# West loch Fyne Community Council

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**Minutes of Meeting held at Lochgair on 16 August 2021**

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

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

**Present:**  L.McNeill, M. Moncur, Fraser Bell, Jean Smith. (If you were present at this meeting and your name does not appear here please contact the Secretary

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. LmcN queried why the 7.30 start had not be adopted. F.B explained that this would start from the next meeting as it was believed that a number ofr Lochgair residents would be attended tonight. This proved not be br the case. The minutes were the read and approved

 Proposed L. McN, 2nd J.W.

**2. Agenda**

Two items were on the agenda.

**1.Chairman's Report**

* Steve Thompson has had to resign his post due to ill health. Argyll and Bute council have been informed. The community council would like to thank Steve for all his hard work and that everything he has done has been fully appreciated. Again it was asked if anyone would be willing to join the community council. Especially from the Minard area.
* It will be noted that “Tommies” from the Royal British Legion are now situated in Lochgair and Minard. Thanks were given to all involved in the placement and work n the areas surrounding them.
* W.L.F.C.C would like to thank all the local businesess and individuals who wre so genorous with their time and resources during the previous 18 months. Much appreciated by the whole community.
* **Dropped Kerbs in Minard.** Still a major ongoing issue. Transport Scotland have sent a plan for placement which proved totally unsatisfactory. W.L.F.C.C has sent alternative placement. It was noted that The Minard Community Trust has had a meeting but no invatation was offered to W.L.F.C.C. In light of this, F.B contacted engineer who aplogised and explained that further approval is needed. A possible meeting to held w/b 23 August. F.B to report back.
* **Ambulance response.** A number of problems have been reported to both F.B and J.C about the current situation. D. Philand has been informed and its was believed would be present at this meeting. This has become a seroiuus issue to the residents of the whole community. Both F.B and J.C said they would be willing to speak to anyone to may be able to help to resolve.
* **Planning Applications.** Two have been received that have drawn the attention of the community.

1. *D.McArthur.* Has applied for permission to build on the land just past the bridge in Lochgair. This is believed to be part of the area designated in 2005 local plan as green belt and therefore not for housing. Questions were asked if this has been changed and if so when? And who was consultated? F.B encouraged anyone who has objections to raise them personally as soon as possible.

2. *McLeods.* Have applied to create a camping/ caraven park at Achnabar. Whilst not within West Loch Fyne the feeling as this has not been one of a positive nature. The main objections being overdevolpment and the pressure this may place on the local infrastructure.

**Windfarms**

Last round of applications to the A Chruach fund was described as woeful. In light of this £100,000 is now to go in the fund set up as an endowment. This is to be to match funded. In was noted that Ventiant can “claw back” money if it continues to be unspent. All organisations who feel that they may be able to apply are encoarged to do so.

**From Table**

*J.C*

Has had a number of complaints from Minard residents about the traffic light delay in Minard. This seems to have become more of a problem since the resurface. Up to 15 vehicles can be waiting on either side with residents reporting problems exiting drives and roads. Bear have been informed by J.C. F.B to also contact.

**From Floor**

*Fraser Bell*

Raised concerns about the “anchor” in Lochgair. Is it possible a plinth can be created. F.B said he would speak to Noremac who might raise and plinth. Also asked why the “Stone” construction was at the castle and not nearer to village centre. It was explianed a consulation had taken place some time ago about placement.

**Micro-grants**

4 Applications had been received

* L.McNeill. Fogger £254.33. No decision reached as probelems were raised about use in building not owned by applicant. If acceptable to Minard Community Trust then funds will be discussed at next meetings
* Dochas Centre. Fogger £254.33. Approved 4-0. Sevices used by a number of residents and building run by applicant
* Minard Community Trust. £500 toward repaint of village hall. (£1200 estimated total cost). Approved 4-0.
* Minard Dog Club. Not approved due to need for more accurate costing and detail. Advised to reapply at next meeting.

Meeting End 8.45 p.m

Next Meeting and A.G.M. September 27 2021