

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE ROYAL BURGH OF LOCHMABEN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY
COUNCIL**

**Lochmaben Town Hall Library
Monday 6th June 2022 – 7.30pm**

Present:

Colin Davidson (CD)(Chairman), May McKerrell (MMcK)(Vice Chairman),
Bob Murray (BM) (Treasurer), Kenelma McCrae (KMCC)(Secretary), Jim Davidson(JD),
Carol Rogerson (CR), Carol McLean(CMcL),Cllr. Stephen Thompson (ST),
Cllr. Carolyne Wilson (CW).

Members of the public: J.Purdie(JP), Brian Forbes (BF).

Apologies:

Charles McKerrell (CMcK), Ian Vidler (IV),
Alison Rogerson (AR) Eric Armstrong (EA), Angela Armstrong (AA),

1.Introduction:

The meeting was held in the Town Hall Library immediately following the AGM. All present were reminded that this is a public meeting and as such will be minuted as well as being reported in the Annandale Herald series. Seven members of the Community Council were present ensuring that the meeting was quorate.

2.Minutes of the Previous Meeting 9th May 2022.

CD advised of two amendments to the draft minutes which concerned an admin error where an item from the April meeting was repeated and an inaccurate record was made of volunteer work to Mill Loch signs.

The amended minutes were proposed as approved by BM and seconded by MMcK.

3.Matters arising:

Lochmaben FC support:

The CC has approved a donation of £500 for the club. **ACTION: BM to process.**

Castle Loch:

The number of campervans parking overnight in the 'Bowling Green' car park is increasing with up to 8 being seen on one evening. Installation of a height barrier is not possible as the carpark has to be accessed by the bin lorry to collect litter. The CC will contact 'Search for Sites' who promote the location advising that their information is inaccurate and should be amended accordingly. It was generally felt that campervan visitors don't bring much business into the town so additional 'No overnight parking' signs should be put up. Can DGC provide these or at least designs for the CC to organise their own? **ACTION: CD/ST.**

Community Garden proposals:

Following general discussion it was agreed to make further consultation regarding the use of the Paddling pool area as previous feedback had been inconclusive. BF suggested that the pools' original use as a sport facility may require an application to be made for Change of Use to garden. It may also be necessary to consult with the Common Good Sub Committee before any definite action is taken. **ACTION: JP to seek a design proposal and questions for subsequent consultation via the CC's FB page.**

In the meantime storage for timber and drainage materials is to be sought together with alternative garden sites.

BM advised that the CC will consider funding support once details are finalised.

4. Police Report:

POLICE SCOTLAND DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT
Community Council: LOCHMABEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Date of Meeting: 06/06/2022
Officer Attending / Report Prepared By: PC Cowan V0524
Updates Required / Requested From Previous Meeting N/A
Crime Update (cover Performance / Issues / Trends) <p><u>17/05/2022</u> – Two youths charged with threatening and abusive behaviour towards another male. Report to Youth Justice.</p> <p><u>20/05/2022</u> – Vandalism reported whereby a window smashed in Bruce Street.</p> <p><u>04/06/2022</u> – with Police attended a disturbance on Lochmaben High Street with persons fighting. Male youth to be traced for assault and female charged with threatening behaviour.</p> <p>ASB and vandalism ongoing in Mill Road in relation to a private property.</p> <p>Graffiti reported in the area of garages on Queen Street whereby several tagged with TMR. This is believed to relate to social media influencers and common across many communities.</p>
Community Issues Local community events are back up and running following two year absence. Lockerbie Gala events have been taking place over last few weeks with gala day this Saturday which will impact road closure. Eden Festival also starts this Friday and over the weekend.

5. Treasurers Report:

Finance Movements 5/4/22 – 9/5/22

Balance brought forward		£9623.46
Income:		
Additional Coffee morning proceeds:	£ 30.00	<u>£9653.46</u>
<u>Expenditure:</u>		
Freedom of information protection:	£ 35.00	
Annandale Community Transport subs:	£ 30.00	
		<u>-£ 65.00</u>
Balance carried forward at 7/6/22		<u>£ 9588.46</u>

The balance includes sums set aside for ongoing projects/support and events for 2022.

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6. Councillors update:

Cllr Stephen Thompson regrettably advised that following his appointment as joint leader of DGC he may not always be available for CC meetings. However his role may prove beneficial to Annandale North with it being represented at a high level within the council.

ST advised that following a meeting with the Chairman of LLCAG, its hoped to progress the idea of a cycle/activity route forward to Feasibility study stage. It's important to ensure the route will also contribute to helping commuters and reduce other transport issues.

ST advised of the issue of weekly road repair notifications. This was acknowledged by CD who informed that significant events were publicised via FB.

7. Any Other Business:

Mill Loch:

JP informed that Sustainable Agricultural Inputs have offered a free trial of treatment for the Loch, but will first need to check the viability of such a trial. Any such work will require to be started by August to help reduce weed growth etc.

JP reported that a horticulturist has offered an independent report regarding the Fringe lilies infestation. A positive connection has been made with the owners of Elsiehiels to discuss the lochs problems. MMcK offered to introduce JP to the owners to help set up a meeting.

ACTION: MMcK/JP.

A date for the proposed residents meeting is to be agreed with the possible venue being at The Mill Loch. This will be promoted via the CC's facebook page. **ACTION : JP/AR**

CD stated that the CC would take a firm stand against the suggestions of national agencies that the community is responsible for controlling the spread of fringe lilies.

DG Council responses:

JD informed that no repairs had been carried out to the flagstones at Townhead War Memorial despite the CC's continued reporting. It was also noted that following grass cutting in the area, the grass was not lifted but left lying all over the pavement.

The High Street paving still awaits repairs and is continually the basis for trips and falls especially near the Doctors surgery. **ACTION: ST/CW to chase.**

CR advised that pollarding to High Street trees has not been carried out, this is despite the CC being previously advised that DGC were seeking quotes for the work. **ACTION: ST.**

CD advised that the closing date to submit comments to DGC about the Co-op planning application is 10th June 2022.

CD informed that Lockerbie Rotary Club supplied and planted a Jubilee Oak tree at Lochmaben Hospital on 4th June.

8. Date of next meeting:

5th September 2022 at 7.00pm with the venue or format to be confirmed depending on Covid restrictions.

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