

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE ROYAL BURGH OF LOCHMABEN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
Lochmaben Town Hall Library  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023 7:00pm**

**Present:**

Kenelma McCrae (KMcC) Chair, May Mckerrel of Hillhouse (MMcKoH) Vice Chairman, Bob Murray (BM) Treasurer, Carys Mainprize (CM) Secretary, Jennifer Robertson (JR) Minute Secretary, Jane Purdie (JP), Jim Davidson (JD), Zena Forbes (ZF), Brian Forbes (BF), Cllr Carlyne Wilson (CW), PC Lee Barnweather (PCLB) Member from Annandale Herald and 3 Member of the Public (MoP) including representatives from the Community Centre.

**Apologies:**

Cllr Stephen Thompson (ST)

**1. Introduction**

The meeting was held in the Town Library, all present were reminded this is a public meeting. The meeting was quorate with 9 members of the Community Council attending.

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023**

Proposed by JP, seconded by JD

**3. Matters from Members of Public**

No matters raised.

**4. Matters Arising**

- a. CM reported back on CCES responses: Lochmaben toilets are open, closed, and cleaned daily. Regarding mobile homes concern, council to consider signage to deter waste at site.
- b. Christmas Vouchers for Senior citizens: JR and JP reported back on their work requesting donations and phoning Senior Citizens to create list for Voucher scheme.
- c. CW will check on Princes Street car park.

**5. Police report**

Read by PCLB

**6. Treasurer's Report**

BM reported (see Treasurer's Report).

**7. Councillor's Update**

See Stephen Thompson's update.

**8. CC Members Update**

- a. CM received email re concerns about traffic congestion on Bruce Street during works on Tesco and although reply not clear it seems some form of management will be put in place when Tesco is operational. CM to ask for clarification on future traffic management and to forward email to CW.
- b. ZF answered query on Lochmaben Life Facebook Page from resident regarding Christmas Party not going ahead due to lack of volunteers.
- c. ZF attended Democracy Matters meeting and reported back to LCC.
- d. Multiple LCC members attended community group meeting regarding local action plan. No decision made at that meeting but next date set for February.

#### **9. Any Other Business**

- a. JP reported that an elderly resident of Mossvale was being harassed at night by people knocking on her windows. JP to ask shop to turn their camera towards property at night to hopefully catch culprit/culprits.
- b. MMcKoH to lay wreath from Lochmaben Community Council on Remembrance Sunday. JP to film march.
- c. CM received email from resident regarding unemptied dog bin on Well Vennel. CW to follow up.
- d. Thank you cards/notes from Lochmaben groups for previous funding for running costs.
- e. JP to try and source dishwasher for Lochmaben warm hub
- f. Victory Park project meeting upcoming – members from community council and residents to meet with D&G Council to progress.
- g. Community tree planting scheme: JR to email organisation for more info
- h. JR raised Lochmaben castle dangers. LCC to write to Historic Scotland.
- i. BF resigned from Lochmaben Community Council

Secretary received resignation from ZF separately, after the meeting.

#### **10. Date of next meeting**

December Mon 4<sup>th</sup> 2023 7pm Town Hall Library

**LOCHMABEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Finance Movements 3/10/23 - 6/11/23**

Balance brought forward		17,236.00
<u>Income</u>		
Senior Citizens Christmas Festivities		
Business etc. Donations		<u>790</u>
		18,026.00
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Lochmaben SWRI	300	
Remembrance Day Wreath	<u>35.4</u>	
		<u>-335.4</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>£17,690.60</u>

Future Expenditure due includes the Victory Park Project, Community Gardens 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.

## **Councillor's Update**

### Fireworks

Advised to get a licence for next year.

### Pavement on High Street ongoing as at 20231019

Re the requirement for footway repairs on Lochmaben High Street. Council have had ongoing works carried out periodically on Lochmaben High Street, where they have attended to the highest risk defects. The last works were carried out using contractors who may be used again to complete the works. The way the contract is written they are planning on some works to be carried out before the festive break and then the remainder after. DGC will have the contractor for 30 days total and are in the process of creating the first tranche of works and this will include any high-risk areas on Lochmaben High Street.

### Road defects

(Case reference: 101000115100)

Reported defects after Ravenswood - heading from A709, toward Broomhill Road at north end of Lochmaben. U66A, Halleaths - Roads service can confirm that the defects have been previously identified and have been added to a future programme of works for repair.

### Statue cleaning as at 20231031

The Bruce Statue was cleaned last in September 2018. However, it costs in the region of £5k every time it's cleaned and there is a budget for this type of work. Input from conservationists is that statues can be harmed as the cleaning process can damage the stone. Given the events and anniversaries in 2024 the officer will speak to Architectural Services to see if anything can be arranged.

### Hedge from hospital 20231015

Trimmed back along the footpath recently by arrangement with landowner/responsible party