

DRAFT Minutes of Lochwinnoch Community Council Meeting
Tuesday October 7th, 2025

Community Council Members Present:

Bill White (Chair), Maggie Kinloch (Vice Chair and Minute taker (cover)),
Kerr Bryson, Kerry McKendrick, Ross Anderson, Shona Finnie,
Councillor Gilmour, Councillor Doig

Apologies:

Councillor Graham, L Walker (Treasurer)

Community Police Officers in Attendance: Apologies offered and
printed report tabled

Public in attendance: Karen Malcolm, Geoff Tapping

1.

The Chair welcomed those present and accepted apologies from those named above.

2.

a)

The minutes of the meeting of 2nd September 2025 were formally adopted. They were Proposed by Shona Finnie and Seconded by Kerr Bryson.

b)

Matters arising were all to be covered under other agenda items, other than:

The Chair confirmed that he has written to the landowner of the site on the Kilmacolm Road about the issue of the earth works trucks going through the village. The number of trucks, the regularity of them and their speed have all been cause for concern. He awaits a response.

3.

Police Report

A printed report was tabled. It is noted that the number of overall crimes in the village is down although the number of thefts has increased. It was further observed that there appear to be two road traffic offences related to drugs, but neither has been detected so there was some confusion as to how it was known that they were drug related!

There was discussion about the continued problem of people parking on the zigzag lines outside the Spar. It has not improved since last discussed in July. Geoff Tapping raised the issue of poor signage for the car park at the McKillop Institute suggesting that if that were improved people might use the car park instead. Councillor Gilmour agreed to send an email that evening to the council about the signage.

4.

Treasurer's Report

Balance in our account is £2726.83. £150 will come off soon for Chatterbox advert.

I will be writing a report for the AGM. This, along with the Chairman's report has to go to Renfrewshire Council for them to process our admin grant.

5.

Councillor's Reports

Councillor Gilmour reported:

Elected Renfrewshire Council members have been looking at updated demographic statistics for the region.

During recent Storm Amy there was once again bad flooding on the A760 and Lochlip Road. He has written to the council about this continued problem seeking some effort to reduce the risk of such serious flooding.

He reported too that SEPA continues to report on the flooding issues that would affect the proposed Burnfoot Road Development.

He informed the meeting that the Local Area Development Plan will be a ten year plan and that Renfrewshire seeks to create 5.5k new homes as part of that plan.

Councillor Doig reported:

Renfrewshire Council has a working group for the Local Area Development Plan.

He is trying to have the council take action on the removal of the dangerous dilapidated garages in East End. He was clear that they are a Health and Safety Risk in their current condition.

He expressed his relief that the Roadhead Roundabout proposed development has been finally fully refused. His view that it would have had major impact on the businesses within the village was agreed with by all present.

He reported that a monument had been inaugurated in Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park, commemorating the miners who laboured in the barytes mines high in the moorlands of Renfrewshire. This is a stone cairn incorporating a plaque naming those miners who died during the mine's final phase of operation.

6.

Interim Election Process

The Chair reported that only one application had been received which was disappointing. That application was from Maggie Kinloch, currently a co-opted member. He confirmed that she is now a fully elected member and this returns our number to seven elected community councillors, meaning that we meet the minimum number.

However, it was agreed that Kerr Bryson would publish this news and urge people to consider becoming co-opted members for a year with a view to standing for election next year. It was confirmed that the elected members can co-opt up to two individuals

There was serious discussion about how challenging it is for the CC to be in this position and how important it is that the village has an effective CC as it is the channel through which all communications with Renfrewshire Council regarding Planning proposals are handled.

7.

Communications Received

Kerr Bryson reported that the Glasgow Airport Consultation process in regard to realigning of flight paths will soon be underway, encouraging all to participate. Although the impact on Lochwinnoch will be minimal.

8.

Planning Issues

Confirmation received on the rejection of the appeal for Roadhead Roundabout Garage

SEPA has placed a holding objection on the CALA Development whilst they complete a review.

Geoff Tapping noted his surprise that there were so few dwellings included in the Planning Permission agreed for the old chapel site on the main street.

There was further discussion surrounding the length of time some plots suitable for building on are lying empty in the village, including one on Gates Road, empty for at least twenty years now. That particular site is privately owned and has some condition issues.

Councillor Doig explained that the demand for housing is generally for flats or smallish houses, but developers tend to want to build bigger development for financial reasons.

9.

Local Place Plan

The Chair explained that it was important to the village that we create a LPP. Only five other CCs are creating plans and Renfrewshire Council has given us £10,000 to help with the creation of our one.

For the initial Community Survey, we all have the opportunity to contribute either online, or in paper form – these are available in the library and other locations around the village. The deadline for submission is 17th October, but there will be further opportunities to contribute through meetings and consultations.

Some members of LCC are going to look at the way Inchinnan are presenting their plan to gather ideas that we may adopt. It was stressed

that while the emphasis will be on development opportunities, it can be whatever the community would like it to be. Local wealth creation could be part of it for example, exploring the local bore hole possibility, and other ideas may be the basis for local actions within the community.

Karen Malcolm asked about the possibility of including future thinking for the playing fields, expressing her concern that currently it is not clear. Although Calderglen Football Club has withdrawn its CAT application, there is no clear line drawn under the future of the park by Renfrewshire Council. It was felt that this matters enough to be included in the LPP.

Our LPP will influence Renfrewshire Council's new LADP. It is therefore hugely important that all concerns and ideas are included so that we get it right for the village.

10.

AOB

It was observed that the regularity of bin collection has been erratic.

Karen Malcolm asked if the CC was aware of any activity by Calderglen regarding their planning application for the Playing Fields. Nobody present had any such awareness, The CC confirmed that as soon as it becomes aware, information will be shared with the community

LCC funding - two potential applicants for small grants from LCC funds were possible but in the end the organisations did not apply.

Congratulations to the Larder, the Boo Crew and the Feel Good Festival Team for organising so many events for the community in the build up to Halloween

Congratulations too to the Community Garden team for achieving Silver Award Status in the Keeping Scotland Beautiful competition

And also, to Mo Thow for the establishing of the new dementia choir.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting of Lochwinnoch Community Council, which will also be the overdue AGM, will be at 7:30 on Tuesday 4th November 2025. It is overdue as we could not go ahead until we were compliant and had seven elected members.