

LESMAHAHOW COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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Minutes of meeting held on the 9 th January 2020 at 19.30 at the Masonic Hall. Lesmahagow

Item	
1	Members Present and Apologies
	<p>Catriona Arthur-Inch (co- Secretary), Mark Waugh (Treasurer), Margaret Craw(stand-in-chair), Gary Hillan & Shona Meikle</p> <p>In Attendance- Councillor Mark Horsham</p> <p>Apologies: Jim Tague (Chair), Ailsa Lorimer (co-Secretary), Barbara Inch, P.C Billy Bowman and P.C Barry Stuart.</p>
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting
	<p>Meeting held on Thursday 14th November Proposed: Gary Hillan ; Seconded: Catriona Arthur-Inch</p> <p>Micro Grant application meeting held on Wednesday 4th December- Proposed: Gary Hillan Seconded: Catriona Arthur-Inch</p>
3	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 160 calls to the police in the Lesmahagow area since our last meeting. which is an increase from the previous month. Billy advised the increase in calls was relating to traffic incidents on the M74 mainly due to the adverse weather. Out of the 160 calls to the police 39 crime reports have been completed which has resulted in 15 detections. Billy advised the types of calls they received were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youths causing trouble mainly at weekends and school holidays at Abbygreen and the Craighead Recreational area. Due to the damage they have already caused to the football pitch Billy advised they have requested extra patrols at the weekend. <p>Disturbance/noise complaints- mainly over the festive period mainly due to excess alcohol consumption.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assist members of the public - Theft/House breakins/vehicle crime – A car was stolen in the Broompark Drive area and there are currently investigations going on about another incident at the Bankhouse/New road area. - Vandalism- There was a couple of incidents around hogmany at Abbygreen where a car was vandalised. -

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Silent/Abandoned calls - Neighbour Disputes - Concern for persons - Traffic/Road Accidents- mainly on the M74 due to the adverse weather - Warrants/Drugs
4	<p>Treasurer Report</p> <p>Mark provided us with the Treasurer's report. Mark advised the current balance is £7474.54. There are general cheques totalling £260 and micro grant cheques totalling £5000 that still need to be presented. Once they are cashed our balance will be £2314.54.</p> <p><u>Follow up Action</u>- None</p>
5.	<p>Micro Grant Applications</p> <p>Few held a separate micro grant meeting on Wednesday the 4th of December 2019. The following applications were successful:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Farmers society group- £500 approved - Bowling club- £500 approved - 1st Lesmahagow Beavers and Cubs- £500 approved - Nethan Valley Arts & Crafts club- £400 approved - Hawksland Community Events- £500 approved - Hawksland's woman Institute- £500 approved - Lesmahagow Young Framers- £500 approved - Stuart Armstrong- £500- pending approval - James Brownlee- £400 requested- £200 pending approval <p>At our meeting on the 09/01/2020 we approved an application from Lesmahagow Community Football Club for £400.00. This means that the £5000 micro grant funding given to us has now been spent</p> <p>We also received contact from a Jackie Simpson from Outlet Play Resources on Facebook about her application for the micro grant. We did not receive her application. Mark Horsham advised us there is other funding available and she could apply to the Community Benefit Fund which offers funding between £500 - £500 for groups with environmental projects.</p> <p><u>Follow up Action</u>- Mark will send out the letters to the successful applications. Catriona will contact Lesley Parks about when we will receive 2020-2021 funding. Catriona will pass Mark Horsham's details onto Jackie Simpson about the Community Benefit fund</p>
6.	<p>Street Furniture</p>

	<p>Shona showed us photos from her walk with Ruth from Community Action Lanarkshire and Mary from LDT about potential sites for benches and flower beds. Shona also showed the state of current benches and park railings that are rotting away. It has been agreed that the Community Council and the LDT will look to do a joint project regarding street furniture. Shona also mentioned she will contact SPT again about the possibility of more bus shelters. Gary advised he knows of some other places that need improved and will meet with Mark Horsham to discuss and look at in more detail.</p> <p><u>Follow- up- action</u> Shona will email Mark Horsham the photos of the rusty railing and damaged benches. Shona to contact SPT about bus shelters</p>
7.	Other Business
	<p><u>VE Day</u> It has been decided that we are hosting an event on the 8th of May and we will give any entry donations to a Veterans Charity. We will arrange a separate meeting in the next few weeks to plan this.</p> <p><u>Vacant Positions</u> It has been agreed that we will open up the 4 vacant positions to by- election, we co-opt up to 2 spaces. This was proposed by Margaret Craw and Seconded by Gary Hillan</p> <p><u>Kypemuir Funding</u> There has not been any application yet for the Kypemuir funding. Mark and Ailsa will speak to Lunar Gymnastics Club and Jackie from Play Resource about putting in an application for funding.</p> <p><u>Follow-Up- Action</u> We will arrange a meeting for the VE day event on Whatsapp Mark Waugh will contact the council to advise them we are opening up 4 spaces for by-election.</p>
8.	Dates of future meetings
	<p>Meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month. With the exception of December where there will be no meeting.</p> <p>13th of February 2020 12th of March 2020 9th of April 2020</p>

	14 th of May 2020 11 th of June 2020 9 th of July 2020.