# West loch Fyne Community Council

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**Minutes of Meeting held at Minard on 31 July 2017**

**Committee Members Present:** Fred Bruce (F.B),Jason Copestick (J.C)

, D.McTaggart(D.McT), Jan Williams(J.W)

**Present: W. Lamb**, M. Macgugan, M. Lacey, J. Smith, M. Moncur, M. Balkeen(Police Scotland), S.Taylor(A+B council) (If you were present at this meeting and your name does not appear here please contact the Secretary

Apologies: L.McNeill, S. Thompson, I. Smith

The Convenor: Fred Bruce

Meeting started at 7.10pm

**Community Council Meeting.**

1.Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved

Proposed W. Lamb, 2nd M. Lacey

**2. Agenda**

Two items were on the agenda.

**1.Police Report.**

M. Balkeen (Police Scotland)

No crime has been reported since last meeting. Regular patrols are in place on the roads in response to previous concerns.

“Rural watch” is still causing concerns. A solution to the lack of signage may be for the C.C to buy from funds. M. Balkeen to investigate to report back his findings.

Speeding and general driving standards are still causing concerns. Various people in Minard have raised this with J.C and asked to pass this to M. Balkeen.

**2. Wind Farms**

No news since last meeting.

A meeting for the distribution of funds from An Cruach has been held. The vast majority of the applications failed. Reasons being, wrongly filled forms, administration and permissions not sought. Most were from Lochgilphead and were not seen as offering any service or benefit to West LochFyne or Dunnad. Next meeting to be held at end of October, which will be end of year 1.

There would appear to be a difference between money left and money granted. Assumption is that some money depends on conditions being met. Foundation Scotland are to confirm amount left “in pot” for year 1.

Infinis have been “brought out” by new, as yet, unknown company.

**Treasurers report**

J. Williams

Around £4,400 in bank. £2,180 of this is for “Micro grant” distribution.

Expenses incurred £8-99 for new smoke alarm for Lochgair Village Hall

J.C expects to need Ink and paper before next meeting.

**A.O.B**

**F.B**

Insurance “Zurich” are currently insuring for public liability. F.B has certificates. A reminder was issued that any public events if involving W.L.F.C.C can use this insurance. Paper work must be filled in before events.

Janet Norman. Has raised concerns about hedge NR Minard School. Now pruned back. About access and view from Minard village hall car park. F.B to discuss. Trees NR Cumlodden estate. J.C advised F.B to meet with Ms. Norman and also factor of said estate (R. De Klee)

Red Ensign Day. 3 September 2017. J.C to display poster in Minard, F.B to display in Lochgair

Trafalgar Walk. F.B still fighting for improvement work. Hoping for a site meeting to discuss in the near future.

Footpath from Minard to N.T.S garden Crarae. No funding would appear to be available. All involved would like either yes or no answer to avoid further wasted time.

Scottish Water. Lochgair works still not signed off. A discussion will be held when signed off.

Defib in Lochgair. Now registered with Scottish Ambulance Service

**D.McTaggart**

Nothing

**J.C**

Nothing

**From Floor**

**W. Lamb**

W.L.F.C.C website Has not been updated recently. F.B explained that minutes from last meeting have only recently been completed due to serious illness to J.C and that only V. Hall as webmaster can upload and may have been on holiday. Minutes are posted to all public noticeboards.

Road between Lochgair hotel and Church Hall Is still of concern. It would appear that it is a “Public/Private” road. F.B explained that “The memorandum of understanding” for An Cruach funds make clear that applications for resurface cannot be considered as it is, in part, a private road.

The hotel owner has made it clear that the road in question is owned by him personally. The C.C is unwilling to become involved in what would appear to be a private dispute.

Can applications be made for “Micro grant” for road repair. F.B explained that group can apply for up to £500 and individuals up to £100

**M. Macgugan**

Pavement in Lochgair NR. Housing is in very poor state of repair. F.B to speak to roads dept about repairing and making safe.

**M. Lacey**

Suggestion box. For what reason? F.B explained that this was to be as in Minard and used for health forum questions.

**M. Moncur (Minard Community Trust)**

Bridge across burn behind upper Achagoyle. Questions as to why funding was refused. Ownership is unknown possibly Cumlodden Estate or ACHA. Further research needed or letter from ACHA confirming ownership or not. A problem would appear to be that C. C’s cannot apply for funds but “Trusts” can. This may change in the near future.

Brainport Trail. Also question as to why funding for project was refused. Partial ownership by Forestry commission and also lack of Engineers report cited as reasons by F.B

Minard Village Hall. Lack of hot water. Encouraged to apply for micro-grant and get estimate

**Sandy Taylor (A+B council)**

Plans for future of A+B council are open for public consultation. All are encouraged to respond and make views known.

**Micro grant distribution Meeting**

4 applications have been received.

1. Thai Chi group. Withdrawn

2. Lochgair Lunch Club. 4 tables at a cost of £247-20. Approved (4-0)

3. Elspeth Wells. Paint for Lochgair village Hall. Cost £100. Approved (4-0)

4. Lochgair Association. Bench in Lochgair. Cost £400. Approved (4-0)

Meeting Closed at 9:10 pm

**Next Meeting**

Lochgair 9 October 2017 at 7:00 pm.

F.B to book hall