

Minutes from Lesmahagow Community Council's meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August 2020 at 7.30pm, Masonic Hall, Lesmahagow.

1. Present/Apologies

Present: Catriona Arthur-Inch (Co-Secretary), Jim Tague (Chair), Ailsa Lorimer (Co-Secretary), Margaret Craw (Vice-Chair), Gary Hillan and Barbara Inch.

Apologies: Mark Waugh (Treasurer), Shona Meikle and Councillor Mark Horsham

2. Banks Renewables Mega giveaway and update on Applications

It was agreed on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> of June at our zoom meeting that we would spend the Covid 19 relief money provided by Banks Renewables on hand sanitiser, tablets for schools, fitness trackers for teenagers and activity bundles for young children and adults. We then organised a mega give away event to give away those items to members of the public. It was agreed we would organise a second event at the top end of Lesmahagow to giveaway the rest of the items.

There has now been a few expressions of interest forms put in by various groups of the community. Ailsa will check if the groups will need to pay for this up front and can then claim the money from Banks Renewables. Gary will arrange a meeting with Ailsa and members of the Masonic Hall to discuss an application going in to improve facilities.

We have £962.96 remaining of the Covid relief money. Jim has also purchased more tablets totalling £480. It was also approved that we would use some of the Covid relief money to purchase face masks for the churches. Shona has kindly offered to purchase this.

3. Sub Committee

It was agreed that we would set up a sub-committee to be involved in various projects in the village, which would be responsible in applying for grants. The projects that could be run the subcommittee are Lesmahagow

in Bloom, Lesmahagow at Christmas and Lesmahagow Street Décor. Ailsa will post on our facebook page to recruit volunteers.

4. Microgrant

Mark is in the process of sending the completed forms to the Micro grant team at the Council so we can then receive this years grant money. Once we receive the grant money we will then advertise the grant

It was also agreed that we all approve the change of use of James Brownlee's micro grant money. It was agreed that he could spend it on Sanitiser Dispensers for the Masonic Hall.

5. Finance Report

Mark will provide us with the finance report at the next meeting. Also we had all approved at a previous meeting that we could spend money on stamps. The stamps have not been purchased yet.

6. AOB

It was suggested that we could organise a Disco for the kids, either using micro grant money or left over money from the Covid relief fund once restrictions are lifted. It was suggested we could look to do this in the new year.

7. Date of future meetings

10<sup>th</sup> September 2020

8<sup>th</sup> October 2020 AGM

12<sup>TH</sup> November 2020

14<sup>th</sup> January 2021