# West loch Fyne Community Council

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**Minutes of Meeting held at Minard on May 30 2022**

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

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

**Present:** D.Philand, Garret Corner, Jan Brown(Argyll and Bute council), M.Moncur (Minard Community Trust), F.Bell, Toni Calam, Bob Dixon, Keith Potter, Jen Deane. Paul Lomas, Jean Smith, Keith Potter, John Paterson (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. Since last one was held Sept 2021.

* Abbie is now a full member of the community council.
* Respect was given for the passing of Ian Smith. An active and always involved in village life in Lochgair.

Ongoing issues.

* 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. Some progress. Trees along wall line felled and wall rebuilt in Kennels Cottage. Unfortunately now in hands of legal teams of NTS and Transport Scotland.
* Dropped Kerbs. Over 2 years with no progress towards completion. Both Transport Scotland and Bear are very uncommunicative.
* Ambulance Service. Again becoing increasingly difficult to communcate with. No stable point of communication
* Doctors Meetings. No contact and no news. A cause of much frustration for many people.
* Wind Farm grants. F.B and both boards from West LochFyne and Dunadd are extremley unhappy at the current situation. In particular the relationship between thenselves and Foundation Scotland. This seems to have detiorated badly within the last year. Dunadd wish to hold an emergency meeting to discuss options available.

Next meeting due end of June may not happen due to ongoing situation.

Treasurers Report (J.W)

Still awaiting Council money 2020/21 and 2021/22.

Still awaiting 2020/21 and 2021/22 microgrant monies. Thus, no microgrant money can be distributed until available. Further information required before money will be released, possibly creating a 3 week plus delay. It is possible that 20/21 was because no spend in that year due to Covid.

2 one off payments made. Daffs and Tommies for each village.

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

**Community Council Meeting**

**Chairmans Report**

* F.B thanked all 3 local council members for attending. All introduced themselves and encouraged anyone to contact them if they need help.
* School In Minard. Currently awaiting report into the consultation held recently to discuss the future of the school and its surrounds.

Crarae to Minard footpath. Currently stalled due to legal issues. Because of this cost is rising and wall may not be rebuilt.

* Planning in Lochgair. Planning has again been applied for in Lochgair on land previously refused due to breach of local plan. Report shows plans for 28 houses, aggrement in place for 5. A plan to solve issues is being created. Obviously local objections are very high. A meeting was/has been held in Lochgair. W.L.F.C.C has sent letter to saythis appears to breach local plan.
* Police Scotland. No longer attending meetings. Reports are sent in Pdf form which seem, at best, difficult to access.

**J.C**

Has has a number of Minard residents speak to him about the increasing cost of energy. This seems to be causing a great deal of stress particularly to the more rural communities in Argyll.

**A.B**

Is going to take F.Bs place as W.L.F.C.C member on the MCT.

**From Floor.**

**M. Moncur. (MCT)**

Asked if Microgrant applications could be held back due to current problems. It was agreed this should not be a problem

**Jan Brown (A and B Council)**

Added please dont hesitate to contact any of the councillors if you need help and they will always try to help

**D. Philand (A and B Council)**

New council is now in place and first meeting has been held

**Toni Callum**

Raised concerns about communication from and with MCT. Two members present agreed to look into at next meeting

Meeting Closed at 8:40p.m

***Next meeting: No be decided. To held if/ when Microgrant funding becomes available***