

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT FOR year 2022/23

This has been a very busy year for Lesmahagow Community Council, we have lost a member of our group and got a new member. We lost our vice chair Jane Buchan and got a new member in Gordon Lennox, who jumped into the group running taking on the position of representative for Cumberhead Wind Farm Advisory Group.

The members in office during this year are ;

Margaret Crow [chairperson]

Mark Waugh [treasurer]

Ailsa Lorimer [Co- Secretary]

Catriona Inch [Co- Secretary]

Shona Meikle

James Brownlee

Gary Hillan

Gordon Lennox

The Community Council is represented on a number of working groups and community partnerships and members are appointed to serve on these.

These include the McKirdy Park Steering Group, which we have worked on along with Lesmahagow Development Trust, to raise the funds needed for the community fund contribution. The community Council ran a Prize Bingo night which proved very successful raising £ 820 pounds to put towards the community fund. This along with other smaller fundraisers run in conjunction with Lesmahagow Development Trust, managed to raise over the £5,500 needed to start working with the planner, supplied by South Lanarkshire Council. The plans for the 1st. Phase of the park are well on their way to completion.

We have also worked with Lesmahagow Highland Games Society firstly holding a mini highland games, for children on highland games day in the 2023 event. This proved to be another success and will probably be repeated next Games day. We also worked with the Highland Games Committee to put on a fireworks display in 2023 which was a great night and a lot of fun for the local community, This display was a gift to the local community , and not intended to raise funds, but we sold a few flashing toys, which boosted the Games Society's coffers by a few hundred pounds.

Lesmahagow Community Council and Lesmahagow Development Trust also worked together to arrange and carry out a remembrance day parade and service which was also well attended.

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The Wind Farms and Groups we are represented on are [representatives in brackets]

Kype Muir Community Partnership [AL MW]

Cumberhead Wind Farm Advisory Group [GL]

Douglas Valley Advisory Group [AL MW] with CAI standing in if needed

Hagshaw Cluster Working Group [AL MW MC]with JB as stand in when needed

Broken Cross Wind Farm [MW AL MC]

Micro Grants

Last year we awarded 14 micro grants and recommended that the applicants who did not get a microgrant and were eligible for Grants from others, apply elsewhere , offering help to fill out grant forms, as these can be difficult to negotiate.

We would like to thank local councilors, Ross Gowland and Ross Lambie for attending our meetings and helping us where and when it was possible for them to do so. We would also like to thank Mr. Robert Murray for being a regular face at our meetings where he has liaised with Dr. Lisa Cameron regarding any issues in the village, which Dr. Cameron has always done her best to fix . regretfully Dr. Cameron has had to move on from this constituency. She will be sorely missed.

Lastly, although we will get a full financial report from our treasurer I would like to add a summary

Balance brought forward from 1st April 2022	£2,071.98
Income	£5,977.90
Expenditure	£5,409.06
Closing Balance	£2,640.82



LCC AGM Treasurer's Report

In line with the SLC Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils and LCC's constitution, our financial year 2022/23 runs from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. This report therefore covers that period.

Income

Administration Grant

South Lanarkshire Council provide an administration grant of £515 for the operation of the community council each year. This does not carry forward, with the total being effectively topped up each year. In 2022/23 the top-up was £157.90

Other Income

LCC operate a micro grant scheme funded by SLC's Renewable Energy Fund (REF) of £5,000 Towards the end of the financial year we raised £820 from an event to raise funds for the McKirdy park project

Expenditure

LCC use administration grant and general funds to operate with expenditure on accommodation, materials and expenses. These are noted on the accounts statement attached.

Micro Grant Scheme

In 2022/23 the scheme was oversubscribed, indicating the success of the grant fund.

Unfortunately we couldn't provide a grant to everyone that applied however we were able to award grants to 14 applicants totalling £5,000:

Lesmahagow Community Fairies; Lesmahagow Community Football Club; Milton PS Parent Council; Hawksland Womens Institute; Lesmahagow Rainbows; Walking Football group; Lesmahagow Beavers & Cubs; Lesmahagow Bowling Club; Lesmahagow Scouts; Lesmahagow HS Parent Council; Lesmahagow Highland Games; Lesmahagow Girls Brigade; Lesmahagow Squirrels; Woodpark PS Parent Council

Accounts and Audit

Our accounts were submitted to SLC ahead of the deadline and the audit was completed towards the end of 2023. One adjustment was made in respect of admin grant expenditure (inclusion of an expense shown as general expenditure).

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Total funds available at year end were £2,640.82. A copy of our accounts statement for 2022/23 is attached to this report.

SLC Community Councils are not required to produce a balance sheet. We do not own or have rights to land or buildings and any plant, vehicles and equipment held is expensed when purchased and held on an inventory list. However a summary of the financial position as at 31/03/2023 is noted below:

Balance Sheet as at 31/03/2023

	£
Bank	4,294.88
Cash	820.00
	5,114.88
Creditors (consisting of cheques not cleared at year end)	2,474.06
Reserves	
Earmarked Reserves and Grants	1,032.48
General Reserve	1,608.35
	5,114.89

Mark Waugh
Treasurer
08/02/2024

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**Name of Community Council
Financial Year**

**Lesmahagow
2022/2023**

Balance brought forward from previous year	2,071.98
Bank Account (at 31 March 2022)	2,694.88
Savings Account (at 31 March 2022)	-
Cash on Hand (at 31 March 2022)	-
LESS UNCASHED CHEQUES (for official use only)	-622.90
Total	2,071.98
Income for Year	
Events	820.00
Microgrant Fund	5,000.00
Other - Admin Grant top up	157.90
Total	5,977.90
Expenditure for Year	
Admin	217.99
Hall Rent	96.00
Honorary	-
Events	68.57
Grants Paid Out	5,000.00
Other - gifts	26.50
Total	5,409.06
YEAR END POSITION	2,640.82
Comprised of	
Bank Account	4,294.88
Cash on Hand	820.00
Less uncashed cheques	-2,474.06
Total	2,640.82