

Minutes of Lochwinnoch Community Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6th February 2018 in Lochwinnoch Bowling Club

CC PRESENT: David Arthur (Chair), Morag Thow (Vice Chair), Jane Owens (Treasurer), Yvonne Ross (Secretary), Kerry MacKendrick, Christine Brown, Duncan Adam, Jim Bryden, Jack Richmond, David Fowles, David Bain, and Cathie McLachlan.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Police Officers Steven Reid and Eilidh O'Hanlon, Councillor Emma Rodden, Councillor Andy Doig, Councillor Derek Bibby, Councillor Bill Binks, Ian Spiers, Elma Richmond, Bobby McLeish, Gill Bell, Paul McDonald, Crawford Andrew, Anna Crawford, David Brown, David Morrison, Charlotte Main, Ben Richardson, Jim MacMillan and Lorna Black.

APOLOGIES : Received from Christine Gibson, Morna Coote and Sybil Simpson.
Stan Kerr not present.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting. It was announced that ordinary CC business will be heard until 8.30pm. The Planning Meeting will take place between 8.30pm and 9pm. The meeting will close at 9pm, to allow for furniture to be returned to original locations, general tidy up, etc, to comply with the terms of our hall hire arrangements.

The Chairperson asked for intimations of AOCB from members of the public - none intimidated.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes from the Meeting on 9th January 2018 were approved, with no changes.
Proposed - Morag Thow, Seconded - Jack Richmond.

MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising.

POLICE REPORT -

Police Officers Eilidh O'Hanlon and Steven Reid attended from Police Scotland and presented the report for the period from 9th January to 6th February 2018.

Reported crimes recorded were 5, with 3 crimes detected, as follows:

Crime	Number	Detected
Theft (1 x cash & keys from care facility / 1 x bench from garden)	2	0
Anti-social behaviour (breach of the peace/vandalism, street drinking) 1 x BoP, vandalism and resisting arrest in care facility 1 x fireraising within care facility	2	2
RTA Offences (1 x drink driver)	1	1
Total	5	3

Police Update from previous meeting

Regarding applications for funding through Proceeds of Crime, details were emailed to the CC Secretary in early January. This information was emailed on to CC member, J Bryden, on 16th January (Correspondence Ref No: 1300) for his attention.

No further obstructions have been observed at the entrance to Hunters Way road. Officers will continue to monitor and take action themselves or via traffic wardens if appropriate.

Community Police Report

There has been a small increase in thefts in January throughout the villages, two of which related to metal thefts. Residents are reminded to ensure homes, garages, sheds and vehicles are locked and valuables kept safe and out of sight.

In January, local Police Officers attended Lochwinnoch Primary School and gave a talk to children about drug misuse. This involved showing the children what many legal/illegal drugs look like, explaining the effects on the body from taking them and what to do if they find them.

Officers also attended the Elderly Forum session at the McKillop hall, have been walking the beat round the village. The Annex and St Joseph's areas have received extra attention on weekends, due to a small increase in youth disorder.

A member of the public mentioned boys had been seen loitering in certain areas of the village.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The January Correspondence list had been emailed round CC members and some items were also circulated to CC members prior to the meeting. These included monthly Councillors' reports, the Rolling Action Log, Project Scone 2nd Report, Renfrewshire Council contact details for reporting road and lighting defects, 5 planning reports (with covering email of 16th January - Correspondence Ref: 1294), the Renfrewshire Local Outdoor Access minutes (Correspondence Ref: 1308) and the weblink to the Police Scotland 2018/2019 consultation (ref: 1323), for CC members to complete online. Public notices have also been displayed on Facebook, the Community Council website and will be featured in the February CC newsletter.

A report was received from K MacKendrick on 4th February with feedback from the Largs Forestry meeting on 13th December 2017. This was emailed to CC members on 5th February, for their information.

