Lochwinnoch Community Council
AGM 4th November 2025
Chairmans report

The 2024 AGM was delayed and held on 7th January. The intention was to get back on track and hold the 2025 AGM in October but this was deferred to allow time for the interim elections in Lochwinnoch and 4 other communities to be organised by Renfrewshire Council. There were no new applicants, but Maggie Kinloch – a co-opted member - was appointed to becomes a full member so that we are back up to our minimum number. Maggie has agreed to continue as vice-chair. We currently have the opportunity to co-opt another 2 members and will be looking to encourage people with the right skill sets or commitment to offer their support.

Overview of 2025
There have been a variety of issues that have been presented to the council that have generated interest and engagement to different levels within the community. Some have been concluded, whilst others are in abeyance and may return in a different format. Whilst there is still much to do, a lot has been achieved that many (but not all) would consider to be positive outcomes.

Listed below are some of the areas that LCC have been involved with:

Planning issues:
Cala Homes development – this has gone quiet while SEPA review the flooding concerns that have been raised by LCC and other individuals.
44 High Street – planning permission has been granted, and the site is up for sale. We now wait to see how this progresses and the commencement of building of a minimum of 5 properties that are needed within the village.
Calderglen - recreation ground development. It is acknowledged that the process was not managed correctly by RC and the repercussions rumbled on for a long time. The application for a CAT has been withdrawn and Calderglen FC are now reviewing their position. They have responded positively to feedback from the community and given access to the fenced football pitch.
Garage at the roundabout –refusal of planning permission was taken to an appeal and following a lot of activity and support from our councillors the appeal was rejected.

Environment & safety:
Flooding issues are ongoing and there are regular communications with RC regarding actions to address the problems that we face in different locations within and on the outskirts of the village. We were hoping to have a presentation from officers from RC – this is something that we will be pushing for in 2026.

Transport:
There have been the ongoing complaints about speeding, illegal and inconsiderate parking and the volume of large vehicles passing through the centre of the village.
To address these, the police are visiting the village more frequently and RC have appointed more wardens who we can expect to see in the village – hopefully when we are experiencing

some of the many violations as mentioned above. We are optimistic that these two responses to our concerns will improve the situation.
LCC did raise the issue of the lorries along the High St and many of these are now diverting along Lochlip Road.
There are ongoing complaints regarding bus and transport issues, and our local councillors are passing these on to the relevant departments and organisations concerned on our behalf.

Crime:
Our local police officers are attending our monthly meeting where they report on the crime statistics, the nature of offences, actions being taken, general background information as well as taking note of our current concerns.

Fundraising and grants:
Earlier in the year Maggie Kinloch organised an extremely successful “evening with Graham Lyle” which raised money to enable LCC to make a few small donations to support local activities. We would like to continue with this initiative to top up the fund on a regular basis so that we can respond to as many requests as possible – but funds are limited at the moment.

Local Place Plan:
LCC and Lochwinnoch Community Development Trust have taken on the challenge to produce a LPP for submission to RC so that the community views are considered when drawing up the Renfrewshire strategic Development Plan. Work has started and will continue through to March 2026.
In addition to contributing to the RC Development Plan, we expect to get a lot of feedback and ideas as to how the community wants to improve at a local level. It may be that we can take some of these ideas and move them forward – we will see what comes from the consultations.

In 2025, LCC encountered a variety of challenges some were new but many were the ongoing day to day issues faced in all communities that are far more difficult to address e.g. roads, litter, transport. We will continue to work on these in 2025/6 but will need the support of residents to help identify and seek solutions to these problems. The treasurers report will outline our current position but we are in a good financial position and have a small pot of funds that we may be able to draw upon to help tackle some of these issues.

I would like to thank our councillors A Doig, C Gilmour, G Graham and E Rowden who have supported LCC throughout the year with their invaluable input to our meetings, updating us on issues and actions being considered by RC, and in taking up requests to pursue enquiries and complaints to relevant bodies on our behalf.

Bill White
Chair
Lochwinnoch Community Council