# West Loch Fyne Community Council

Convenor Vice Convenor Secretary

David Wilkinson Jason Copestick TBC

Lochgair Minard

**Minutes of Meeting held at Lochgair on 9th January 2024**

**Committee Members Present:** David Wilkinson (D.W), Jason Copestick (J.C), Heather Rogan (H.R), Keith Potter (K.P) Jennifer Deane (J.D)

**Present:**  Fraser Bell, Marion Lacey, Margaret Moncur, Carol Braidwood, Margaret Gray, Douglas Philand (A & B Council) (If you were present at this meeting and your name does not appear here please contact the Secretary

Apologies: Jean Smith

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.D in absence of an appointed secretary.

**Actions from Previous Meeting**

**Bear Scotland**

Reflective markings on the bridge. D.W will chase up Bear Scotland at the next MAKI planning meeting to see if anything further has progressed. J.C advised that he maybe able to attend these meetings during his quieter work periods. D.W reminded all the meetings are open to the public and all can attend.

**Scottish Water at Lochgair**

Still ongoing – now in the hands of the lawyer.

**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**

Police have been more active and speeders have been caught in Minard and Lochgair. Greater presence in the area following incidents on the A83.

**Flytipping at layby nr Crarae**.

J. Brown to chase Bear Scotland - still ongoing

**Local shopping survey**

H.R has only received one response from Dunadd Community Council, but has found it very slow going. Local councillors said they thought there was an issue, but many different ideas about how to proceed. There has been a lack of email response.

D.W suggested taking it forward to the next MAKI meeting and D.P will also raise on behalf of WLFCC. He requested that H.R send him a full overview.

**1.Chairman's Report**

* Closure of Minard Primary

D.W acknowledged that the consultation had not been publicised as widely as it could have been and requested that everyone brings issues to the council so we can investigate and advertise if required. We are now awaiting the formal report and findings from A & B Council.

* Missing Person - Minard

No update from the police in respect of relationships and members of the public are always likely to be discouraged from actively participating in searches unless they have the appropriate training. J.D shared an example of the Strachur Community Resilience Plan which had been provided by A & B Council along with a template. She will share with Lochgair Assoc and Minard Community Trust. All completed plans can then be added to the website.

**Micro-grant Distribution**

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

* Lochgair Table Tennis Table –

To try and attract younger participation at the hall a folding table tennis table at a cost of £189.99. Space for storage possible has been agreed with hall management and dimensions checked. Vote unanimous in favour.

* Bench for garden at Lochgair Hall –

HR Declared membership of gardening club and abstained. Will be beneficial to residents during outdoor events and gardening activities. Cost £409. Vote unanimous in favour.

**Treasurers Report (H.R)**

**Funding**

No funds received in the current period. WLFCC available funds sit at £1,874.17. Though it should be noted that stationary costs and internet domain charges have still to be paid from this amount.

The microgrant balance prior to any payments at this meeting stands at £1,008.92 (£409.93 if grants today accepted).

The paperwork has been filled in for internet banking, we hope to have access soon. I do have the acknowledgement, card and reader. However, despite sending all statements correctly they now seem to have combined my details with Jans. The PIN was gone AWOL, another PIN is due in the next 3-5 working days and hopefully the postal address issue is now sorted.

**Microgrants**

Previous Applications:

The Lochgair Anchor microgrant application has been withdrawn by request of the Lochgair Association due to a lack of progress.

In October an emergency grant of £500 was released for repairs of a track in Minard after the torrential rain.

**Councilors Report (D.P)**

* Double charge has been declared on all empty homes.
* Empty property relief for non-domestic rates
* Bob McIntyre awarded freedom of A & B.

**A.O.C.B**

* Jen Deane

Shared posted listing substation consultation dates and will add to the WLFCC website.

* Fraser Bell

Ongoing subsidence issue at the Lochgair phone box which is causing water to run down the street. Jean Smith had reported previously but with no progress. D.W will take forward.

Meeting Closed at 8.40 P.M

Next Meeting 12th March 2024