# West loch Fyne Community Council

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**Minutes of Meeting held at Lochgair on 9 October 2017**

**Committee Members Present:** Fred Bruce (F.B),Jason Copestick (J.C), D.McTaggart(D.McT), Jan Williams(J.W), L.McNeill(L.McN), S. Thompson(S.T)

**Present: W. Lamb**, M. Macgugan, S. Calderwood, M. Balkeen(Police Scotland), S. Hillman(Mac Pool). (If you were present at this meeting and your name does not appear here please contact the Secretary

Apologies: J. Smith, C.McNeill, M. Moncur

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. W. Lamb questioned page 3, “use of word private” F.B explained this was in ownership of road being by a private individual.

Proposed J. Williams, 2nd S. Calderwood

**2. Agenda**

Three items were on the agenda.

**1. Mac Pool**

A presentation was made by Sue Hillman from the Mid-Argyll Community (MAC) pool. It was concerned primarily with their application for funds from the A'Chruach community fund. After failure to secure funds from the last round of applications they had been encouraged to focus on the C. C’s involved and explain the benefits to the community.

Sue then explained that various members of the community gain valuable skills at the pool, both in terms of enjoyability and life skills. Currently 6 children from West Loch Fyneside are learning to swim and 2 company members are from the area.

**2.Police Report.**

M. Balkeen (Police Scotland)

12 calls have been made from the area in the last 2 months.

2 traffic offences have been dealt with. Regular patrols are in place on the roads in response to previous concerns.

“Rural watch” is still causing concerns. Signage can be purchased at £6 per sign. Minard would be suitable as it has lamp posts, Lochgair would not, Transport Scotland do not want signage on road signs.

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.

**3. Wind Farms**

An application has been received for a wind farm near Kilmartin (“Craig du”). A scoping report is being carried out.

It was decided that if permissions are granted that W.L.F.C.C should make representation.

**Treasurers report**

J. Williams

Around £ 3,080in bank. A proportion of this is for “Micro grant” distribution.

Actual amount is £2050.

Payment has been made to V. Winters as webmaster. Payment will be made for Remembrance Day wreaths before next meeting.

**A.O.B**

**S.T**

Water treatment plant in Minard. D.A. MacDonald (Tarbet) have been appointed as contractors to fence. Expected to be done as soon as possible.

**L.McN.**

Has concerns that following the cost of road sign conversion to Gaelic/ English that Police Scotland are now doing the same with vehicles. Is this a reasonable spend of public money?

**F.B**

**Inveraray to Crossaig electric line upgrade.** All seem happy with proposal in it's current form.

**Footpath from Minard to Crarae.** A site meeting is to held on October 30 with Transport Scotland and Cumlodden estate to discuss further.

**Trees at Cumlodden.** Estate forester has been asked to look at and assess.

**Maki Meeting.** “Community Action plan” was put forward for agreement. F.B, as W.L.F.C.C refused to sign. He felt that despite a community action plan being done, this was ignored. F.B himself had filled in online. A new document is to be rewritten.

**Health Forum.** F.B feels that forum is currently losing it's direction and being used by “Third sector” as “back patting” exercise. It is no longer being used for it's primary “forum” purpose.

**From Floor**

**W. Lamb**

**Road behind Lochgair Hotel.** W.L feels that this is a health and safety concern. F.B made clear that W.L.F.C.C are not becoming involved. L.McN advised that A+B council are best people to approach.

**Micro grant distribution Meeting**

2 applications have been received.

1. **Argyll Fyne Art Group.**

£500 to employ a tutor for 3 weeks. Agreed 6-0. Provided a small art show or presentation is given for benefit of community.

2. **Minard Community Trust.**

£263 to supply and fit under sink water heater. Hall currently having no hot water in kitchen. Agreed 6-0.

**AOCB continued..**

**F.B**

**Foundation Scotland.** E-mail has been sent to F.B apologizing about no notice received about upcoming A'chruach community fund meeting. Lochgliphead received notice. F.B has made clear that this is not acceptable and we are not happy. Posters have not been received and no notice was placed to local press.

**Minard Community Trust.** Concerns have been raised to F.B about the current situation with the Minard Community Trust and whether it still in operation. L.McN explained that, as a charity, it will have a constitution, and this will be with the charity commission. F.B would like J.C to contact current chairperson.

Meeting Closed at 9:10 pm

**Next Meeting**

Minard January 2018?

J.C to book hall when final date decision reached.