In response to the concerns raised with Councillor Cathy McEwan regarding changes to bin collection arrangements, it was confirmed in mid-January that Councillor McEwan will attend the 6th March CC meeting, accompanied by Renfrewshire Council Director of Community Resources, Shona MacDougall, who will give a presentation and take part in a question and answer session on this topic. It was agreed that the Agenda for the March CC meeting will be compiled to allow for this special presentation.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, J Owens, presented the December 2017 and January 2018 Accounts to those present and a summary of transactions for this period, for both bank accounts, is shown below:

NO 1 BANK ACCOUNT

Balance brought forward at 1 December 2017	£5,711.77
<u>Add</u>	
advertising income	355.00
Interest received	0.23
<u>Less</u>	
Newsletter printing costs (periods 6 and 7)	170.89
Balance c/forward at 31 December 2017	£5,896.11

NO 2 BANK ACCOUNT

Balance b/forward at 1 December 2017	£116.23
<u>No transactions this month</u>	
Balance c/forward at 31 December 2017	£116.23

NO 1 BANK ACCOUNT

Balance brought forward at 1 January 2018	£5,896.11
<u>Add</u>	
advertising income	120.00
Interest received	0.26
<u>Less</u>	
Prizes to school for CC logo competition	45.00
Newsletter printing costs (periods 8 and 9)	209.16
Balance c/forward at 31 January 2018	£5,762.21

NO 2 BANK ACCOUNT

Balance b/forward at 1 January 2018	£116.23
<u>No transactions this month</u>	
Balance c/forward at 31 January 2018	£116.23

PROJECT SCONE

D Bain's second report on the Scone-noisseur Contest was circulated round CC members during the month. It was confirmed that everything is now in place for the event on Sunday 18th March. M Thow has been liaising with SWI regarding operational details on the day and D Bain expressed thanks to all, SWI, Cakery No 5 and volunteers for their many contributions to the event. D Bain will also be looking for volunteers to assist on the day.

Publicity posters, advertising and a Press Release are all being finalised and the event is also being featured on YouTube, the Community Council website, the local Facebook pages and in the February Community Council newsletter.

David Bain is the point of contact for the event. Email: loch.bain@btinternet.com for further details, application form and payment information for the event.

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Prior to the meeting, reports had been received from Councillors Bill Binks, Derek Bibby and Andy Doig and these form the Appendix to these minutes.

Councillor Binks This month's report includes a survey of brown field sites in Renfrewshire and the proposed closure of two Day Centres. In addition, the Councillor also mentioned a Connections for Life and Food Train Service initiative. This project involves volunteers, who take food orders from senior residents, shop for them, return with the items, unpack the items, all for a reasonable delivery charge and a £1 membership charge to each resident. The Councillor will provide full details of this scheme to the CC Secretary, so that the information can be publicised more fully around our own community.

Councillor Rodden

In recent weeks, the Councillor's mailbox has contained many concerns regarding road defects, pot holes, dog fouling, blocked drains and so on. Councillor Rodden has asked for a schedule of repairs from Community Resources Section for Ward 9, in order to ascertain time taken to rectify problems, types of problems being reported and to escalate matters with the Council, which are in need of most attention. The Councillor also mentioned a useful website for reporting fly tipping, graffiti, lighting and road defects, etc, which is: www.fixmystreet.com

Councillor Rodden has also written to Gordon McKinlay, Head of Schools Department at Renfrewshire Council, regarding Lochwinnoch Primary School playground improvements.

The Councillor also highlighted the new Scottish Government Making Places Initiative and the Planning (Scotland) Bill 2017, which aim to let communities have a say in planning design and development in their local area, under the Community Empowerment Act. It was noted that these will be raised under the Planning Convenor's report in the second part of the meeting.

Councillor Bibby The Councillor commented on the lack of lighting along the entire length of the lane leading from John Gregor Place to the Main Street - J Bryden had reported this to the

Council previously. It is understood that there is an underlying electric fault and Councillor Bibby will investigate why it has taken many weeks to rectify this problem and report back by the 6th March CC meeting.

Councillor Bibby also highlighted other items in his report including sources of funding for groups and his efforts to urge McGills Buses to reinstate the student day ticket.

The decision to close the Children's Ward at the RAH, Paisley will be the subject of a full Special Meeting of the Council in the second week of February. The proposals by Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board to transform the delivery of health and social care services which will have implications on rural areas like Lochwinnoch.

Councillor Doig

The Councillor also mentioned the Special Meeting of the Council in mid-February, regarding the RAH decision and mention was made of the Council's Main Budget in February.

Councillor Doig updated those present on meetings with the A737 group. He talked to his motion to the Planning and Housing Board to refuse planning permission for expansion of Braehead, to the detriment of investment in other town centres and outlying villages. The motion was passed by 9 votes to 4.

