# West loch Fyne Community Council

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**Minutes of Meeting held at Minard on 20 June 2019**

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

, D.McTaggart(D.McT), J.Williams(J.W), Steve Thompson (S.T)

**Present:**  Martin Balkeen (Police Scotland), M.Moncur (Minard Community Trust), R. Lacey, M.Lacey, K.Cogan, D.Campbell, F.Bell. (If you were present at this meeting and your name does not appear here please contact the Secretary

Apologies: None.

The Convenor: Fred Bruce

Meeting started at 7.10pm

**A.G.M**

Convenor's Report (F.B)

Very little to report since last A.G.M.

Scottish Water, Transport Scotland, Forestry Commission and Argyll and Bute council are becoming increasing difficult to communicate with or have meaningful dialogue with.

A new engineer has been appointed to Transport Scotland and it is believed he/she will be involved in the works nr. Quarry view. F.B will try to use this as an opportunity to approach and communicate. This may also allow further dialogue about Minard to Crarae footpath.

A'Chruach. A flyer has know been produced and is being circulated showing how money has so far been spent. Lochgilphead will no longer be involved in the fund from November. This leaves West loch Fyneside and Dunnad.

A new wind farm adjacent to A'Chruach has been proposed. A site meeting has taken place but no scoping works have started.

The website is still under utilised, local groups are to be encoarged to contact the webmaster (V.Hall) to publicise events and news that they wish to share.

Police Scotland “Rural watch”, is “of sorts” working. Those involved are still receiving unneeded information not pertaning to this area.

It is with sadness that it was announced that Colum Elkin passed away recently. He was involved in the Minard community for many years and in many roles. He was the contact for “Scotways” which we will continue to subscribe to.

Jack Dunagan has left Minard and moved to Aberdeenshire. Again the communitywould like to thank him for all he did for the community during his time here.

No member of Argyll and Bute council in attendence.

Treasurers Report (J.W)

To be noted that Micro-grants money was not received until after this years a/c was completed.

We now have £2,688 for microgrant distribution for the coming year.

£20 subscribtion to “Scotways” to be paid. This will allow grants for path works to be applied for if needed.

Regarding last years Microgrant distribution. Lochgair based groups received £1,200 and Minard based groups £1,530

J.W thanked Sandy Richardson for auditing

Vacancies

2 vacancies remain for members of the Minard community. All are welcome to apply.

A.G.M finished at 7.30 p.m.

**Community Council Meeting**

1.Minutes of Previous Meeting

Page 3 should read F.Bell. War memorial works are Lochgair not Minard.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved

Proposed D.Mct, 2nd S.T

**2. Agenda**

Two items were on the agenda.

**1.Police Report. M. Balkeen**

Due to conflicting meeting in Lochgilphead and roadworks at Middle Kames M.B was unable to attend until later in meeting and had to leave early.

No crime of note to report.

No questions from council or floor.

**2. Wind Farms**

Proposed wind farm adjacent to A'Chruach. Details in A.G.M

**Treasurers Report**

As per A.G.M

**Chairmans Report**

Scottish Water

A meeting has been held about the area in Lochgair currently owned by Scottish Water. This has now been passed the Scottish Water legal department for further discussion.

Lochgair War Memorial

A quote to repair and make better the gate has been received. £150. This will allow disabled access. All agreed for the Community Council to pay.

Trafalgar Walk

Now open and path cleared.

Action plan

Antonia Baird from A and B council wishes to meet and discuss the Mid Argyll action plan and gain more input.

Marine Protection Plan.

F.B recently attended a meeting held to discuss. Marine Scotland seemed unaware of various activities taking place thoughout Loch Fyne. If anyone has concerns over any activity they are encouraged to contact Marine Scotland.

M.A.K.I

Last meeting was on Islay. F.B did not attend video conference in Lochgilphead. Nothing of consquence to Mid Argyll was discussed.

Doctors

A meeting is due this month. F.B will report back at the next meeting.

Minard School

Currently still unable to operate so status quo remains. Apparently no suitable applications have been received so far. F.B to persue as this is beginning to cause some concerns in the community.

**S.T**

Japanese Knotweed

S.T has paid to have knotweed near his house, on the roadside nr.loch, sprayed by a professional. F.B to approach the council to see if anything more can be done by the council.

**From Floor**

Duncan Campbell

Has concerns that there is currently no dentist in Lochgilphead. “Rumours” of a new dentist on high street. F.B to presue.

Kim Cogan

Is not happy with the current doctors situation, particullary the “on phone” diagnosis of problems. F.B to persue and discuss at next meeting with doctors, due this month.

**Micro-grants**

F.B thanked J.Williams for all her hard work and for the organisation she has offered to the below.

4 applications have been received.

1. Argyll Fyne Art Group.

£500. To employ an art tutor £420 and contribution towards joining Art Map Argyll £80.

Agreed 5-0, on the understanding that no further appplications to be made in the year 2019/ 2020.

2. Argyll Fyne Art Group.

Withdrawn due to above application gaining funding

3. Robert Lacey

£235-50. For 2 wildlife cameras and associated equipment.

Agreed 5-0

4. Minard Community Trust

£217. To purchase and erect 2 signs. One for village hall, one for car park signage.

Agreed 5-0 to hall sign @ £100, car park signage to be left until improvements to car park have taken place. Grant application ongoing.

Meeting Closed @ 8.55 p.m

**Next Meeting Lochgair. Monday 27th August @ 7.00 p.m**