

**INFORMATION NOTES TAKEN DURING AN INFORMAL ONLINE
MEETING OF
THE ROYAL BURGH OF LOCHMABEN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY
COUNCIL**

Monday 10th January 2022 – 7.00pm

Present:

Colin Davidson (CD)(Chairman), Kenelma McCrae (KMCC)(Secretary), Cllr. Stephen Thompson (ST), May Mckerrell (MMcK)(Vice Chairman) (Part meeting), Charles Mckerrell (CMcK) (Part meeting), Cllr. Adam Wilson (AW)(Part meeting).
Members of the public: J.Purdie(JP), A. Rogerson (AR), D.Sinclair(DS), Dullrobbie (DR) Abbey Morton (AM)(Press).

Apologies:

Bob Murray (BM) (Treasurer), Ian Vidler (IV), Carol Rogerson (CR), Carol McLean(CMcL), Jim Davidson(JD),

1.Introduction:

The meeting was an online event via TEAMS following revised Coronavirus regulations issued by the Scottish Govt.

Due to the effects of Covid and technical matters the meeting was not quorate but it was decided to use the opportunity to keep everyone updated and informed. No policy decisions would be made as a result.

2.Minutes of the Previous Meeting 6th December 2021.

CD advised that this item would be carried over to the February meeting when it's hoped the minutes will be approved.

3.Matters arising:

Mill Loch:

A date for the planned meeting involving SNH, SEPA, Alison Rogerson, Oliver Mundell, and Colin Davidson is still awaited.

JP advised that no reports were evident in respect of ecology or archaeological interest in relation to the effects of the Nethermill development on Mill Loch.

Christmas Event:

Many notes of appreciation and personal thanks are still being received from recipients.

War Memorial:

The formal presentation of the award by DGC was planned for 21st Dec but had to be postponed following revised Covid restrictions.

Community Centre charges:

ST and CD reported that a response to the enquiry for reduced charges being made available for charities is still awaited. Any information is likely to have been delayed by the Christmas/New Year holidays.

Platinum Jubilee:

CD advised that despite both parties efforts it has not been possible to discuss planting trees etc. with Mike Libera from the Queens Estate.

It's hoped that the event will be marked in some way with discussions proposed for future meetings.

Play Park at Taylor Wimpey:

The factors Greenbelt reported that all equipment was sound during their inspection made on 5th Nov 2021. All information and details were passed on to the resident concerned.

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Victory Park Picnic benches:

These are currently safely stored in DGC 's depot and will be installed once the worst of the winter is by.

4. Police Report:

The following report was provided:

POLICE SCOTLAND
DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT
Community Council: LOCHMABEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Date of Meeting: 10/01/2022
Officer Attending / Report Prepared By: PC Glendinning V0111
Updates Required / Requested From Previous Meeting N/A
Crime Update (cover Performance / Issues / Trends) <u>16/12/2021 – Assault (Domestic)</u> Report of a non-recent assault. One male arrested and charged. <u>17/12/2021 – Vandalism</u> Report of a window being smashed at a house in Annandale Court. Enquiries ongoing. <u>22/12/2021 – Vandalism</u> Report of a window being smashed, as well as paint and graffiti being daubed on the walls of a house at Annandale Court, Lochmaben. Enquiries ongoing. <u>24/12/2021 – Assault/Threatening and Abusive Behaviour</u> Call received following an altercation between a group of 5 youths and the occupants of a house. The youths had been banging on the window of the house and had been confronted by the occupants and asked to stop. The youths thereafter became aggressive and abusive, making gestures and shouting/swearing. Other members of the public also asked the youths to stop what they were doing at which time one of the youths pushed a female to the ground. Enquiries ongoing. <u>01/01/2022 – Threatening and Abusive Behaviour/Wildlife Crime</u> Police received a call from a farmer who advised that he had chased poachers off his land and one of the males had threatened him. Police attended and traced the suspect vehicle in the area at which time one of the occupants was arrested as well as a number of items being seized, including lamps and dog trackers collars/radio equipment. Swabs were taken from the mouths of one of the dogs within the vehicle. The arrested male was later charged with threatening and abusive behaviour. Enquiries are ongoing in respect of the wildlife crime. <u>08/01/2022 – Assault/Threatening and Abusive Behaviour</u> Police were contacted due to a male causing a disturbance in a house. Officers attended and arrested one male. He was later charged with assault, vandalism, threatening and abusive behaviour and resisting arrest. <u>08/01/2022 to 09/01/2022 – Fire-raising</u> Whilst on patrol within Lochmaben, officers were flagged down by a member of the public reporting a bin on fire near to St Margaret's Flats. A further report was then received of a