David Bain commented that the meeting between himself, Councillor Doig and Councillor Jim Patterson went well and a response is now awaited from Educational Services. If the outcome is not favourable, then reasons will be requested.

Discussions continued with those present, regarding state of the roads, new recycled plastic road materials and modern products which are reported to last 5 or 6 times longer than tarmac.

AOCB

David Fowles -

The Consultation on Community Level Governance in Renfrewshire is now live. This will run for 12 weeks and be open for comment until 15th April 2018. This topic is about the formal structures by which local communities engage with the Council (via LACs) and other public services. Following a recent review, this consultation sets out the proposals developed and seeks the views of communities on whether they agree with the direction of these proposals and how they should be actioned. Once further information is received, D Fowles will update CC members on this consultation.

The Glasgow Airport Flightpath Consultation has now commenced. D Fowles and Y Ross will attend the Johnstone information session in late February and report back to the 6th March meeting.

M Thow -

The Arts Festival official opening is on Wednesday 14th March, with a programme of events running to the Finale Concert on Sunday 25th March. Posters, notices, Facebook, Festival and

other websites are all featuring further information on this year's event. The Community Council newsletter will also feature Festival events and news.

Lochwinnoch Dementia Friendly Village project will take place on Friday 27th April, starting at 7.30pm in the Calder UF Church. More information in the February CC newsletter.

Rolling Action Log

Updates for The Log were provided by the Councillor Doig and by the Secretary. The Rolling Action Log will be updated and circulated round CC members in time for the next meeting.

PLANNING MEETING **from 8.30pm to 9pm**

Planning Convenor, Duncan Adam, presented his monthly report.

- West Auchenhean - Planning Ref: 18/0008/PP.
D Adam gave a brief history of the West Auchenhean site and a description of this new, small, leisure development for 3 glamping pods, car parking and new septic tank. Location plans were circulated to CC members for discussion purposes.

D Adam has spoken with the Planning Officer regarding this planning application and has reviewed the planning legislation, the policy documents and guidance notes and feels it's likely that planning consent could be granted.

CC members expressed views on the planning application, the trees screening the glamping pod area from nearby neighbours, the benefits this business would bring to local tourism, outdoor pursuits, etc and extra accommodation for visitors coming to the local area. The narrow roads were discussed and it was felt less traffic uses them now than when the previous planning applications were submitted for this site. Comments received from S Simpson and objections from nearby neighbours were also considered at the CC meeting.

The Chair asked if CC members were in agreement regarding this planning application progressing through the usual channels. CC members were in favour of the planning application and it was decided that Lochwinnoch Community Council would not lodge any response to the planning application.

- Acre of land, behind the Parish Church, off Lochhead Avenue, Lochwinnoch
D Adam and K MacKendrick met with S Marklow, Strategy and Place Manager at Renfrewshire Council offices on Wednesday 31st January.
S Marklow indicated that she would be in favour of the Community Council putting forward a proposal for social housing on the acre of land behind the Parish Church.
D Adam would like to put forward a proposal for this, as part of the Neighbourhood Plan.
Duncan's proposal was agreed by all CC members.

The Chair reminded those CC members present of the decision taken by Lochwinnoch Community Council members on 7th November 2017 for social housing for this acre of

land behind the Parish Church. S Marklow also attended the 7th November CC meeting, when CC members expressed a preference to her for social housing on the acre behind the church. It was agreed and minuted at the November CC meeting, that D Adam would meet with Sharon Marklow to take forward the Community Council's wishes for social housing on the acre of land behind the Parish Church.

CC members support social housing for the acre behind the church, with provision being made for people with disabilities, the elderly and sheltered housing style accommodation, located near to local facilities.

In summary, it was affirmed by those CC members present at tonight's meeting, that it is still the decision of Lochwinnoch Community Council to support social housing for the acre behind the church. All CC members present were in agreement of this confirmation.

- Johnshill Appeal - Ref: DPEA-PPA-350-2025
The Scottish Government Reporter has not yet reached a decision on the Johnshill Appeal.
- Church Street Planning Application - Ref: 17/0519/PP
Renfrewshire Council have not reached a decision on this planning application. Sharon Marklow stated the scale of the development has still to be resolved and that discussions were ongoing regarding access to the development and the elevations were still being reviewed with Turnberry Homes. S Marklow was very pleased to receive D Adam's drawings, which were received at the same time as Lochwinnoch Community Council's Response to the planning application in September of last year.

