

Lochwinnoch Community Council Meeting 3 June 2025
Minutes

1. **Attending** - Bill White, Kerr Bryson, Liz Walker, Kerry McKendrick, Ross Anderson, Shona Finnie, Cllr Gilmour.
Community Police Officers Grant Miller and Karen McKay
Apologies Maggie Kinloch, Cllr Doig, Cllr Graham.

Members of the public in attendance - please see Appendix A

2. **Minutes of the last meeting** were approved and proposed by Liz Walker and seconded by Ross Anderson.

3. **Summary of Fundraiser**- Liz reported that the fundraiser was an enormous success and that the sum raised was £1060, all of which will be used to give grants to local groups. The CC will be happy to consider all applications.

4. **Treasurer's Report** - Balance at 22 April 2025 was £1794.35. £50 donation to the larder, £57.60 for Data Protection and £154 for Zurich insurance still to be deducted.

5. **Police Report** - see Appendix B. Two of the new community police officers attended - Karen McKay and Grant Miller. They said that they were hoping to maintain a visible presence in the village and to get to know local people and businesses. When asked about the issue of speeding in the village and pavement parking at the school, they said they will look in to speed control and having a high viz presence at the school to deter parking and blocking pavements.

6. **Resignation and interim election process** - Judith Hutchison has resigned from the CC which places us under the minimum number required. An interim election will therefore need to be held. We are awaiting clarification from Renfrewshire Council. BW appealed for members of the public to come forward and join.

7. **Councillor's report Cllr Graham** was honoured last month to represent local parents' 'Free at Three' campaign, seeking a reversal of the Council's decision to delay nursery funding for the children of working parents. This policy was unfair, and would cost some parents, including families in Lochwinnoch, up to £4,000 in unplanned nursery fees. Parent Power won the day, and my Council motion was supported by all bar one of the opposition councillors. All Renfrewshire early years children will now access nursery funding equitably.

I would also like to thank the hardworking volunteers who bring the Lochwinnoch community together for the annual Gala Day. I always look forward to it and along with Cllr Gilmour I'm delighted once again to sponsor the children's fancy dress competition.

I'm currently in contact with the Education Department and monitoring progress on improvements the primary school playground. Plus repairs and visual accessibility improvements to the steps connecting the two school buildings.

Cllr Gilmour - Pedestrian safety campaign consultation has finished and data is being collated. The You Decide initiative resulted in the fence around the playpark and the park lighting which is now functioning.

The new in cab navigation system has been fitted to the bin lorries and should result in better and more efficient bin collections. Noted that the Parish Church will be open on Gala Day.

8. **Communications Received** - Most email were in relation to the Calderglen FC CAT . There was one request to look in to a street lighting issue which has been passed on to RC.

9. **Bus Issues** - Shuttlebus withdrew from the No 4 route and it was taken up by McGills but only until November of this year. Johnstone Community Transport is a small company run by Mr John MCBarron with its own buses and drivers and they are keen to take over the route. They are also prepared to be flexible with timings so that the bus will match up with the trains. They are confident that they will be able to provide a service for the village. Mr MCBarron will attend our next meeting. KB noted that the CC are also trying to work with McGills to have the 904 Largs service come through the village. Noted that the LCC are working hard on this.

10. Planning

Burnfoot Road - Not yet scheduled for the board. This will probably have to wait until after the SEPA flood report and the RC response to that. No news yet.

Calderglen FC CAT Application.

BW noted that various concerns have been raised by members of the public, particularly about due process not having been followed and the lack of opportunity for public to raise concerns or their support have not been given. The LCC not putting forward an opinion either way as we need to reflect the views of the community and, as of this moment, we do not know what those views are. At the time of the Calderglen presentation to LCC we were under the impression that the community would be consulted. LCC will remain impartial. BW invited comments from the public and Mr JJameson presented some more detail on the CAT. Various people raised their objections to the CAT for example using up open community space , environmental concerns about microplastics entering the river and harming marine life, the astroturf pitch being in an area prone to flooding exacerbates this, reduction of open space that is used by the village community, including the home schooled children who regularly use it for activities, concern that the park is being turned into a business, parking issues, that the project will harm the Lochbarr Centre which already provides facilities for football. There was also support shown for the CAT project with views that it can only enhance the facilities in the village, can provide opportunities for all, that youth teams can be encouraged and that it will protect the park from being sold by RC as a building plot

The representatives of Calderglen FC said that they would take environmental issues into account and that they would talk to Lochbarr about the possibilities of cooperating with them to locate their facility at the 12acre site, which is away from the river and therefore less environmentally damaging. It was also noted that due process, as per government guidelines, must be followed and that the wider community must be consulted.

Any letters in support of or against the CAT must be submitted to RC by 20th June 2025 and not to LCC. The email address is communityassettransfer@renfrewshire.gov.uk Appendix C shows the map of the plans.

RC will consider the opinions submitted and the issue will probably come before the Council Board in September.

11. Local Place Plan

LCC has obtained a grant for just under £10 000 to help with the creation of the Local Place Plan. This will enable us to use consultants to assist. LCC will start the 10 month process to produce the LPP to include community ideas, This feeds in to the RC Development Plan and is an opportunity for the village to tell RC what we would like to happen in Lochwinnoch.

12. Cornerstones

Funds will be provided to improve parts of the village, namely the Cross, High Street to the site of the former Catholic church, Main Street to Calder Electrics, Church St as far as the Parish Church, Harvey Square and Terrace and Calder Street. Project managers will conduct a site visit and will talk to LCC and the local business network.

13. AOB

Lucy ? Who works for our MP Johanna Baxter attended and said she would welcome any questions or comments from constituents.

Next meeting - July 1st at 7.30pm in Lochwinnoch Bowling Club

Appendix A – Public in Attendance

Maia Glackin	Gillian Glackin	Sarah Jamieson	Jamie Jamieson
Mairi McGinley	Jackie McIntosh	Cora McIntosh	Roslyn McIntosh
Stephen Russell	Ryan Payne	Billy McLeish ?	Fraser Wilson
Alan Davis	Lesley Davis	Jane Owens	Jack Donaldson
Robbie Donaldson	Gemma Donaldson	Graham Donaldson	Jane Donaldson
JOhn Robertson	Christine Kearney	Constance Fogarty	Tom Reid
Ross Clark	martin McWilliam	Kieron O'?	Jill Fawcett
Jane McIlroy fawcett	Lesley Parr	Scott Queen	Fiona Sutherland
Kasia Marshall	Evelyn Milligan	Kayleigh Crawford	A. ?
Jeff Tapping	Evie Jackson	Ronnie Edgar	Angela Edgar
Karen Malcom	Jemma Speirs-Ware	Leigh Whiteside	Holly Wall
Robert Wall	Kate McKay plus 2 illegible		

Appendix B – Police Report

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Update from Previous Meeting

Crime Summary

Between 1st May and 31st May there have been a total of seven recorded crimes, five have so far been detected.

CRIME/OFFENCES OF NOTE	NUMBER	DETECTED	CONTEXT
Theft by Housebreaking/Attempt	0	0	
Theft	0	0	
Robbery	0	0	
Serious Assault	0	0	
Common Assault	0	0	
Drug Offences	0	0	
Anti-Social (breach of the peace/vandalism/street drinking)	1	0	1 x set small fire
Road Traffic Offences	2	1	1 x careless driving, 1 x fail to stop after r.t.c.,
Other	4	4	4 x breach of bail

Crime Trends and Policing Priorities

Community Police Report

(Include focus of activity, any initiatives, partnership working)

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Appendix C - Calderglen – CAT application - site outlined in red

