

DRAFT MINUTES

Lochmaben Community Council

3/2/25 | 7.15pm Lochmaben Town Hall

Present

May McKerrel of Hillhouse – Vice Chair – MMCoH	Carys Mainprize – Secretary – CM
Jenni Robertson – Minute Secretary – JR	Bob Murray – Treasurer – BM
Jane Purdie - JP	Jim Davidson – JD
Jennie Wilkes (JW)	Reporter – Annandale Gazette Pc x2
Cllr Stephen Thompson – ST Scott McMekeen (Ward Officer)	MoP x4

Welcome and Apologies

- Apologies from Kenelma McCrae & Cllr Carolyne Wilson

Approval of minutes

- Proposed CM
- Seconded JR

Matters from Members of Public

- Pharmacist from Well Pharmacy and JP stated that things have improved greatly there. Well pharmacy now offer a screening service for heart health, the service is called POtDOC and costs £19.99, as well as online doctors service for common ailments. The pharmacy also now have a facebook page. The Health Board are continuing to monitor the performance of the pharmacy but JP wished the improvements noted by the community council.
- Member of the public suggested that the Senior Citizen Christmas vouchers should be numbered so that a record could be kept of how many are given out and how many are actually used. It was agreed that this would be suggested and carried out for Xmas 2025
- MoP raised issue of litter in Lochmaben and that Tesco staff were to take part in litter picks. LCC will contact Tesco to ask about this.
 - LCC has plans to support more regular litter picking after updating insurance to include civic pride duties

Matters Arising

- None

Police Report

See Attached

Treasurer's Report

See Attached including Community Gardens spend breakdown.

- JP raised queries over the cost and design of the raised beds, the lack of publicity over funding achieved by the gardens, the lack of community engagement, and the lack of inclusive beds.
 - CM responded: Jaybees and RH Youth have supported the gardens previous season, and further beds suitable for wheelchairs will be built in the near future. Funding updates will be shared with the community as the growing season begins and events take place.
 - Regarding cost of raised beds: treasurers Community Gardens report listed "construction (Kane)" as 1400 and has now been updated to "Raised bed and bench set (inc materials)" as 1400 to avoid further confusion.

Councillor's Update

Cllr ST reports:

- Lochmaben are at present 15th on the list to be reviewed for the 20 mph limit
- There are various road surfacing projects coming up and will be advertised via the media as usual.
- Retrospective planning has been applied for number 6 high street as this is a listed building and has been sandblasted.
- ST stated that changes to the alcohol bylaws (drinking in public places) are presently being looked at and report expected in first half of this year.

CC Members Updates

- JP stated that she wished minutes to be taken at any informal meetings of the Community Council and should be added into the main minutes of a formal meeting.
- Lockerbie Academy has asked for funding for their Celebration of Achievement event. CM to enquire about the use of funding if for pupil benefit before a decision is made.
- The community centre lack of heating of the main hall was raised. CM to contact Dan from QOTS to discuss.
 - Dan from QOTS responded: the hall is a sports hall and so is kept at the temperatures Sports Scotland recommends (16 degrees).

AOB

- A member of the Lockerbie and Lochmaben district Rotary club has kindly offered their services re any kind of help we might require and has left his contact number with the council
- JP suggested that it might be a good idea to hold a Community Councillors Surgery monthly to allow residents to attend with any problems or issues they may have re Lochmaben
 - ST mentioned residents can contact him or he would be happy to set up a surgery if there is demand
 - If members of the public could respond on if they would use either surgery a decision can be taken at the next meeting
- MMCKoH stated that she continues to be in contact with the doctors at the surgery. MoP added new reception staff have now been taken on
- A member of the Lockerbie and Lochmaben district Rotary club has kindly offered their services for local groups – ivan_eleanor_kennedy@btopenworld.com or 07912564606
- JP suggested inviting staff from the doctor's surgery to a meeting to talk with the community.

- National speed management review – public consultation open
- Harestanes West Windfarm responses to planning application before Mar 10th. See https://www.scottishpowerrenewables.com/pages/harestanes_west_windfarm.aspx
- Broadband internet infrastructure Reaching 100% programme –faster broadband survey open:
 - <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/c62144b241534fceb46a0e18ae34fd8d>

Pre-meeting minutes

- The Community Council met 15 minutes before the public meeting to discuss the Common Good and heard from MMCKoH who is the representative on the sub-committee. This was for informational purposes and no relevant Lochmaben updates were shared and no actions agreed to be taken. The report on Lochmaben common good (caravan park, garages) has still not been produced for the sub-committee.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 3rd March 7.15pm Library

POLICE SCOTLAND
DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

Community Council: LOCHMABEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Date of Meeting: 03/02/2025

Officer Attending / Report Prepared By: PC Glendinning V111

Updates Required / Requested From Previous Meeting

N/A

Crime Update (cover Performance / Issues / Trends)

03/12/2024 – Breach of Bail

One male arrested and charged for Breach of Bail following him entering an address despite having conditions not to do so.

