# West loch Fyne Community Council

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**Minutes of Meeting held at Minard on 5 September 2022**

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

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

**Present:**  Jan Brown (AB Council), Brian Barker, Anne Paterson (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. The minutes were the read and approved

 Proposed D. McT, 2nd J.W.

Cheque for Minard Community Trust is now available. J.C to exchange for receipts asap.

**1.Chairman's Report**

* May McGuigan from Lochgair passed away recently. A former member of the community council and active member of the community for many years she will be missed. A donation from thr community council to her requested charity will be arranged.
* Brian Barker ( Home Energy Scotland). Was invited to give a talk on the available options to keep home warm and efficient in the current cost of living situation.

Various schemes are in place from both the council and government for those in council or owned property. Schemes are also in place for the elderly and vunerable. A drop-in to be held in Lochgilphead the following Thursday.

Home Energy Scotland cards handed out with phone number for advice. Notice board in Minard also has information.

**Micro-grant Distribution**

4 requests

* Lochgair Association

£500 for various consumables for village hall works.

Approved 5-0

* Minard Community Trust

£150 towards fireworks on Minard shore.

Approved 5-0. Condition applied. Silent fireworks to be used to due complaints raised by a number of pet owners over noise.

* Minard Community Trust

£350 towards pantomime at Christmas

Approved 5-0

* Abbie McCrae

£89-00 to give 40 MPH stickers to residents who live on the road side for bins. As per Furnace

Jan Brown has contacted Transport Scotland and other relevent authorities, currently no chance of lowering speed limit in near future. A route action plan needs to be completed and this seems unlikely. A request has also been made to use the signs nr Minard school to become illuminated 40 signs. Again dependent on action plan.

**Treasurers Report (J.W)**

Currently £1200 in account for Micro-grant distribution. When this reaches £800 then next payment of £2500 will be made.

**A.O.C.B**

* A.McCrae

Gave an update on the situation at Crarae Gardens. Due to exceptional rainfall damage having occurred in various places.

* Brian Barker

Concerns have been raised about Himalayan Balsam thoughout the village and, in particular, the field surrounding Otter View. Attempts to contact owner may be made.

* **F.B**

NHS. Covid boosters now available with drop-in centres at hospital.

Eredine Windfarm. W.L.F.C.C has expressed an interest. A drop-in to be held in Furnace on 29 September for those who are interested.

Lochgair Scottish Water. Some progress, now with asset transfer dept.

Minard School. Currently “mothballed”. Full consulationto take place in a year.

Lochgair Planning. Anothet attempt made for permission to build on south shore. Again believed to be in breach of local plan. Has plan been changed without local consultation?

Community council. Last meeting of the current community council in its current form. F.B, J.W and D.McT are all standing down. F.B made it clear that this is still an important part of community life and especially regarding windfarm monies. A member of the community council having to sit on the grant distribution panel.

Meeting Closed at 8.50 P.M

Next meeting to be announced