

LESMAHAHOW COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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Minutes of meeting held on the 14 th November 2019 at 19.30 at the Resource Centre. Lesmahagow

Item	
1	Members Present and Apologies
	<p>Catriona Arthur-Inch (co- Secretary), Ailsa Lorimer (Secretary), Gary Hillan & Margaret Craw.</p> <p>In Attendance- Councillor Colin McGavigan, Councillor Mark Horsham and Wilma Weir.</p> <p>Apologies: Jim Tague (Chair), Mark Waugh (Treasurer), Shona Meikle, Barbara Inch, P.C Billy Bowman and P.C Barry Stuart.</p>
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting
	Proposed: Margaret Craw ; Seconded: Gary Hillan
3	Treasurer Report
	<p>Treasurer's Report: Mark Waugh provided his Annual update on the Community Council Finances by email. Mark advised that there was correction to the previous current balance given. The correct current balance is £7574.54 and this is due to the LYF cheque not being cashed and the admin grant top up has been paid in. There has been no further expenditure in the last month.</p> <p>Follow up Action- None</p>
4	Police Report
	<p>P.C Billy Bowman and Barry Stuart could not attend this month's meeting. Billy kindly emailed the police report ahead of the meeting. The report detailed that there where a total of 90 calls to the police in the Lesmahagow area which is an increase from the previous month. The types of calls that the police received were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youths causing disturbance - Assist members of the public - Theft - Vandalism - Silent abandoned calls - Neighbour disputes - Vehicle crimes - Traffic Road Accidents

	<p>Billy advised that the increase in calls is mainly due to traffic incidents brought on by the bad weather. Out of all the calls to the police 20 have resulted in crimes reports.</p> <p><u>Follow up Action</u>- Billy has asked that if we can post on our social media page to inform the public if they do pocked dial by mistake then to call the police and advise the operator the call was made by accident. Billy also advised that can we also make the public aware that children are using pay phones to make hoax calls and how this wastes emergency services time.</p>
5.	<p>Community Action Plan</p> <p>Margaret advised that the launch of the action plan was a success and we have reached a lot of people. Ruth has advised us that our next step is to promote the Action Plan. Mark Horsham advised we should look to do this with the High School as they are keen to be involved.</p> <p><u>Follow up Action</u>- We will look to promote this on social media and with the Schools</p>
6.	<p>Micro Grant Funding</p> <p>We have received applications from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Farmers Society - The Highland Games - Nethan Valley Art and Craft Group - James Brownlee - Fiona Armstrong - 1st Lesmahagow Beavers and Cubs - The Bowling Club - Lesmahagow amateur football club- Interest only no form yet - Hawksland Womens Institute- Interest only no form yet <p><u>Follow up Action</u>- All applications to be reviewed at a meeting on Wednesday 4th December at 19.00 at Wheelers (Truckstop Cafe).</p>
7.	<p>Kypemuir Funding</p> <p>We have had no updates on the Kypemuir funding. It was decided that Margaret and Ailsa will attend the next meeting which will be held in Strathaven on Tuesday 3rd of December.</p>
8.	<p>Employability Fund</p> <p>Wilma Weir from South Lanarkshire Council's Employability fund attended our meeting. Wilma advised that their main goal is to help people into work and they do this by running course's, helping with CV's, providing training, helping people with travel and uniform costs. They will also look to help Employers with the cost of paying wages for that individual for a year. Wilma will come back in 6 months to give us an update on how they are doing.</p>

9.	<p>Local Issues</p> <p>It has been suggested that we could look to get funding for improving the benches in Lesmahagow or look to get new ones put in. Shona, Ruth and Mary from the Development trust went around the village to look for suitable locations for benches. It has also been mentioned about the possibility of adding bus shelters to assisting bus stops.</p> <p><u>Follow up action</u> – Shona will update us regarding benches and bus shelters at our next meeting.</p>
10.	<p>Dates of future meetings</p>
	<p>Meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month. With the exception of December.</p> <p>9th of January 2020 13th of February 2020 12th of March 2020 9th of April 2020 14th of May2020 11th of June 2020 9th of July 2020.</p>