Lockerbie & District Community Council

29th Oct 2024 Community Council Meeting Minutes

1. **Present** – Steven Wylie, Community Assets Manager and Returning Office for CC D&G council, LCC elected members Avril Bailey, Ken Bailey, Doreen Jenkins, Robert Humes, Simon Poole, Roger Claymore.
   Also present Carolyne Wilson Ward councillor and Stephen Thompson
2. **Appointment of Chair** Interim Chair Robert Humes, nominated by Simon Poole
3. **Appointment of Secretary** Simon Poole, nominated by Avril Bailey
4. **Appointment of Treasurer** Roger Claymore nominated by Doreen Jenkins
5. **Acknowledge and Sign the Amended Scheme for the establishment of Community Councils -** signed by Robert Humes and Simon Poole, witnessed by Steven Wylie
6. **Agree Dates, Times and Locations for Ordinary Meetings and AGM** – 3rd Tuesday of every Month at 7pm in the Lesser Hal at Lockerbie Town Hall excluding Aug and Dec unless business requires meeting in Dec. AGM will be incorporated in April meeting at 7pm same location
7. **Dumfries and Galloway Community Council Overview -** summary overview given of D&G council roles supporting CC, Agenda, meetings, Ward officers D&G council budget consultations and dates for full consultation of spending plans and budgets. Will be shared with wider community at relevant dates.
8. **Dumfries and Galloway Council Annual Discretionary Grant - is £753.85** awarded by 31st Jan 2025 and passed to treasurer subject to 6 sets of meeting minutes an AGM held and signed accounts. An Additional £100 is available upon attendance of 2 meetings of the Federation of community councils for Eskdale and Annandale
9. To be considered at future meeting of community council covering **Appointment of independent examiner of accounts.**
10. **Process for Co-option of community councillors**.
11. **Consider appointment of subgroups**.
12. **Production of certified statement of assets and liabilities of previous community council**
13. **Consider public liability insurance**.
14. **Casual Vacancy Election** – recorded in minutes Lockerbie CC wish to request a Casual vacancy election to fill more positions with residents whose previous nominations either went missing in the process, or beyond election date cut off. To email Community councils mailbox requesting process to be initiated. Expect request to be responded with timeframes for opening and closing of nominations. Secretary has 4 candidates emails to send forms to once opened.
15. **Police Report** – none
16. **Youth Report** – none
17. **Minutes of previous meeting** – approved and seconded by Doreen Jenkins and Roger Claymore
18. **Treasures Report** – There are problems with accessing the 2 bank accounts held by community council pre-April 2024. One is RBS and 1 is Cumberland. Only contactable by Tel or email and must include previous treasurer and chair to support. Requires

meeting minutes covering appointments of roles in CC. End of year accounts will require assessed by independent assessor. Looking to combine into 1 bank account in future.

19. **Chairs Report** – no report
20. **Funding requests – Applegarth & Siddlebie WI -** celebration request to support 100 years established. Unfortunately, due to community council scheme requirements funding cannot include provision of alcohol. Will be rejected in current format and advised to change wording of celebration. Treasurer to take forward with community group.
21. **Residents Issues and Concerns**

Road Defects Bridge Street – *will be tendered within a wider works scheme to address all capital footway works allocated. 70% in collating all information required and tender is expected soon, thereafter works will be programmed and dates to be agreed with winning contractor*. Created further conversations and highlighted concerns this has been on the agenda previously and reported for around 4 years with no progress. Ward councillor to update. Tenders are out with contractors, Expected by March completion but several attendees have doubts given the time this has taken to resolve.

Access to noticeboards – meeting minutes inside Town hall and Library and outside noticeboard (in front of Commonwealth Takeaway) This board needs replacing and possibly positioned between McJerrow/Stevenson solicitors and Just Be Bistro

(REF0002) Park View Place residents' access issues to buses stopped entering location. *Bus schedule not agreed to serve Park View due to size and if small local buses have done this, it has been drivers own actions – was Closed, but reopened as ward councillor Gail Macgregor will follow up , to keep on agenda and minutes until response to request*

(REF0008) Cellar Issues at old Cinema Mill court *Assessed structure underneath road and satisfied with the findings (closed) Was closed but further reports and concerns have been raised with access gained via other routes via cellar into Cinema by youths. Risk of injury and possible damage*

(REF0012) Concern raised about planning consent for development of 22 houses at the Old Creamery at Park Place and lack of sharing to community council. *D&G council to provide update on planning application as other concerns raised about egress access to site/houses and parking requirements*. Update September *Park Place is scheduled for micro surfacing and works expected to be carried out within 2 months. No update on planning concerns.*

(REF0016) Rosebank Memorial - request to contact relevant authority to arrange cleaning *–with council and parks department to see which body will take on the work*

(REF0020) Hedges – Sherwood crescent property now cut back but the trees on the street require pruning as blocking pavement for residents.

