# West loch Fyne Community Council

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**Minutes of Meeting held at Minard on 26 November 2019**

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

, Steve Thompson (S.T)

**Present:**  D. Philand(A/B Council), L.McNeill, C.McGowan, A. McGowan. (If you were present at this meeting and your name does not appear here please contact the Secretary

Apologies: J.Williams, D.McTaggart

The Convenor: Fred Bruce

Meeting started at 7.00pm

**Community Council Meeting**

1.Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved

Proposed S.T, 2nd J.C

**2. Agenda**

Two items were on the agenda.

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

* No report or presence from Police Scotland at this meeting.
* Reduced front desk hours are now in force at Lochgilphead and other local police stations. Only Oban has retained full hours.
* This has caused many complaints to the community council, D.Philand assured those present that he would raise this with the council.

**2. Wind Farms**

* Grant meeting has held recently.
* No applications from West Loch Fyne based applicants. 6 application in total. 1 was sucessful.
* Successful applicants now have 1 year to complete projects due to projects not being started or completed in a timely fashion.
* An endowment fund has now been started. This will allow money past the 25 year funding. £15,000 from fund and £10,000 from Foundation Scotland. On years when full allocation is not been allocated then we are advised that this can also be added to the fund
* Lochgilphead's 3 year tenure on the board is now at an end. However, LMcN mentioned that they will continue to receive £2,500 for microgrant alloction at their discretion.

**Chairmans Report**

Doctors

No contact has so far been achieved to discuss the concerns raised at the last meeting.

Minard School

* No statement has, so far, been made on the closure of Minard school.
* F.B has spoken to education officer about children with special needs travelling from Minard to Furnace on timetabled bus. Dialogue has now taken place between parents of children and transport officer to find a solution.

Japanese Knotweed

F.B has spoken to Bear and no feedback has been received.

War memorial access at Lochgair

Work has been carried out to the satisfaction of all parties.

Roads

* Problems have been reported at Tullochgorm on the bend. “on the rota”
* Speeding is still an issue in Minard. F.B and J.C will, again, try to speak to the police about some presence or inforcement.

Minard to Crarae Footpath

Still no meeting held between N.T.S / Transport Scotland and Cumlodden Estate.

Land Reform

F.B has received a large and very complicated document regarding the current ongoing consultation on the Land reform act and the purchase of land by community councils. Anyone who wishes to see is welcome to contact F.B.

Planning Applications

Lochgair

* Planning application has been seen for houses in Lochgair. Application showed intially 2 houses but potentially 26.
* Various problems have been identified. Sewage and access being highlighted.
* Due to the strength of local feeling, a public meeting may potentially be held.

Minard

* S.T is to hold a meeting with Norman Shue about plans seen that would suggest the building of further houses in and around Otter View.
* D. Philand suggested this may be a “proposed plan” and may just be a “revisting” of the current local plan.

**D.Philand**

* More cuts are to be made to the health and social care budget. This may result in the closure of “Knapdale” ward at the local hospital.
* Another 9 million pounds of savings are needed to be found from the council budget.

**From Floor**

A.McGowan

* Very few areas of dropped curbing in the Minard area making it very difficult for those using disability scooters to safely travel around the village and access the amenities. F.B will raise at next meeting with Transport Scotland.
* Placement of defib. Was unaware of where the village defib was. Suggestion was made that rather then inside the fire station it should be outside. S.T to speak to fire service about placement.
* Dog fouling. Still an issue in various places.

**Microgrants**

2 applications have been received, but due to the absence to 2 of the council it was deemed that it would be best delaying decisions until next meeting.

**Meeting end: 8.10 p.m**

**Next meeting Jan 2020 Lochgair. Time and date to be confirmed.**