

DRAFT MINUTES

Lochmaben Community Council

7/4/25 | 7.15pm Lochmaben Town Hall

Present

Kenelma McCrae – Chair – KMcC	May McKerrel of Hillhouse – Vice Chair – MMCoH
Jenni Robertson – Minute Secretary – JR	Bob Murray – Treasurer – BM
Cllr Carlyne Wilson – CW	Jim Davidson – JD
MoP x9	Reporter – Annandale Herald

Welcome and Apologies

- Apologies from Carys Mainprize, Jennie Wilkes, Cllr Stephen Thompson

Approval of minutes

- Proposed JD
- Seconded BM

Matters from Members of Public

- War memorial needs to be cleaned in readiness for VE day 8th 2025 – LCC all agreement to pay for cleaning, a MoP will arrange. Tree roots are pushing up the stones around the memorial and affecting plinth, MoP to contact Steven Wylie to look into this. All Meet at 11am on May 8th for a minutes silence to celebrate VE day. Piper will be piping the lament. Request for community to hold their own events for VE Day
- Thanks to all volunteers running the warm hub, it is well attended and will finish this week. Thanks extended from Warm Hub to Community Council volunteers Carol McClean and Carol Rogerson.
- Lochmaben Wombles meet on 2nd Sat of every month next meeting on 10th May 10.30am all equipment supplied. Meet at Community Centre. If unable to attend please collect a green bag and where possible litter pick own area. Leave bag in designated area.
- Resident reported dog fouling in cemetery and items being stolen/ broken Wombles have offered to clean up there.
- Public bench needs repairing by church Cllr CW to follow up.
- Cllr CW to investigate signage to encourage people to slow down on High St *CC to follow up with email
- MOP - Thanks to Cllr ST and Cllr CW for arranging bus stop at Halleaths
- Flower competition might fold, wondered if CC would possibly take it over? Something to consider.
- Member of the public reported problem with a bus being left at Barras Head which is causing a hazard to drivers entering and leaving Barras Head . KMcC suggest member contacts police each time bus is left there LCC will write to council to voice concerns and Cllr CW to follow up

- LCC will write to Dumgal request double yellow lines at Barras Head to prevent parking in dangerous area and to investigate pavement/road drop on corner Church Cres/Barashead which has caused damage to cars - Cllr CW to follow up too
- Member reported that Church Cres and Barras Head road are in a poor state. Cllr CW to follow up
- The Perspex in the bus shelters is to be replaced and shelters cleaned
- MOP- asked if flag poles on town hall will be reinstated CW to follow up
- Also suggested bus stop on High st next to post office could be extended out into the road, as bus has difficulty pulling in and it would be safer for people
- Street Crossing - Lack of consideration for infirm folk, they can't cross road to get medication as there is still no safe crossing. Older folk, disabled people are slow and scared of crossing. CW to follow up and *CC to write to Council

Matters Arising

- None

Police Report

Police will no longer attend Community Council meetings however a monthly online meeting with a representative from LCC will be held instead. KMCC to be the contact.

Treasurer's Report

See Attached

Councillor's Update

Cllr CW reports:

- Bus Shelters at Halleaths work to start on both sides this week
- Overgrown bushes at St Margaret's/Wallace Drive now trimmed back
- Mobile sauna at Kirk Loch there for a trial period
- New bins on paths at Golf Course and Glebe Cres path
- High Street street light now fixed
- New timetable for buses are to come out in August

Cllr ST sent in a report detailing:

- Parking outside chemist: Disabled parking bays outside the chemist in Lochmaben are included within the lining package that will be actioned early in the new financial year.
- Queens Street Defect - this defect and it is out with its warranty period so this will be dealt with by the roads maintenance team. We will arrange for this to be re-assessed, categorised and if required a temp repair will be carried out over the next 1-2 weeks.
- Swestrans RTPi digital info - waiting to hear about levelling up funding, there are approx. 77 with RTPi systems currently at stops, these will be priority to switch on again and then depending on funding, install new at other stops. This forms part of the Swestrans Regional Transport Strategy and delivery plan.

