# West Loch Fyne Community Council

Convenor Vice Convenor Secretary

David Wilkinson Jason Copestick TBC

Lochgair Minard

**Minutes of Meeting held at Minard on 12th March 2024**

**Committee Members Present:** Jason Copestick (J.C), Keith Potter (K.P) Jennifer Deane (J.D)

**Present:**  Jan Brown, Margaret Moncur, Douglas Philand (A & B Council), Mike Skelton, Jean Smith (If you were present at this meeting and your name does not appear here, please contact the Secretary.

Apologies: Dave Wilkinson, Heather Rogan

The Convenor: Keith Potter

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.

Minutes for this meeting taken by J.D in absence of an appointed secretary.

**Actions from Previous Meeting**

**Bear Scotland – Lochgair Bridge**

No further movement with Bear Scotland – continue to raise at MAKI meetings.

**Scottish Water at Lochgair**

Jean Smith - Scottish Water are now ready to proceed with the sale of land at Lochgair however it is likely to be valued at closer to £1,500. JS is looking to obtain a quote for the legal fees which is looking to be around £800. This is far higher than what was originally anticipated so JS will talk to the community.

Jan B asked what the likely future plan for the space might be? JS – hoping to include a rudimentary slipway and moorings for launching and retrieving of small boats. JS will keep the council updated on progress.

**Fire Hydrants**

JB commented that there had been no movement on this as she believed that the houses at Tullochgorm were not on the mains supply, nor was there a fire hydrant on site. MS advised that they are mains fed and that there is a fire hydrant that was installed by Scottish Water that had been adopted by the Fire Service.

In light of this – JB will go back to Scottish Water and push for a resolution.

**Speed surveys**

Police report showed that speed checks have been carried out in Minard and Furnace and will be looking at Lochgair if resources allow.

KP will continue emailing the local police to ask for attendance at the next meeting.

**Flytipping at layby nr Crarae**.

DP – there has been ping-pong between bear Scotland and A & B Council as to who has to take responsibility for the layby – DP will keep up correspondence and report back if there is any change.

KP will speak to NTS Crarae to see about the possibility of adding any signs.

**Local shopping survey**

HR will persevere with commissioning the survey – there has not been much feedback so far from supermarkets.

**Closure of Minard Primary**

It had been mentioned on Facebook that the consultation for the decision to close the school had not been widely publicized, and that most people had heard about the decision via social media.

31st of May is the formal closure date.

DP noted that it was felt that the community input had been taken onboard with regards to the catchment area split.

Anyone that is now interested in submitting a note of interest should now do so – DP will provide contact details as required.

**Missing Person - Minard**

Still no commitment from the police re engagement at a council meeting to discuss how the communities can engage going forward. KP will trying with his contacts to get representation.

JB requested update on Community First Responder Training – this would likely be a 5 or 6 day course, however MM will look into providing a Defib refresher course.

**Treasurers Report (H.R)**

**Funding**

No funds expected or received in the current period.

WLFCC available funds sit at £1,660.80 once outstanding cheques clear.

The microgrant balance stands at £489.93.

Heather R now has access to internet banking but still plan to make payments, in general, by cheque for traceability.

**Microgrants**

Microgrant annual application is due next month on the automated system, keep your fingers crossed it goes better this year than last.

**Previous Applications**

Both Lochgair Table Tennis and Gardening bench have been paid out and proof of purchase received. There will be an application window running into the June meeting and AGM as we hope to be receiving the next years payment by around June this year.

**Councilors Report (D.P)**

* County Yard still belongs to the council – MacLeods are being used as a contractor only – once works are complete the site will be returned to A & B council.
* 10% Council Tax increase

**A.O.C.B**

* Jason Copestick

Debris along the road in Minard – drains that have failed and been covered with cones, cats eyes which have come lose and the plastic barriers left behind following the pavement works. This will need to be passed onto Bear Scotland.

MM noted that it is possible to submit questions to MAKI remotely and have them answered even if Community Council members are not able to attend the meetings.

JD and KP will create a list of questions for the next meeting and share will Community Council members.

* Margaret Moncur

Doctors Surgery in Furnace – noted in Furnace Community Council minutes that they had reached out to WLFCC for comment, however nothing received into secretary@ or contact@ mailbox. JD will try to find a Furnace email and make contact.

Meeting Closed at 8pm

Next Meeting 4th June 2024 – 7pm at Lochgair.