate that the group will endeavour to continue her hard work.

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- suggestions for placing the Bike racks the community centre was provisionally agreed
- Local Place Plan meeting weds 9th October 3pm location TBA. KMcC suggests parking and road crossings can be discussed as part of place plan

- **12th September lochmaben High Street 3.15 -4.00pm community Safety Team engagement.**
- **Taxi and Private Hire Cars Unmet survey closes 9th September details on FB**
- **Suggestion of cleaning and clearing road signs made; ST to report to the council**
- **KMcC asked for volunteers in organising and distributing the Senior Citizen Christmas Voucher Scheme.**
- **CM reported from community member Colin Davidson that the Mercat Cross Gardens, which was awarded 2nd place in Lochmaben in Bloom, was also kindly tended by Alan Kirkpatrick and his daughter and Colin wishes their contribution to be noted. Colin and Liz will no longer look after Mercat Cross Gardens so members of the community who wish to take it on are asked to let the community council know.**

Date of next Meeting

Monday 7th October at 7pm Lochmaben Town Hall

LOCHMABEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Finance Movements 1/7/24 - 2/9/24

Balance brought forward		31,704.01
<u>Income</u>		
Bike Racks Grant	400	
Seed Fund Grant	750	
Minsca Wind Farm Annual Grant	<u>3,000</u>	
		<u>4,150</u>
		35,854.01
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Signage on Victory Park Slide	91.2	
King Charles III Photograph Event	35	
Computer 4 Years Domain costs	30	
Microsoft Annual Computer costs	79.99	
Gift	13	
Community Gardens Insurance	172.78	
Community Gardens Lease	290	
Community Gardens Construction	400	
Cleaning and Sundries	<u>24.97</u>	
		<u>1,136.94</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>£34,717.07</u>

Future Expenditure due includes the Victory Park Project, which has still to be invoiced by D & G Council to the C.C., plus other smaller Community Projects.

Website Sponsors to date are :

RJW Electrics, Crown Hotel, Rostrum Sportswear, Braw Beauty, Aggie Bash, A.Crolla & Sons, Barony Foods, Loc of Hair and The Kings Arms.

POLICE SCOTLAND
DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

Community Council: LOCHMABEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Date of Meeting: 02/09/2024

Officer Attending / Report Prepared By: PC Cowan V0524

Updates Required / Requested From Previous Meeting

N/A

Crime Update (cover Performance / Issues / Trends)

Young person reported to Youth Justice and social work following multiple incidents of assault on carers and Police and vandalism at local care setting. YP has subsequently moved placement.

24/07 – Female arrested for threatening behaviour and Police assault.

29/08 – Male arrested for domestic abuse offences and resisting arrest.

29/08 – Young person reported to Youth Justice following assault near to Victory Park.

Community Issues/Initiatives

Chief Superintendent Steven Meikle has recently taken post of Divisional Commander.

Catherine Norton, station assistant at Lockerbie Police Station retires later this month following many years of service. We all wish her well in her retirement. Recruitment is underway to find a replacement.

Matters brought to Police attention by Council

Response given to above points at the meeting

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Further action to be taken regarding above points

Section Sergeant (Comments)

Area Inspector (Comments)

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