CC Members Updates

- BM reminded all about coffee morning to be held in Church Hall on 26th April 10am till 12pm to raise funds for the pensioners Xmas vouchers, all donations for a raffle would be gratefully received JR and JD to collect prizes for raffle. If anyone would like a stall, please contact Bob Murray on 01387 810733.
- Church Hall will be open for donations for raffle/baking on Friday 25th 1830-1930
- Raffle books to be sold £1 a strip
- KMcC reported that a MoP has asked for a bin between Barras and Merton Court. CW to follow up.

AOB

- KmcC gave thanks to past Community Councillor Jane Purdie for all her hard work especially for getting the running of the pharmacy improved and her work re the bus shelters at Halleaths. Jane in turn wished to register her thanks to Cllr CW and Cllr Stephen Thompson for all their help and support in the past

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MON 5th MAY 7.15pm

Lochmaben Community Council - Statement of Accounts for the Year to 31st March, 2025.

2024	Receipts	2025
11,870.02	Opening Balance - Virgin Money	31,493.23
	596.6 D & G Council Admin Grant	696.6
	3,750 D & G Council Grant re Victory Park Project	0
	12,370 Foundation Scotland Grant re Victory Park Project	0
	3,000 Minsca Grant	3,000
	4,000 Annandale & Nithsdale Community Benefit Co.	4,000
	0 Grants re Lochmaben Community Gardens Group	5,750
	900 Victory Park Project Donations	0
	1,564.01 Donations to Senior Citizens Christmas Festivities	1,370
	734 Coffee Morning proceeds	553
	250 Website Sponsorships	25
	0 Bike Rack Grant	200
	0 Primary School Books grant	200
	0 Christmas raffle for Senior Citizens Festivities	<u>136</u>
<u>27,165.06</u>		<u>15,930.10</u>
39,035.08		47,423.33
<u>-7,541.85</u>	Less Payments	<u>-43,940.71</u>
<u>£31,493.23</u>	Closing Balance - Virgin Money	<u>£3,482.62</u>

Independent Examiner`s Report

I have examined the Accounts of Lochmaben Community Council for the Year to 31st March, 2025 and, according to the best of my knowledge and belief, and from explanations and information given to me, have found them to be properly prepared from the accounting records and in accordance therewith.

Ian Stewart, Independent Examiner, 19th April, 2025.

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Payments

2,928.94 Senior Citizens Christmas Festivities costs	3,443.36
0 Victory Park Project costs	26,907.14
0 Lochmaben Community Garden Group payments	7,450.00
500 Grant to Castle Loch Trust	500.00
0 Grant to Children`s Gala Group	500.00
250 Grant to Lochmaben to Lockerbie Access Group	0.00
500 Grant to Lochmaben Bowling Club	0.00
500 Grant to Lochmaben Community Heritage Trust	500.00
300 Grant to Lochmaben Luncheon Club	400.00
300 Grant to Lochmaben Friendship Club	400.00
300 Grant to Lochmaben SWRI	400.00
0 Grant to Lochmaben Mill Loch Community (SCIO)	500.00
0 Church Hall Warm Hub Donation	300.00
0 Grant to RH Youth Group	500.00
75 Church Hall Garden and Mercat Cross work	0.00
246.97 Planters and Flower Beds	259.97
0 Defibrillator costs	60.00
120 School Art Competition and Learning Centre	175.00
311.98 Lap Top Computer	0.00
288 King`s Coronation costs	0.00
88.97 Website and Computer costs	132.49
0 Lochmaben new Coat of Arms deposit	450.00
0 Lockerbie Academy Celebration of Achievement	400.00
480 War Memorial Cleaning and Maintenance	17.23
61.4 Remembrance Day costs	60.40
270.59 Admin fees and Expenses	137.50
0 Bike Stand	199.14
0 Lochmaben School books	215.48
0 Bank charges	13.00
<u>20</u> Small Lotteries Licence	<u>20</u>
<u>7,541.85</u>	<u>43,940.71</u>