The Chair asked those CC members present if they had any questions for D Adam regarding the 5 planning reports circulated to them on 16th January by the CC Secretary. Two further topics came up for discussion.

Burnfoot Road field. It was explained that although a POAN (Proposal of Application Notice) had been submitted last year for this area of land, S Marklow told CC members at the 7th November CC meeting that Renfrewshire Council does not consider this green belt land ready for release at present. It is a potential pipeline site for the future. It was also clarified that a developer would be required to hold a Public Meeting before any planning application could be considered for this area of green belt land. No Public Meeting has taken place, therefore, there is nothing to report at this time, regarding this area of land in Burnfoot Road.

Golf Club land. Clarification was received from a CC member, that Lochwinnoch Golf Club has no plans to submit a planning application for the area of land which the golf club owns.

The Chair thanked D Adam and K MacKendrick for their work on planning matters and for progressing CC members' wishes.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of Lochwinnoch Community Council will take place on Tuesday 3rd April 2018, starting at the usual time of 7.30pm at Lochwinnoch Bowling Club.

REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR BILL BINKS

At the recent Communities, Housing & Planning Policy Board meeting, we were advised of the Renfrewshire Vacant and Derelict Land Strategy for 2018. The objective was to prioritise the development of brownfield and previously used land, to encourage sustainable economic growth, enhance places and meet housing needs across Renfrewshire. It remains a priority to reuse and redevelop land across Renfrewshire and is monitored on an annual basis. It goes without saying that this system reduces the need to consider green field sites for possible development. I hope, over the next few weeks, to list all the identified sites within Ward 9 and present them to the appropriate community councils for interest and discussion purposes.

Did you know that Zero Waste Scotland (ZWS) research paper (May 2017) asserted that in Scotland fly tipping was estimated to cost at least £11million of tax payers money on clearance, disposal and enforcement activities. The Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board set up a review to assess the extent of fly tipping in Renfrewshire. The Lead Reviewer will liaise with those invited to present to the Board on this topic in March and will ensure that members have an opportunity to consider any questions they may wish to explore further. So this is your opportunity to help out. If you know of any regular fly tipping sites or incidents in your area then please let us know.

I am deeply concerned that the issue of the proposed closure of the Whitehaugh and West Lane Gardens Day Centres has still not been resolved to the satisfaction of the users and carers, who rely on these facilities, and who have no wish whatsoever to have to look elsewhere for a similar service.

We, as elected representatives of Renfrewshire Council, voted unanimously to retain these two centres at our Council meeting on the 30th August last year. Despite this overwhelming support, the IJB (an unelected body) refuse to even consider our proposals and are intent on forging ahead with the closures without consideration. We must continue to fight this decision and would value your continued support.

My Surgeries are as follows:-

Week 1	Tuesday	KILBARCHAN	Steeple Hall	6.00pm/7.00pm.
Week 2	Tuesday	HOWWOOD	Village Hall	6.00pm/7.00pm.
Week 3	Wednesday	JOHNSTONE	Town Hall	6.00pm/7.00pm.
Week 4	Wednesday	LOCHWINNOCH	McKillop Institute	6.00pm/7.00pm.

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REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR DEREK BIBBY

The decision to close the Children's Ward at the Royal Alexandra hospital Paisley will have a number of implications for families in Lochwinnoch who may have sick children, not the least of which will be the additional distance in travelling to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and the time involved. Not everyone has access to their own transport and, for many, taxi fares will be prohibitive. At the time of writing a Special Meeting of Renfrewshire Council is due to take place to discuss the closure.

On the subject of health, and of equal long term concern, are proposals from the Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board to transform the delivery of health and social care services. These are contained within a paper presented to a recent meeting of Renfrewshire's Integrated Joint Board which deals with these matters.

My reading of this is that it will ultimately mean a unifying of community health and social work services for adults and older people, across all the local authorities served by the health board, and based on regional considerations. This cannot be right, as the needs of the residents of Lochwinnoch will be different from those of the people of Greenock or Possilpark, Glasgow. In addition, services such as occupational therapists, podiatrists and access to home aids and adaptations have to be based on local needs. I will keep a close eye on developments.

