Lochwinnoch Community Council
Minutes of AGM on 4th November 2025

Present: Bill Wright, Maggie Kinloch, Kerr Bryson, Kerry McKendrick, Ross Anderson, Shona Finnie
Cllr Doig, Cllr Gilmour.
Apologies: Liz Walker, Cllr Graham - Public Attending: Mr Jeff Tapping

Chair for the AGM was Cllr Gilmour who invited LCC Chair Bill White to give his report in which he noted that the CC had achieved a great deal in the last year and continue to work on a variety of issues.

- Planning – Cala Homes, Calderglen, Lochbarr, the former church ground on the High St.
- Environment and safety – pushing on action for flood control.
- Traffic - speeding and parking issues.
- Transport – issues with the local bus and work to try to have the 904 come through the village.
- Community Police officers back to attending meetings and their involvement in monitoring
- Situations.
- Fundraising – LCC held a very successful event and raised funds to be used for village groups And a procedure has been put in place for dealing with funding applications.
- Local Place Plan – identifying issues to bring to RC ie what we do/don't want to see happen in Lochwinnoch.

The Chair also thanked the councillors who regularly attend and support the Community Council.

The Treasurer was not in attendance but her report is attached as Appendix A.

Councillor Gilmour thanked LCC members for their efforts to help the community by fundraising, scrutiny of planning applications and involvement in the Place Plan. He noted that CCs are key to community life and, as a statutory body, must be consulted on matters affecting the community.

Cllr Gilmour then proceeded to the election of office bearers. SF proposed the status quo and MK seconded and therefore office bearers continued in place.
This concluded the AGM.

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Attendance, apologies and public attending as above.

1. Minutes of the last meeting – SF proposed and KB seconded.

2. Police Report – no report was received in time for the meeting.

3. Treasurer's Report
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4. Councillor's Report
   Cllr Doig –
   Noted that he had objected to plans to spend money on another regeneration project in Paisley as it takes money away from the villages. The project was subsequently abandoned. The Panning Board carried out an efficiency assessment which included survey of play areas in Renfrewshire and provisions made for population aged between 0 – 17 (17% of Lochwinnoch population) Lochwinnoch scored 68.1% and second in the ranking of playparks. Gym equipment is being installed in the Lochwinnoch park. Noted that the Village Improvement Fund has spread money around the villages.
   Other issues being dealt with are complaints about trucks going through the village and Lochlip Road flooding as a result of drains and gullies needing to be cleared. Mr Tapping noted that the Council could remedy the situation with a couple of simple measures. Cllr Doig said that he would email Gerry Hannah of RC to arrange a meeting or to attend a meeting of the LCC.
   Attempts to have the 904 bus come through the village continue. KB has previously emailed McGills on behalf of the CC, but they won't change at the moment. Cllr Gilmour noted that franchising may have an effect as it is there to provide a service rather than to be a business. A change of model is required as the present one does not serve rural communities. KMcK noted that in the Place Plan survey the highest number of responses concerned buses and public transport.

Cllr Gilmour

Noted that more work needs to be done on Lochlip Road with regard to flooding. Also noted that RC's plan to reduce the number of grit bins in the village was not popular. Cllr Gilmour had a meeting to explain that the plan is unacceptable, and it will be discussed at the Council.
The streetlights on Main Street will be replaced after the Christmas lights come down. Despite the new in cab management system in the bin lorries, bins are still being missed and Cllr Gilmour will ask what is going on with this. Noted that the Place Plan being prepared by LCC is excellent and that the LDP is before the Scottish Government and when it comes back it will be seen if they have made any amendments.

5. **Communications Received.**

- email circulated by Bridge of Weir CC re invasive plant species.
- Forthcoming closure of Bridesmill Road from 9.30am until 3.30pm on December 17th for BT works.
- Glasgow Airport Airspace Change Consultation meetings are to be held in various locations. The changes have no real effect on Lochwinnoch
- An email from E. Shearer to say that the ongoing work at the Castle Semple Visitors Centre should Be completed by February 2026.
- Cornerstones moving ahead but the Tandlemuir CAT can't go ahead at the moment as there is a lease in place.

6. **Local Place Plan**

Survey has been concluded and the results are being collated. Sessions will be held in the village to provide residents with a chance to discuss and share views which will be added to survey info. Sessions will be held on 12th, 14th, 19th and 21st November in various locations. Information will be provided online and via posters and leaflets, Mr Tapping asked if the Place Pan was part of the Safe Rural Walking initiative but it is not as the SRWI is run by RC. The results of that shoud be out in January. BW noted that the Place Plan feeds in to the LDP.

7. **AOB**

BW will lay the wreath at the War Memorial this coming Sunday, November 9th, on behalf of the LCC.
SF asked about a donation for the DFL Singing for Wellbeing group and it was agreed that the group should apply via the request form.

Next meeting of Lochwinnoch Community Council is on Tuesday December 2nd at 7.30pm

APPENDIX A

LOCHWINNOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL AGM
TREASURER'S REPORT 2024-25

The certified accounts show expenditure during 2024/25 with a balance of £2726.83. This balance is greater than last year's which was £1939.35 plus we are due our Administration grant of £703 payable after the AGM, which will give an overall balance of £3429.

Accounts have been signed off by Elizabeth Walker (Treasurer) Ross Anderson and K.M. Macdonald, Accountant.

Our funds were much increased by the talk/music evening arranged by Maggie with Graham Lyle which was superb as well as a major fundraiser. This means we are able to give out small grants to some of our village activities that are not in a position to raise funds, such as for the painting of the railings at Old Simon (£50), donation to the Chatterbox (£250), donation to the Larder (£50)etc. Other expenditure such as insurance, Data Protection, room hires etc are paid with our Administration Grant from Renfrewshire Council. We currently run an advert in the Chatterbox which costs £150 per 6 months.

The Burnfoot Planning application is still unresolved and hopefully this will not lead to a Judicial Review which would be majorly costly. Mistakes have been made here and should be righted by Renfrewshire Council, come the day,

Liz Walker
Treasurer.