

Lochwinnoch Community Council Minutes of Meeting 6th January 2026

Present: W. White, E. Walker, K. Bryson, K. McKendrick, R. Anderson, S. Finnie, Cllr Doig, Cllr Gilmour

Apologies: M. Kinloch, N. Hart, Cllr Graham.

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

2. Minutes of the last meeting were proposed by R. Anderson and seconded by S. Finnie

3. Police Report

See attached Appendix A. Discussion about recent dog attacks and police advised that charges have been brought under the Dangerous Dogs Act (Scotland) and a report will be sent to the Procurator Fiscal. Cllr Doig to follow up with the Dog Warden re the location of the dog. Issues of speeding raised and CC advised that the police have been monitoring traffic on Johnshill but that all vehicles were on or below the speed limit. Speeding patrols will continue. Concern also raised about persistent parking on. The zebra crossing zig zags and about the danger that this poses, especially to children. Suggested some kind of barrier at the crossing. Mark Higgenbotham to be invited to the next CC meeting to discuss options. Noted that the Safe Walking Routes Initiative should also suggest solutions, the results of which are due soon.

4. Treasurer's report.

Balance as of the last statement (November) was £2070.75. The RC grant of just under £700 has just gone in which will raise the balance. Outgoings are to the Chatterbox, donations to the Boo Crew and Dementia Friendly Lochwinnoch and admin costs. Of the money in the account, approx. £700 is available for the CC to disburse to community groups. As we do not have a large amount available, it was suggested that a limit of £100 per donation is applied unless there are special circumstances. It was also suggested that the members come up with fundraising ideas to discuss at the February meeting.

5. Councillor's Reports

Cllr Doig - Dog attack to be followed up with the Dog Warden. A leak at Auld Simon has been sorted. Noted that there have been issues with the solar panel programme on council properties. The contractor has not been efficient and suggested that the council would be better using direct labour. The worst cases have been resolved. Complaints received about the park grass being destroyed by vehicles driven by 'boy racers'. S. Finnie put forward a suggestion made by Karen Malcom that a barrier be erected around the car park at the Annexe thus preventing vehicular access. This will be looked in to.

Cllr Gilmour - Issues reported with the renovation of kitchens in council properties. RC have now terminated the contract and remedial work is being carried out. Cllr Gilmour thinks that the suggestion of a barrier around the car park at the Annexe is a good one and wished all a Happy New Year.

6. Communications Received

*SEPA new flood assessment – noted that this has possibly had an influence on why the Cala Homes Burnfoot Road planning application has not progressed. The SEPA report makes such an application difficult as council officers take note of SEPA. Also noted that Burnfoot Road should be taken out of the land supply.

*Renfrewshire Survey consultation on waiting, loading and parking orders being undertaken re yellow lines.

*Confirmation of Nicola Hart as a co-opted member of the Community Council.

7. Planning

No issues raised other than waiting for the retrospective planning for the landfill site to come through. Noted that the SEPA flood assessment is alarming. The next Planning Board will be on January 20th 2026. Gerard Hannah, Head of Climate, Public Protection & Roads will be attending the next meeting to discuss local flooding issues

8. Local Place Plan

This is being worked on and will be presented to the Community for comment and feedback before being fed into the Local Development Plan. This should happen by the end of March 2026. Our suggestions can be included or ignored but the community will be heard.

9. AOB.

No issues raised.

The next meeting will be held on 3rd February 2026 at 7.30pm in the Bowling Club.