The recent claim from Renfrewshire Council of a record amount of gritting and spreading of salt, will come as something of a surprise to many residents in the village and outlying areas, who have been affected by the various episodes of freezing weather experienced thus far this winter.

Most will agree that the Council should first treat the main arterial roads and those adjacent to the school. However, there needs to be a longer-term plan to ensure that, in the event of prolonged periods of winter weather, the rural and outlying areas of the village receive a better response to enable residents to go about their daily business with the minimum of disruption.

Another consequence of the weather has been further damage to the surface of the roads in the village, for example Main Street. I have asked that Renfrewshire Council take the necessary action to rectify matters. Villagers who have reported these problems via the Council's website and Customer Service Section, have been frustrated that they have not received a response. This just adds to the feeling that, on many occasions, the village is forgotten. I have raised this with the Officers of the Council and with my colleagues on the Finance and Resources committee, which is responsible for customer care.

It has not been difficult in recent times to be critical of the banks therefore, for once, I am pleased to promote a positive story. The Clydesdale Bank "Spirit of Community Awards Scheme 2018" is now open for applications. These are open to registered charities and not-for-profit organisations. There are 3 categories, including help for those who strive to improve their local environment. The projects selected will each receive £5,000. For further information on how to apply visit - www.cbonline.co.uk/foundation.

Finally I am supportive of the Scottish Youth Parliament's campaign to overturn the decision by McGills Buses to scrap the Student Day Ticket. Those young students from Lochwinnoch, who are required to travel to Paisley or Glasgow, will now have to pay either adult fares or buy weekly tickets, the net result being increased costs. I am urging McGills to reinstate the student day ticket.

My advice surgeries are on the first Saturday of every month (except January and July) from 9am in the McKillop Institute. Meantime please contact me anytime at cllr.derek.bibby@renfrewshire.gov.uk or phone 0300 300 1274 or Mobile: 07534 156 007

REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR ANDY DOIG

I have long been of the view that economic development across Renfrewshire needs to be more balanced. It is understandable that social solidarity dictates that areas of greatest deprivation should get as much support as possible, but we need to rebalance the economic policy of Renfrewshire because social responsibility also dictates that village communities like Lochwinnoch, once a thriving manufacturing centre less than a hundred years ago, also need investment.

To start the process off, I was pleased to move at the last meeting of the Planning and Housing Board that Braehead shopping centre be refused planning permission for three further retail units; the majority of Councillors on the Board supported me on the basis that we cannot continually feed the hungry mouth that is Braehead, but also complain that our town centres and villages are starved of economic investment.

As the Convener of the A737 Partnership Group, I recently met, along with other local Councillors and two local Members of the Scottish Parliament - Neil Bibby MSP and Tom Arthur MSP. I briefed them about our ongoing campaign to upgrade the A737 and how that is important from both an economic point of view for Johnstone and the Villages as a whole, but also from a health and safety point of view. I am hopeful that our local MSP's will add weight to our campaign.

My civic postbag has been very full since we hit the New Year. Over the last month I have met with Lochwinnoch resident, Steven Forbes, who is trying to promote the Cycling Without Age charity, which aims to help older and infirm people to enjoy cycling and I encouraged him to speak to Lochwinnoch Elderly Forum.

I am also looking into the possibility of establishing a local memorial to Lochwinnoch's forgotten radical, Roland Eugene Muirhead.

Last but not least, I have helped the residents at High Linthills get their water outlets cleaned to stop flooding, which has been a long-standing problem for them, and I have written to the Chief Executive of Renfrewshire Council complaining about the state of the roads in and around Lochwinnoch.

My advice surgery in Kilbarchan is on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the Steeple Hall at 7:30pm, and my advice surgery in Howwood is on the 4th Wednesday of the month in Howwood Village Hall at 6:30pm, then at Lochwinnoch also on the 4th Wednesday of the month in the McKillop at 7:30pm, excluding July and Christmas. But I am also always available to constituents who can call me on **07534 148224**, tweet me on **CllrAndy4Ward8**, Facebook me on- **Independent Voice@Ward9JohnstoneAndVillages** or e-mail me at cllr.andy.doig@renfrewshire.gov.uk