

West loch Fyne Community Council

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Minutes of Meeting held at Lochgair on January 18 2016

Committee Members Present: Fred Bruce (F.B), Jason Copestick (J.C), Leonard McNeill (L.McN), Steve Thompson(S.T)

Present: Counc. S. Taylor, Insp. J. Mcleish, Sgt. D.McGeachy, Sarah Calderwood, Catherine McNeill, Willie Lamb, Ian Smith. (If you were present at this meeting and your name does not appear here please contact the Secretary)

Apologies: D.McTaggart, Kay Owen.

The Convenor: Fred Bruce.

Meeting started at 7.10 pm

1.Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Two issues were raised. Fred Bruce attended meeting on November 6 with John Hall not L. McN. At this meeting it was decided that Community Enterprise would be the company chosen.

Neither F.B. or anybody else received an apology from S. Taylor for his non attendance at last meeting.

Proposed I. Smith, 2nd L.McN.

2. Matters arising from last minutes

L.McN. War memorial at Tullochgorm. Funding has now been applied for. The path to the memorial may/ may not be included in the funding. L. McN would like to thank Counc. Taylor for his help with this.

2. Agenda

Two items were on the agenda.

1. Police Report.

From Inspec. J. McLeish, Sgt. D. McGeachy,

No crime has been reported in the West Lochfyne area.

Road Traffic collisions have been causing some disruption.

Another warning was issued about “Skimming” devices being placed on cash points. The Bank of Scotland in Inveraray now has an anti skimming device fitted.

“Rural Watch” West LochFyneside. F.B applied and was told that, individuals rather than groups were welcome to apply. S.T in Minard, and F.B in Lochgair have been accepted. Signs are to be placed around West Lochfyne and further details on West LochFyneside website.

F.B asked if Police could carry out speed enforcement as speed seems to be increasing and complaints have been received.

2. Wind Farms

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We are currently waiting for a meeting with Infinis.

F.B reported that tea and cakes in Minard went very well and a large proportion of the local community attended. A report into the results of the survey should be available by end of February.

Question from floor: S. Calderwood. Regarding Lochgilphead involvement in wind farm monies. F.B replied that Lochgilphead will be at “Table” for three years, however at any time groups from Lochgilphead are eligible to apply as long as eligibility criteria are met.

L.McN reported that Garvachy road is in very poor condition and is being used by wind farm traffic. He has spoken to manager about this and a meeting is/was to be held on Thursday 21 January.

Further information has been received about fibre optic cable being laid alongside Garvachy Rd this also appears to causing damage and mess to the road.

Question from floor: W. Lamb. Regarding who and how applications were being dealt with. F.B explained the “Constitutional bodies” and what this entails.

Question from floor: I. Smith. Regarding the funding of company carrying out survey, Community Enterprise. F.B explained this was not from wind farm monies but from government funds.

No news from any other wind farms.

No treasurers report

A.O.B

S.T has had complaints about sea wall in Minard. L.McN to action and contact Bear Scotland.

F.B has received no information about any MAP meetings. Counc. Taylor informed that a meeting is due imminently.

Website is now up and running. Initial comments have been very positive. F.B thanked Victoria for all her hard work.

The bridge across burn in Lochgair has been subject to various complaints. Permission is needed from land owner before work to make safe can commence. F.B to send letter to owner explained situation. Grants would appear to be available for work.

Furnace to Minard speed limit. F.B attended meeting in Furnace, further news is awaited.

Footpath from N.T.S Gardens at Crarae to Minard. Various people have asked if this is possible. F.B to speak to Bear Scotland.

M.A.I. F.B expressed his dissatisfaction with the current arrangement. A vote was held over whether to retain presence or leave the group. Vote was to leave group.

From Floor

Counc. Taylor.

Explained the current budget difficulties and how the council is seeking to make the needed cuts.

A discussion was held about the proposed boundary changes, these being still ongoing. Argyll having the highest turnout in recent public consultation.

S. Calderwood

Why is there currently no dentist in Furnace? F.B explained that position is currently vacant and every effort is being made to find a replacement. Counc. Taylor also added that this was on agenda for next MAP meeting.

W. Lamb.

Question about F. B's researching Lochgair Village hall road ownership. F.B replied that there were three possible owners. Forestry Commission, Church of Scotland or Lochgair Hotel. Work is in progress.

I. Smith.

Verges on A83 are very badly maintained. J.C to e-mail Bear Scotland.

Next Meeting.

14 March 2016 at Minard Village Hall at 7.00 pm

J.C to book

Meeting Closed at 9.05 pm