

Lesmahagow Community Council

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Minutes of meeting held on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> of March

1. Present

Catriona Arthur-Inch (Co-Secretary), Ailsa Lorimer (Co-Secretary). Margaret Crow (Stand-in-chair), Gary Hillan, Shona Meikle, Councillor Mark Horsham, Michael Newton (Banks), Grant McLimson (Banks) & Robert Murray

Apologies

Jim Tague (Chairman), James Brownlee & Mark Waugh (Treasurer)

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous minutes were approved by all present.

3. Bodinglee Wind Farm

Michael and Grant from Banks came along to our meeting to inform us about a new windfarm site that we will benefit from. The site is called Bodinglee and is situated between Lesmahagow and Coalburn. Planning for the site will hopefully be finished by 2024 with construction likely starting in 2026 and for it to be operational by 2029. It was first put forward that the site would have 60 wind turbines but due to some local criticism this has been reduced to 40. It has been estimated that this could provide about £40 million over the 40 year average lifespan of a turbine, working out to be £1 million a year. This figure is just a guess and can change. It is likely Bodinglee community benefit scheme will not use the REF fund and will look to give money to community groups using a scheme that they have set up.

4. Kype Muir Funding

Ailsa advised that Stuart Levin from Lesmahagow High was looking to apply for £8000.00 for an educational hut. We were unsure if they could apply due to its being for a school. Ailsa will advise Stuart to apply and it will be discussed at a future Kypemuir meeting. It was also noted that the highland games had their grant approved for a marquee and the LDT were looking to apply for £40000.00 to redo Billy's.

The next Kypemuir meeting is on Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March at 7.00pm, Mark and Catriona will attend.

5. Treasurer's Report

Mark emailed the treasurer's monthly report in advance of our meeting. A summary of the report is as follows:

Opening Balance at 10/02/22 - £3194.88

Income £0

Expenditure £500 (Young farmers microgrant)

Closing Balance- £2694.88

6. A.O,B

Website

It was discussed if we should keep the website as it is or spend more. We all agreed that we should spend more £100 approx to update the website. This was approved by all present.

Fundraising

It was agreed that we should have a separate fundraising meeting for the park, date to be agreed at next meeting.

7. Date of future meetings

Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> of April 2022 at Harris and Ollies at 7.30pm

AGM – Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> of October 2022 at 7.30pm