

Lochmaben Community Council

Monday 5th Feb 2024 Lochmaben Town Hall

Present:- Kenelma McCrae(KMcC) Chair, May McKerrell of Hillhouse (MMcKoH) Vice chair, Bob Murray (BM) treasurer , Carys Mainprize(CM) Secretary .Jennifer Robertson (JR) Minute Secretary, Jane Purdie (JP) Jim Davidson (JD) Carolyne Wilson (CW) Stephen Thompson(ST)John Cowan(JC) Police, Reporter from Annandale Herald

Apologies

none

Introduction

The meeting was held in the Town Library all present were reminded that this was a public meeting. The meeting was a quorate with 7 members of the Community Council attending

Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 4th Dec 2023

Proposed by JR and seconded by BM

Matters from members of the public

Resident reported a window smashed in Queen Street CW to follow up.

Matters arising

One of the walls next to the Paddy (Mill Loch) is cracked CW will report re repairs

Lochmaben Xmas lights to be discussed and put on the agenda for the next Council meeting in March

Police report

Will be forwarded onto Council in due course

Treasurers report

BM reported (see treasurers report)

Councillors update

CW stated that Tesco are still intending to continue development in Lochmaben

ST stated that the work at Victory Park is now ongoing, and also is looking at the cleaning of Bruces statue for the 750th anniversary in June this year. He will also contact Heritage Scotland re the dangerous state of the highest tower at the castle as it is now leaning in a very unsafe way.

CC members update

JP requested that an email be sent to Well Pharmacy re liaising and dispensing medications.

Any other business

a) Xmas vouchers

Lochmaben Community Council wishes to thank all the sponsors who kindly donated towards the Senior Citizen Xmas voucher scheme

Namely –

Thorburns, Macolls Coaches , Hal MCGhee, Mauve furniture ,Lamont engineering, RJW Electrical Barony Foods, Rostrom, Jaqueline Evans, Jaybees, Lochmaben Football Club and Top and Bottom shop and Kings arms

b)

Quarry development

The following notes were taken from the community meeting at Hightae Hall. The proposed development will be going to planning application committee due to the number of objections and will be heard in public in due course. For more info or to make comments please go to the council page directly:

<https://eaccess.dumgal.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=S3I75BGBH8Y00>

- Quarry would be screened by the displaced soil which will be replanted with native grasses, and would also help to block noise.
- Restricted to 10-12 lorries per day (24 journeys maximum).
- A small amount of water or environmentally friendly chemical will be sprayed if there is dust during blasting/crushing.
- No trees will be felled for the quarry or road. The land owner suggested he would create a fenced walking path diversion in his field where the road corner/short verges make walking dangerous with vehicles. There are no endangered species in quarry area.
- Modern machinery should cause minimal noise pollution. They can only work between 7am –5pm. Blasting and crushing will happen rarely.

C)

JR to put information re Annandale Community Transport Services and D &G Handyvan services onto Lochmaben Life and Lochmaben Community Councils Facebook pages.

D)

Lochmaben Coat of Arms to be discussed at the next meeting

Date of Next meeting Monday 4th March at 7pm

LOCHMABEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Finance Movements 5/12/23 - 5/2/24

Balance brought forward		21,855.67
<u>Income</u>		
Foundation Scotland Grant re The Victory Park project	12,370	
Senior Citizens Christmas Festivities		
Business etc. Donations	320	
Christmas Raffle	<u>224</u>	
		<u>12,914.00</u>
		34,769.67
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Website Hosting	27.46	
Voucher Scheme Printing costs	372	
Annual Small Lotteries fee	<u>20</u>	
		<u>419.46</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>£34,350.21</u>

Future Expenditure due includes the Victory Park Project, work on which should be commencing this Month, the Community Gardens, the Senior Citizens Christmas voucher Scheme, and other smaller Community projects.

Website Sponsors so far are :

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