# West loch Fyne Community Council

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**Minutes of Meeting held at Minard on 2 September 2021**

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

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

**Present:** D.Philand (Argyll and Bute council), M.Moncur (Minard Community Trust), F.Bell, Toni Calam, Bob Dixon, Keith Potter, Jen Deane. (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. Clearly the Covid19 situation impacted deeply on the whole area and thanks were given to all the inviduals and businesses who helped out and worked so hard during those times.

Unfotunately Steve Thompson has been forced to retire from his post on the community council. F.B thanked Steve for all his hard work and wished him well for the future.

* Scottish Water. Discussions are still ongoing about the land in Lochgair. This has currently been over 4 years, much to the frustration of all involved.
* Crarae to Minard footpath. Still very little progress, particulay from the Transport Scotland involvemnt. The current engineer is very busy, a meeting may occur April 2022. Again over 4 years with no satisfactory result.
* Dropped Kerbs. Despite the resufaced road through Minard, no work was done to create or place dropped kerbs. Over 2 years with no progress towards completion.
* Ambulance Service. A large number of communities members have raised serious concerns over the provision and coverage at this time. J.C and F.B have been invited to discuss futher with area manager.
* Balfour Beattie. Have now finished working in the area and the upgraded line is now operational.
* Doctors Meetings. 1 meeting has been held remotely about 6 months ago, another meeting is due soon.
* Wind Farm grants. The date for applications for funding has just passed. All involved are hoping for a better quality of application.

Treasurers Report (J.W)

2 sets of accounts were presented due to no A.G.M being held last year.

Money is available for Micro-grants so applications are being invited.

The Community Trust have received a defib and all is now in place for installation at the front of the old shop.

Our subscription to Scotways will continue as before.

A.G.M finished at 8.10p.m.

**Community Council Meeting**

1.Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved

Proposed D.Mct, 2nd F.B

**Chairmans Report**

* A new member has been found for the community council. Abbie McRae. She will be co-opted until the current term is completed and will then run for election. All agreed to this. A role has been assigned of creating a report into the lessons we might learn going forward fron Covid19.
* Lochgair Defib. Has had new batteries installed.
* Crarae Substation. May get possible upgrade. If anyone wishes to object they should do so quickly.
* Logs from Ardcastle. Logs have been spotted floating around that have spilled during loading operations at Ardcastle. F.B to speak to transport manager as this is clearly a danger to smaller watercraft.
* Beach Clean. Was not as sucessful as usual but money to be distributed as normal. F.Bell questioned timing, as not the best time but early in year was unsuitable hence later date.
* November Wreaths. All agreed that normal practice would the followed and 2 wreaths bought.
* D.McTaggart has agreed to look into the new fire alarm rules and how we might help the community prepare.

**J.C**

Has has a number of Minard residents speak to him about the traffic waiting for the lights blocking the entrance to the slip, obviously made worse by the malfunctioning traffic lights.

Can this be marked as an entrance or as village hall marked “Keep Clear”? F.B agreed to try to speak to Transport Scotland.

**From Floor.**

**D.Philand**

Has spoken to ambulance controller about the situation and has been assured that changes are being made that will help. J.C and F.B have been given email to speak to directly and J.C will invite to next meeting.

A83. A meeting of the “Taskforce” has been held recently. A measure of the serious nature that this is being seen was, that no government minister was present.

Boundary Commission. A review is currently taking place that may result in a cut in areas but whilst Mid Argyll will still retail its ¾ councillors.

From Floor

**Speeding**

Still a problem in Minard. D.Philand agreed to send email to see if any enforcement might take place.

**Minard Village Hall**

Currently in the process of being redecorated.

**Campervans**

Concerns are being raised about waste disposal and overnight stays in areas where it is not legal and or suitable.

Meeting Closed at 8:40p.m

***Next meeting: November 29 2021 At Minard 7.30 Also Micro-grants***