# West loch Fyne Community Council

Convenor vice Convenor Secretary

David Wilkinson Jason Copestick Vacant

Lochgair Minard

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**Minutes of Meeting held at Lochgair on 3 June 2025**

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

, Heather Rogan (H.R)

**Present:**  G. Corner (AB Council), M. Moncur (Minard C Trust) (If you were present at this meeting and your name does not appear here please contact the Secretary

Apologies: Marion/ Jean (Lochgair Association). Greg (W.L.F.C.C)

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

 Proposed H.R 2nd D.W

**1.Chairman's Report**

Minard School

Minard Community Trust have had a meeting with A and B council regarding future usage and possible community ownership. A public meeting is due to held, Date not yet announced.

Windfarm grant panel

J. Hall has resigned his post in the board. J.C has put his name forward and is currently in contact with Chris Lee.

Lochgair Planning

No current applications to build have been noted in press or council website

**Micro-grants**

1 application (Lochgair Association) for Jess Smith to do a book reading in Lochgair.

 All agreed 3-0

**Treasurers Report (H.R)**

**SEE A.G.M**

**Police Report**

Received by various community council member in email form. No change in communication or community engagement. Police may have been carrying out speed checks in Lochgair.

**Councilors Report**

 G.Corner

Concerns over price of school on Mull is causing serious financial pressure on council funds. This could impact the council finances to the point of bankruptcy

**A.O.C.B**

**H.R**

Power cut during January storm

Various residents in Lochgair are struggling to get compensation from their providers for loss of power. H.R/ D.W to help where possible with maps of outages and communication between those affected

Lochgair main road

M. Lacey and D.W have both had meetings with BEAR about situations in various places. Further meetings are planned

Bakkafrost

E-mail received and read by H.R about activities and future plans in Loch Fyne.

**M. Moncur (M.C.T)**

Brainport Trail

Lack of maintenance has made it difficult to navigate in areas. Suggestion made that monies may be needed. Advised to approach Balfour Beatty who are keen in community engagement.

Next Meeting

2 September 2025 Minard Village Hall 7.00 Pm

Meeting Closed at 8.15 P.M

**A.G.M**

Conveners Report

2 members have resigned this year. Leaving 3 active members so it is vital that new members are found and interested in various roles. H.R has indicated that she will resign at next election also.

Local Plan. This may be “resilience” plan. D.W to contact M. Stewart at A/B council to see if help/ a template may be available

Treasurers Report and Accounts

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| West Loch Fyne Community Council |  |  |
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| **Accounts for Year Ending 5th April 2025** |  |  |
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| **2023/24** |  |  | **2024/25** |
|  |  | **Income** |  |
| **431.80** |  | **Argyll and Bute Council Grants** | **431.80** |
| **2500.00** |  | **Micro Grants - Foundation Scotland re A Chruach Wind Farm** | **3322.79** |
| **700.00** |  | **Easter Fete income to go to charity** | **0.00** |
| 3631.80 |  |  | **3754.59** |
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|  |  | **Expenditure** |  |
| **65.30** |  | **Office Admin - Stationery** | **0.00** |
| **700.00** |  | **Charity donations to Ardfenaig and Befrienders (Easter Fete)** | **0.00** |
| **100.50** |  | **Lady Haigs Poppy Factory** | **101.70** |
| **20.00** |  | **Scotways Annual Subs** | **20.00** |
| **25.00** |  | **Minard Hall meeting costs** | **0.00** |
| **148.07** |  | **Website Hosting** | **118.16** |
|  |  | **Bank of Scotland monthly fees** | **4.75** |
| **3488.45** |  | **Micro Grant Awards** | **3784.92** |
| 4547.32 |  |  | **4029.53** |
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|  |  | **Financial Position** |  |
|  |  | **Opening balance as at 1st April 2024** | **2175.73** |
|  |  | **Surplus/Deficit in year - Micro Grants** | **-462.13** |
|  |  | **Surplus in year - Other Funds** | **187.19** |
|  |  | **Balance at Bank of Scotland, Lochgilphead at 5 April 2025** | **1900.79** |
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|  |  | **Constituting** |  |
|  |  | Micro Grant Balance to c/fwd at 5 April 2025 | **27.80\*\*** |
|  |  | Other available WLFCC Funds to c/fwd at 5 April 2025 | **1872.99** |
|  |  | **Total** | **1900.79** |

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|  |  | **\*\* denotes the actual moneys available for the use of WLFCC and Microgrants** |  |  |
|  |  | **in the coming year prior to receipt of funding.** |  |  |
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|  |  | **Council funding of 431.80 anticipated in July after AGM minutes and accounts received** |  |
|  |  | **Foundation Scotland funding of £3322 anticipated in the next few weeks.** |  |  |

**Treasurers Report**

No money has been lost.

Microgrant funding for 2025-26 has been applied for and should be received shortly. Any grants given today will be paid out as soon as funding is confirmed in the community council accounts.

Foundation Scotland have made an additional grant of £500 to Community Councils to support running costs at this difficult time.

FS now allow grant limits of £400 for individuals and £1000 for groups, however, it is up to the CC to decide what limits are thought appropriate locally. As we only receive just over £3000 a year it is proposed that the limits stay at the previous levels. IT was agreed the limits will stay in place at £250 and £500, though some flexibility may be allowed.

FS have also issued new guidelines, a check will be required to see how these affect our own guidelines and update if required.

Council funding should be received after receipt of the meeting minutes, AGM minutes and certified accounts.

It should be noted that IONOS web fees are now paid directly by DD from the BoS account which will make processing easier. However, as of next month the charges are going up to £17 pm, I have emailed to query this increase.

**AGM treasurers report**

Current balance of funds available under the ugrant scheme £27.80. Expected funding of approximately £3,410.23 in the next week or so.

WLFCC available funding. Funding at year end stood at £1872.99, this will be boosted by the £500 donated by FS to be used at the CCs discretion for running costs.

Local council funding is hoped for when and if available.

There were no unexpected outlays or expenditures in the last year.

**Next A.G.M**

June 2026

Meeting closed

8.45 pm