

LCC Minutes May Meeting 2024

1 Present; S Finnie, K Bryson, K McKendrick, R Anderson, W White, E Walker. Cllr Doig, Cllr Gilmour
Apologies: J Hutchison, Cllr Graham

2. Minutes of the last meeting – Add E Walker to apologies. Approved and proposed by Kerr, seconded by Ross.

3. Communication Received.

Z Bhatia contacted re access to minutes. Email from D brown re graffiti in the village. Cllr Doig has taken the matter up with council officers. Some signage has already been cleaned. Suggested CC ask for video evidence via an article in Chatterbox to assist in deterring graffiti. Also noted that photo ID is now required when voting – passport, bus pass, driving licence etc.

4. Treasurer's Report

Balance £2833.95 no expenditure since last meeting.

5. Councillor's Reports

Cllr Doig – Complaint from a village resident regarding lone working at night. Some disputes between neighbours have arisen. The empty house on the Main Street next to the Doctor's surgery – the Council have imposed a 200% increase in the Council Tax in an effort to have the owners renovate or sell.

Cllr Gilmour – Email traffic re the roadworks on the A737 and regarding planning issues, particularly with regard to SEPA. Cllr Gilmour very much looking forward to Gala day.

6. Planning

RA and K McK have been attending meetings to do with flood risk. They have also been at a meeting in Johnstone Town Hall regarding new Place Plans and they wish to be kept informed. K McK suggested hybrid meetings of the Renfrewshire Council Communities Forum would be useful going forward. Interested to know how successful the traffic changes implemented in the villages involved in Phase 1 of the traffic consultation have been.

Regarding SEPA – there is a questionnaire of 13 questions to which Ross and Kerry will prepare a response. Suggest that SEPA or a representative of Renfrewshire Council should come to talk to the village.

Cllr Gilmour noted that RC will pay for professional help to prepare a place plan. SF to write to Annabel Walters to ask how this can be done and will update at the next meeting.

7. Illegal Caravan Enforcement Order

The matter is now with the Procurator Fiscal. Can contact David Love at David.love@renfrewshire.gov.uk for an update.

8. Request for Funding,

Robert McLeish from the Annexe requested funding for a Defibrillator to be placed at the park. It was agreed that this was a good idea and that other avenues should be explored. Also a request for funds towards the running costs of the weekly Youth drop in and Dodge Ball sessions so that they could be run for free, similar to the support from the Warm Spaces fund over the winter months. Liz Walker proposed giving the £700 grant to the club. This was seconded by Kerry McKendrick and the motion was passed.

10. AOB

a) Cllr Gilmour to enquire about funding for Margaret's memorial bench. Suggested that we organise a fundraiser event or collection.

b) Liz has been given a box of historical LCC documents going back to the 70s. Suggested we donate them to the library.

c). Ross mentioned an initiative called the Step Challenge as part of Mental Health Recovery Week.

d) men's Shed – still hoping to be established but need a list of members.

11. Next meeting June 4th at 7.30pm in the Bowling Club