

Lochwinnoch Community Council
Minutes of February 4th Meeting

1. **Present:** Bill White (Chair) Maggie Kinloch, Liz Walker, Ross Anderson, Kerry McKendrick, Shona Finnie, Cllr Doig, Cllr Gilmour, Cllr Graham
Apologies; Kerr Bryson, Judith Hutchison

Visitors: Mark Conaghan and David Lowe of Renfrewshire Council

Members of the Public; T. Bell, A. O'Neil, P Gibson, J. Greenlees, S. Queen, S. Hooper, J. Owens, J. Tapping, E.Beattie, M. McVarish, M. Curie

2. **Minutes of the last meeting** proposed by S. Finnie, seconded by M. Kinloch and approved.
3. **Mr Conaghan** head of Corporate Governance at Renfrewshire addressed the meeting with regard to the multiple complaints from multiple complainants that he had received. Before continuing he mentioned that he would raise the question of flooding in the village as it related to roads with a council officer and have them contact the CC directly. Mr Conaghan noted that LCC are close to the minimum number of members and, should we fall below the number an interim election would need to be held. He noted that co-opted members do not count towards the number. Should we fail to meet the requirement after an interim election, the situation would have to be considered. Regarding complaints made about the CC, Mr Conaghan noted that RC does not yet have a complaints process. The scheme for the establishment of CCs is currently used. He stated that the principal matter was in regard to financial matters of LCC and of members of the LCC saying that the council was investigating. Mr Conaghan stressed that such an investigation had never taken place and that such claims were 'false and inaccurate'. He stated that he had instructed LCC to issue an apology which happened at the next meeting. Although he felt that the apology could have been clearer, it was sufficient for him to judge that the LCC should not be suspended. He stated that he now considered the matter closed. He invited questions from the public gallery. Several people wanted a further apology or for it to be reiterated. BW noted that LCC had accepted the findings and had issued an apology and wished to move on. Mr Conaghan drew the matter to a close by stating that, if the LCC would accept his findings as stated during this meeting, which LCC did, then that should be sufficient to finally draw the matter to a close.
"I am telling the Community Council unequivocally that there was correspondence between Renfrewshire Council and the Community Council stating that there was no investigation. If prepared to accept that and minute it then all is drawn to a close" Mark Conaghan
Mr Conaghan and Mr Lowe then left the meeting as did several members of the public.

4. **Treasurer's Report**

The current balance is £1450.35 with the admin grant of £700 is due from Renfrewshire Council. SF to resend the AGM minutes to Julie Barron in order to receive the grant. Noted that the minutes are on display throughout the village.

5. **Councillor's Reports**

Cllr Doig – Noted that Lochwinnoch has received a total of £10 000 from various funds. Noted that damage from Storm Eowyn presented challenges. Many complaints were received regarding McGills pulling the bus service to Braehead in the evening and on weekends without notice. All the Councillors have written to McGills demanding a meeting to discuss. Noted also that the Annexe is on danger of closing and that he had spoken to RC regarding issues around the lease. Noted that a CAT is being considered.

Cllr Gilmour – Congratulated BW and the office bearers on their appointment. Reiterated council efforts to clear damage after Storm Eowyn. Noted that he is happy to support Cllr Doig re the annexe and the McGills issue. Noted that RC are taking a 'softly, softly' approach re the pavement parking ban and suggested we think of areas where people would like to see exemptions. Noted that the new LDP will be a 10 year plan rather than a 5 year plan and encouraged the LCC to be involved in its creation. Noted that there will be pressure on land for building. Also suggested LCC contact Inspector Lorna McLaren of Police Scotland re concerns in relation to the zebra crossing.

Cllr Graham- Thanked council staff for their efforts in the storm clear up. Noted that the EV units at the rear of the McKillop Institute are to be repaired and that she has asked council officers to carry out a report into the repair of the steps at the school. In response to a question re grit bins the Councillors said that they have asked for a review of the location of grit bins around the village.

6. Planning

Paisley Gazette would like to speak to the LCC and BAG re the Cala homes application. Application has been made for static caravans in Auchenlean Rd. Cllr Doig noted that the LDP allows for some development within CMRP. LW noted that not more than 6 houses allowed. Cllr Doig noted that Burnfoot is within the CMRP and that it was a decision of the Planning Board that agreed that it could be included within the land supply.

7. Communications Received

- BW noted that we have lots of correspondence that we need to get out to the public and that we need to find an effective way to do this.
- We received correspondence relating to contribution s from developers to local education
- Noted that an increase in housing in the villages will lead to the local doctor surgery being unable to cope.
- Applications are also open for Firework Control Zones- residents can identify areas within a community that should be firework free.
- There will be 6 sessions for CC training on local place plans. BW has signed up.
- Noted that the footings are in place at the park for the new changing rooms for Calderglen FC.
- LCC has been invited to ask people to participate in a broadband survey.
- There is a fund available for artificial surfaces for football pitches.
- Comments from the community are invited re a lithium batteries campaign.
- Funding is available for gym equipment to be installed in the park and to place a fence around the play area. We need community comments on this and it will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
- We need RC to change our meeting time on their website.

The Chair brought the meeting to a close and the date of the next meeting is 4th March 2025 at 7.30pm in Lochwinnoch Bowling Club.

