

Lesmahagow Community Council

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Minutes from meeting held on the 16th of June 2022 at 7.30pm at Harris and
Ollies

1. Present/Apologies

Present

Council Members: Catriona Arthur-Inch (Co-Secretary), Ailsa Lorimer (Co-Secretary), Margaret Craw (Vice-Chair), Mark Waugh (Treasurer), Gary Hillan, Jane Buchan and James Brownlee.

Community Members: Councillor Mark Horsham, Councillor Ross Gowland, Rabb Murray, Lisa Manson, Linda and Gillian from the Community Fairies

Apologies: Shona Meikle, Jim Tague and Dr Lisa Cameron MP

2. Previous Minutes

The previous minutes are adopted as read with no changes.

3. Council Member Positions

Jim Tague stepped down as chairman on the 16/06/2022, Jim stated this is due to his availability. Jim will still stay on as a council member. Ailsa nominated Margaret Craw to be Chairperson and Gary seconded this. Margaret nominated Jane Buchan to be vice-chair and Catriona seconded this.

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 can then look to advertise the grant. Mark Horsham asked if we could reward a micro grant to a club in Blackwood, Mark Waugh advised we could but we would always prioritise Lesmahagow.

5. Finance Report

Mark provided the monthly finance report, detailed as follows:

Opening Balance: £2694.88

Closing balance £2194.88

The only expenditure for the month was a £500 cheque for the last micro grant payment to Lunar Gymnastics Club.

Other Financial matters:

We still need to pay out £103 for the website upgrade. It was also agreed we will start to minute the cost of refreshments that occur at our monthly meeting. We also need to pay for the cost of using Harris and Ollies for our meetings.

6. McKirdy Park

Ailsa had messaged Rhuairidh from LDT and is still waiting to hear back. Ailsa will contact him again. Margaret will chase us Rollo's, Bankhouse and Gardeners for letters of support for the REF application. Mark Horsham and Ross Gowland also advised they would do letters of support.

The LDT will hopefully commit £40000.00 and the REF fund will match this and the community council are looking to raise £5000. Mark Horsham suggested we could ask local companies if they want to sponsor a piece of equipment.

7. AOB

- Community Fairies

Rabb Murray invited Gillian and Linda from the community fairies along to our meeting. Gillian advised that Julie had started the fairies. It was initially started just for the over 80's but it now includes the over 75's. The fairies will give out gift packages at birthdays and Christmas. The fairies had been given donations by Gardeners and by Harris and Ollies, Rollo's,

Bertrams and the Snack Shak. We advised they could apply for a microgrant.

- KMCP

Ailsa advised we should inform KMCP that Margaret is taking over as chair, it was also noted that Margaret Vaughn is stepping down and the next meeting is on the 27th of June. It was also noted that Lunar Gymnastics Club has applied for the 2nd time.

- Community Funding

- Rabb advised will write to community groups on behalf of Lisa Cameron about funding

- Social Media

Jane asked if she could promote the community council on facebook we all agreed that this was a good idea.

8. Dates of Future Meetings

All meetings will be held at Harris and Ollies, Lesmahagow at 7.30pm.

14th of July 2022