bin on fire outside the Community Centre, as well as a bin on fire in Grummel Court. Fire service attended and extinguished the fires.

A further report was received on 09/01/2022 regarding a bin on fire at the Community Centre. Officer attended and found Fire service in attendance, with the fire having been extinguished. Enquiries ongoing.

Community Issues

Given recent reports of youth anti-social behaviour, as well as vandalism and fire-raising, officers from the Community Policing Team and Response Policing are carrying out both high visibility and unmarked plain clothes patrols in the area. Any issues should be reported to Police on 101 or 999 in the case of emergencies. Any information in relation to these incidents should also be brought to Police attention.

5. Treasurers Report:

Finance Movements 6/12/21 - 10/1/22

Balance brought forward at 6/12/21	£8225.75
<u>Income:</u>	
Christmas donations	<u>£1000.00</u>
	£9225.75
<u>Expenditure</u>	
Xmas gift	£ 25.50
Small lotteries Annual fee	£ 20.00
	<u>£ 45.50</u>
Balance carried forward at 10/1/22	<u>£9180.25</u>

Please note that about £3000 will be paid out to shopkeepers who are participating in the Christmas voucher scheme at the end of January.

6. Co-Op Update:

We have been advised by Santec that progress has been slower than expected. They are still in the pre- application process with a meeting planned for 11th Jan with the case officer. This is likely to take at least 7 weeks. An information pack is likely to be available from end Jan to early Feb in time for the next CC meeting. Santec hope to make their Planning application as soon as possible after these items are sorted.

7. FACEBOOK Update:

KMcC reported that all received enquiries had been followed up.
Posts will be made in respect of future activities relating to the RH Youth Organisation.

10. Councillors update:

ST advised that the holiday period had impacted on more detailed responses to recent CC enquiries/ action requests.

Pavement repairs at Annandale Crescent are the responsibility of DGHP who will deal with these directly.

A site visit was made with MMcK to inspect the condition of the cemetery wall at Castlehill Gate.

A meeting has been arranged with a representative of DGC's Active Travel Group with a view to progressing the Lochmaben/ Lockerbie route.

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9. Any Other Business:

JP advised of the vandalised information board at Mill Loch play park. The sign itself has been rescued by local resident Ian Beveridge so that it can be refitted to the mounting board once repaired. Responsibility for these signs is to be determined. CD will contact Lochmaben Initiative for information.

Resident Pam Linton had earlier reported to the CC the following:

*Two folk had fallen as a result of the damaged pavement between the surgery and large hedge on the High St. CD advised that this has been reported on a number of occasions but repairs must now be a priority, as well as finding a long term solution to the damage caused by tree roots.

*The road behind the Town Hall at Sukies store is in need of repair. CD advised that such issues can be reported direct by the public to DGC via phone or online as soon as discovered but that the CC will also request action.

*The Post Box is in a poor condition. This is to be reported to Royal Mail.

*The Broomhill road at the farm near Broomhill Fishings is in a poor state of repair and is muddy which may be a matter for the Police. Initially the CC will report to damaged surface to DGC.

AR enquired about the extent of Avian flu within our locality. She has carefully removed and disposed of dead swans in the absence of any action from the authorities.

DS enquired about the flooding in Well Vennel. A detailed response is awaited from DGC.

A further meeting of the Lochmaben and Lockerbie Common Good Fund has been arranged for 24th February 2022.

10. Date of next meeting:

This is proposed for 7th February at 7.00pm with the venue or format to be confirmed depending on Covid restrictions.