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Enquiries ongoing to trace one male in respect of Breach of Bail conditions by contacting his ex-partner over social media when conditions were in place that no contact should be made.

06/12/2024 – Assault (Domestic)

One male arrested and charged for assaulting his ex-partner. Released on bail to appear at court at a later date.

14/12/2024 – Breach of Bail

One male arrested and charged for Breach of Bail conditions for being in the company of his ex-partner when there were conditions in place preventing him from doing so.

18/12/2024 – Threatening and Abusive Behaviour (Domestic)

One male arrested and charged for domestic abuse offences. Released on bail to appear at court at a later date.

21/12/2024 – Vandalism

Enquiries ongoing following a report of a vandalism whereby the window of a car and a house window were smashed by tins of paint being thrown through same. CCTV captures part of the incident, and it appears that two males are responsible, however due to their faces being concealed by clothing they are as yet unidentified.

24/12/2024 – Domestic Abusive Offences

One male arrested and charged with domestic abuse offences following him being at his ex-partners home address. He was thereafter held in custody to appear at court.

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31/12/2024 – Domestic Abuse Offences

Enquiries ongoing following a report of a male engaging in a course of conduct which is causing fear and alarm to his ex-partner.

11/01/2025 – Threatening and Abusive Behaviour

Enquiries ongoing following a report that a male shouted, swore and made threats towards a neighbour. Male suspect still to be traced.

15/01/2025 – Theft

Enquiries ongoing following a report of a theft of a parcel which had been left on the doorstep of a property.

19/01/2025 – Theft by Opening a Lockfast Place

Enquiries ongoing following a report of theft of oil from an oil tank. A hole was drilled into the side of the tank and a quantity of heating oil removed.

22/01/2025 - Vandalism

One male charged with vandalism following a report that he had attended at an address and repeatedly kicked the door, causing damage.

29/01/2025 – Theft

Enquiries ongoing following a report that a female removed a number of items from within the house belonging to her ex-partner when she had been in collecting their children.

Community Issues/Initiatives

Matters brought to Police attention by Council

Response given to above points at the meeting

Further action to be taken regarding above points

Section Sergeant (Comments)

Area Inspector (Comments)

LOCHMABEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Finance Movements 3/12/24 - 3/2/25

Balance brought forward		9,392.21
<u>Income</u>		
ANCBC Annual Grant	4,000	
Donation re the Christmas Voucher Scheme	100	
Christmas Raffle	<u>136</u>	
		<u>4,236.00</u>
		13,628.21
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Community Garden costs	1,456.32	
Christmas voucher Scheme costs	395.4	
Annual Lottery fee	20	
Website	22.5	
Bank charges	<u>5.5</u>	
		<u>1,900.72</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>£11,727.49</u>

The Community Council Funds include £4,830.35 held on behalf of The Community Garden Group.

Website Sponsors are :

RJW Electrics, Crown Hotel, Rostrum Sportswear, Braw Beauty, A.Crolla & Sons, The Salon on the Corner, Barony Foods, Loc of Hair, The Kings Arms and Halleaths Home Farm Holiday Home.

Lochmaben Community Council

Payments made on behalf of the Lochmaben Garden Group
1st August 2024 to 31st January 2025

Insurance			192.78
Construction work (Kevin)			400
Lease payment to D & G Council		**	290
Rental 1/6 - 14/10/24		74.8	
4 Months Rental x 16.67		<u>66.68</u>	141.48
James Jones Timber			32.32
Raised bed and bench set (including materials)			1400
J.Robertson payments :			
	02/09/2024	47.28	
	16/09/2024	22.69	
	23/09/2024	14.65	
	01/10/2024	55.47	
	16/01/2025	<u>22.98</u>	<u>163.07</u>
			<u>2,619.65</u>

Receipts on behalf of the Lochmaben Garden Group

D & G Council 28/2/23	500
Carolyn Wilson Discretionary Grant 31/3/23	250
Seed Fund 9/8/24	750
Foundation Scotland Grant 1/11/24	3,000
D & G Council 5/11/24	2,000
Portion of ANCBC Annual Grant	<u>660</u>
	<u>7160</u>

**** Lease actually being paid by the Community Council**