# West Loch Fyne Community Council

Convenor vice Convenor Secretary

David Wilkinson Jason Copestick Abbie McCrae

Lochgair Minard Minard

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

**Committee Members Present:** David Wilkinson (D.W), Jason Copestick (J.C), Heather Rogan (H.R)

**Present:**  Jan Brown (AB Council), G. Corner (AB Council), Brian Barker, Anne/ John Paterson, W.Lamb, F. Bell, Jean Smith, Maria Lomas, Marion Lacey, John Vallis, M. M.Moncur. (If you were present at this meeting and your name does not appear here please contact the Secretary

Apologies: A. McCrae, J/K Deane, Greg

The Convenor: David Wilkinson

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.C in absence of A.McCrae

A.McCrae is leaving post as Sec. Both D.W and B.Barker (M.C.T) thanked her for her hard work and good communication.

Updates on action points from last meeting:

**Scottish Water at Lochgair**

Still in progress, original owner of land needs to be contacted. J. Smith believes that one month notice for reply.

**Footpath to Crarae**

All completed and very positive comments and usage reported. J. Paterson reports good use from local community. Bear Scotland contact still being sort for regular contact.

**Fire Hydrants**

No progress to report. Believed to be an issue between Scottish Water and Fire Service. J. Brown to continue to pressure for a suitable solution.

**Speed surveys**

No information has so far been received. Although police report shows that police have been active in Minard. H.G suggested use of “Black Cat” speed monitoring may be suggested to relevant parties. J.C believed this was used before during “lock down” creating a false result due to low traffic. J.Brown commented that we should as a community contact police if concerned about driver speed and behaviour.

**Windfarm at Furnace**

Nothing further received.

**Flytipping at layby nr Crarae**.

J. Brown to chase Bear Scotland contact about possibility of sign being placed to deter fly tipping and waste disposal where no bin exists despite it being a marked layby.to

**Council tree**

A.McCrae No information available

**Local shopping survey**

H.R has created a draft of survey and has spoken to other C.Cs about possibility of circulation if correctly drafted and distributed. All north of Lochgilphead are interested and H.R to continue.

M.Moncur suggested Council may have information from previous polls and surveys that might help

A. Paterson raised concerns that additional major retailers may have impact on local shops if need and interest results in additional supermarket.

G.Corner suggested that this might be a good idea to add to the community planning agenda at the next MAKI meeting.

**1.Chairman's Report**

* Closure of Minard Primary. Meeting was held recently to update on School in Minard. A consultation was in place on AandB council website to allow concerned parties to comment.

B.Barker felt that meeting itself was not well publicised and would have liked Community council to have made a response

Of concern was spilt in catchment areas for pupils, line drawn seems to suggest that Birdfield and Nursery cottages children will go to Lochgilphead despite being a part of Minard community.

* Polling Districts. No difference can be noted. Door to door canvas will be taking place for electoral role. ID will be shown and all residents are urged to request and check this is correct.
* MAKI. Nothing of note to report.
* “My Place” Awards. Are now open for nominations. If interested in nominations contact chairman for further information.

**Micro-grant Distribution**

4 requests. Note: Those on committee not present were asked opinion pre meeting.

* Kerri Penfold-Baker

£240. For hall hire to hold Yoga classes for pregnancy.

Approved 7-0

* Minard Community Trust

£200. For barbecue. To be used at various community events.

Approved 7-0.

* Lochgair Association

£???. Towards dual grill and icemaker for future events on hall reopening.

Approved 7-0. Noted that currently Lochgair Hall has fridge but no freezer space.

* Marion Lacey

£156-00. Cost of special print of Lochgair Association newsletter to celebrate reopening of village hall.

**Treasurers Report (H.R)**

Currently £2100 in account.

£2500 microgrant payment received.

£431 Council payment received.

All payments agreed made except Anchor project in Lochgair. Awaiting costings.

Signatories are required to go to bank in order to complete set up of online banking. Arrangements in progress.

**Councilors Report (J.B)**

A housing “emergency” has been declared by A/B council.

A possible increase in council tax is a possibility and well as others. A consultation is on line on council website

Council are looking to become provider of homes.

2nd homes are being licensed for use as holiday lets. Hopefully adding control to numbers and placement in local villages. As part of this owners will be required to post intentions and any concerns should be raised with relevant authorities.

**A.O.C.B**

* J. Vallis

Tigh na Bruich. Still problems with noise and behavior of guests. Residents local to have reported various incidents. Local police are showing little interest. House currently for sale. If sold new owners will have to apply for license which will allow local residents to object/ comment on proposals.

* B.Barker

Proposed Hydro-Electric scheme in hills above Inveraray. Has C.C had any information on what is clearly a very large proposal? Local infrastructure may be pressed die to large number of proposed workforce.

* J. Brown

Missing person incident in Minard. Community praised for its response and efforts to find the person. A community resilience plan either should be available or created. J.B to investigate on behalf of community.

Both tags to show dementia and GPS locator tags are available if needed and requested allow people to stay in communities for longer and in safety.

Police response was not good at all, many residents showing concerns that advice and local knowledge was ignored and police who arrived initially had little local knowledge. J.C noted that police engagement in local meetings has dropped considerably in recent times. D.W agreed that he would contact local police to see if this can be rectified and better relationship built.

Meeting Closed at 8.35 P.M

Next Meeting 9 Jan 2024