# West loch Fyne Community Council

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**Minutes of Meeting held at Minard on 29 November 2021**

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

, D.McTaggart, Jan Williams (J.W), Abbie McCrae (A.McC)

**Present:**  D.Philand (A/B Council), M. Moncur, Fraser Bell, Toni Callum, Bob Dixon, Jen Deane, Keith Potter, Alisa Crawford, S. McCrae. (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 7.30pm

**Community Council Meeting**

1.Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. T.Callam(From floor) questioned whether Minard beach clean could be described as not as successful. It was agreed that whilst Lochgair was not it usual suceess, that Minard did collect a larger amount of rubbish than usual.

 F.B argreed to amend previous minutes to reflect above.

The minutes were the read and approved

 Proposed M.Moncur, 2nd J. Deane

**2. Agenda**

Two items were on the agenda.

**1.Chairman's Report**

* Doctors and surgery provision.

The last meeting that was scheduled was cancelled. At this present time, 4 doctors have left the practice. Leaving 6 doctors doing the work of 10.

* Dropped kerbs in Minard

A set is to be installed near the new bus stop. This is promised to be completed before April 2022. A.B will speak to current residents of nearby house.

A.Crawford also enquired about the drainage on the newly finished road which appears to be very poor. F.B to raise with BEAR.

* Speed limit in Minard

Signs are to be reviewed. F.B has spoken to both Transport Scotland and Bear about this.

Transport Scotland have carried on an average speed check. Summer 2020? That found average speed to be 36 M.P.H so they are not supportive. However, F.B will recontact to see if another can be carried out and also to get a breakdown of weight and averages.

D.Philand has a commitment from the police to carry out speed checks. Will recontact them to see if action is to be undertaken.

F.B has spoken with J. Minto who has given her support for lowering of the speed limit.

* Scottish water in Lochgair

Currently sitting with legal services. No further news.

* Daffodil Bulbs

All have been either planted or distributed to/by residents of Lochgair and Minard.

* Covid Boosters

A great deal of disappointment and confusion has arisen. A lot of unhappy people. Hopefully letters will be sent to eligible people as soon as needed.

* Fire and Smoke alarms (D.McT/ J.W)

Houses will be required to have 1/ 2 interlinked Smoke alarms and 1 heat detector, and one CO monitor for Wood burners.

Mygov.uk website has comprehensive details of requirements. J.W to post link to website.

* Footpath to Crarae

All agreements are currently in place. Completion due by April 2022. Tree to be removed in January 2022 in order to facilitate this.

**2. Windfarms.**

An application has been made for a new site near the current An' Cruach site. A public meeting concerning this was cancelled.

No futher news on planned hydroelctric scheme.

* Grants Meeting.

All particpants from W.L.F.C.C were unhappy at the outcome and general situation that they found themselves in. Foundation Scotland seemed to be questioning why monies were not be distibuted and seemed to be almost suggestive of were and how they should be sent. Again raised that Ventient may be able to “claw back” funds.

* Endowment that was set up has not seen any funds added to it. This is being looked into.
* Application quality is still a major issue.
* 3 meetings a year are now to be held.
* Foundation Scotland are in the process of producing a newsletter that will show where and hoe funds are being spent. This will be posted on website.

Microgrant distribution

5 applications were received

1. Jeane Deane.

3 gritters for Minard. Victoria Park, Achagoil and Otter View. £225-00 5-0

1. Lochgair Association.

30L Hot water urn for social events. £173.98 5-0

1. Minard Community Trust

£50 towards Halloween party, 5-0

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£150-00 towards firework display. 4-1. Concerns raised about noise and enviromental impact.

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£350-00 towards pantomime being staged in Minard Village Hall. 5-0. J.W made request for M.C.T accounts to M.Moncur.

A.O.C.B

D.Philand.

* Will send details of “Supporting Communities Grant” to J.C
* A consultation about schools and future staffing in coming up. Urged everyone who is interested to give their opinion.

F.B

* Local boundary changes. Not currently going to take place.
* MSP boundary changes. Ardnamurchan is now to be added in to Argyll and Bute.
* Crarae substation. Latest meeting postponed. Should be an online consultaion from 10/12. A.B to attend virtual meeting.

M.Moncur

* Asked about Defibrillator. S.McC and K.P are to arrange fittment at the old shop premises.

A.Crawford

* Asked about shinty club and grant availability. F.B to hold discussion at earliest opportunity.

Meeting closed at 9.10 P.M

Next Meeting Jan 31 7.30 P.M Minard Village Hall