House known as St Blanes, located on the corner of Victoria Road and St Brydes Terrace

(REF0022) Excessive Number of Seagulls, Increase in the gulls in town and reported to be attacking dogs, r*equest to factories like Robinsons, DS Smith, Schools to make preventative measures over the winter. Potential request to provide Seagull proof bins. Discussion to be held with Council/ward councillors on appropriate actions and notifications to businesses across the town. Secretary will draft a letter to be shared to large businesses and properties more likely to be nested on to address preventative measure before nesting season beginning March 2025*

(REF0023) Road Markings at Police Station unclear, need redoing, *council response to action*

(REF0024) Dropped Kerbs across the Town are not appropriate for safety, *evidence to be shared on locations affected to councillors. Raised again as no action taken yet and no parking enforcements undertaken by Police on offending vehicles. To request resident share again with police and council*

(REF0025) Dog Fouling Signs *request to reinstate at Park Place – no updates*

(REF0026) Bridge Street parking causing pedestrian safety issues- *determine request for support/action as none taken yet. Parking enforcement may be needed*

(REF0027) State of the bypass road- *there are tram lines once again forming where the road is unable to support the weight and volume of traffic travelling along it. The tracks pull traffic along in them. When it's wet these tracks worn into the road are even more dangerous and driving on that road causes a high arch of water to fire into oncoming traffic, along with vehicles aquaplaning it's an accident waiting to happen.*
This issue runs the length of the road from at least the Queens Hotel roundabout to Steven's Croft and it is especially bad northbound- leaving open and requesting response from council

22. **Correspondence -** received for community council to attend online sessions covering various subjects such as . Emails received from Fred Olsen Renewables regarding noise monitoring and upcoming public forum events in Boreland Lockerbie Town hall. To be shared on social media. Response from Fred Olsen on community council visit to a windfarm with 200m to tip turbines. Will be facilitated to go to On Plan farm in South Lanarkshire.
23. **AOCB Lockerbie Civic Pride –** begun activities Sun 28th July and stopped for the year Sun 27th Oct, total of 25 meetings with 120 people working totalling 229 hours of weeding, cleaning. Litter picking, pruning and planting bulbs and flowers. Will recommence in new year. Team wish to thank members of public for support, sponsors for bulbs and flower and tools. A weed killing course provided via the council will be undertaken when available. Liability insurance policy is to be followed up once treasurer has access to CC bank accounts.
Christmas Lights Christmas lights switch on is Sat 16th Nov from 2pm to 6pm, please come along and join in the fun, stall and activities. Light switch on is 5pm
Christmas Illuminated Tractor and Truck run – raising money for DGRI Neo natal unit, run starts at 5pm on Saturday Nov 23rd

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Youths placing themselves at risk on Railway bridge on Bridge St. a resident intervened over a safety risk when spotting some youths walking on bridge edge. There is a significant risk of injury or worse and consequential impacts to public services to attend any incident. Request to D&G council to contact Network Rail to see if any other barriers or raising height with e.g. fence on wall to prevent such risks occurring.

Church Graveyard State – reported that cutting, pruning has occurred twice this year and a 3rd will be done soon. A team will be onsite very shortly to repair any building defects and risks in the graveyard. The minister would like to attend a meeting but is not available for Nov. If LCC have a Dec meeting an invite will be sent to enable minister to present for 10 mins to CC and public.

Local Map and Defibrillator map these have been requested to and provided back to LCC from D&G council. Looking for opportunity to display in relevant location either library or a proposed new notice board for community. A new defibrillator is being installed in West Acres, Vallance drive thanks to the residents of the estate providing funding of £3K.

Defibrillator training open day is scheduled for 23rd Nov at Fire Station between 10am to 12pm. Tea and biscuits provided. If enough interest another session would be scheduled

Other Works- Council updates road markings/lines will be completed for Carlisle Rd and Dumfries rd. as part of the programme of works. No date yet advised.

Hedges on Dumfries Rd to cemetery pedestrian access is a risk due to hedges over footpath. Request to council to contact Castlemilk estates to action

Parks Update- Outdoor Gym, McJerrow Park expected installation to begin 20th Jan 2025. Sand & Water Park agreed installation date to commence Feb 2025. Pump Track at King Edwards Park is in pre contract negotiations with tender. Upgrade of Muga pitch and toilets is to be scheduled.

LCC Facebook page - still not been able to gain control over the FB page to share information, events and meeting details. LCC member will contact previous community council chair to request handover of social media page

Winter/Dark Nights, morning and reflective items. Concerns raised over residents wearing very dark clothing during winter (GMT) without any reflective items putting themselves at risk and not being visible to road users/drivers. Request to share information, raise awareness via LCC and D&G council.

Date and Time of Next meeting - Tuesday 19th November 7pm, Lesser Hall in Lockerbie Town Hall. All Members of the Public are welcome to attend.