

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> of February at the Fountain, Lesmahagow

1. Present and Apologies

Present Committee Members

Catriona Arthur-Inch (Co-Secretary), Ailsa Lorimer (Co-Secretary), Margaret Craw (Chair), Mark Waugh (Treasurer). James Brownlee and Gary Hillan. Gordon Lennox (Associate)

Present Non Committee Members

Councillor Ross Gowland and various members of the public

Apologies

Shona Meikle, Rabb Murray and Councillor Ross Lambie

2. Previous minutes

The previous minutes were taken as read and they were adopted by Margaret and seconded by Catriona.

3. Hollandbush Golf Club

Maragaret advised Lesmahagow CC should support the golf club in its bid to stay open and avoid closure, Ross Gowland advised has a meeting with the council to discuss this further, It was suggested they could look at potential REF funding or potentially go down the asset transfer route.

4. Persimmon Homes

Margaret advised had emailed and has had no response. Gordon advised we need to know how much money and where the money is going to that will be given to Lesmahagow under section 75.

Follow up Action – Gordon will contact Kevin Murphy for more information.

5. McKirdy Park

Ailsa advised McKirdy park was awarded £25000.00 from the KMCP fund. Ailsa will contact the developer Liz to get an updated cost, currently looking at roughly £185000.00

6. KMCP

Ailsa advised that £52000.00 has been given to Lesmahagow, this includes £25000 for the park The rest was split between Milton Primary, Woodpark Primary and the Highland Games.

7. DVAG

Mark went to the last meeting and advised not much to report apart from they will have an AGM shortly.

8. Cumberhead

Gordon advised they are now open again for applications and the closing date is 29/02/2024. Angus who has previously ran the group is moving on, Gordon will find out what is going to happen once he leaves.

9. Microgrant

We received 10 microgrant applications each requesting £500 in funding. The applications we received were from:

Community Football Club  
Lesmahagow Beavers  
Lesmahagow Squirrels  
Community Fairies  
Des for Walking Football  
OAP Club  
Bowling Club  
High School PTA  
Milton Primary PTA  
Community Fireworks

All were agreed on group Whats app chat and approved at the meeting.

10. Community Action Plan

Ailsa advised our community action plan needs re done. Would cost roughly £8800 if all villages took out an action plan at the same time. If not would cost roughly £11000.00. All agreed to go ahead with this, Ailsa proposed and Margaret seconded it.

11. Finance Report

Mark provided us with the month's finance report. Mark advised the opening balance was £12296.74. This includes upcoming expenditure of:

£20 – Hall hire December

£20 – Hall hire January

LDT grant - £491.00

Microgrant - £5000

Also includes £5910 which is funds that are held for McKirdy Park and £233.32 admin grant from 2023-2024.

The projected closing balance is E7265.74.

12. Date of next meeting

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> of March at 7.30pm at the Fountain Lesmahagow.