

Lesmahagow Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday the 11th of April 2024 at the Fountain, Lesmahagow

1. Present and Apologies

Present Committee Members

Catriona Arthur-Inch (Co-Secretary), James Brownlee. Gordon Lennox (Vice-chair), and Des Middleton

Present Non Committee Members

Rabb Murray, Ronnie Hodes and Douglas Westwater

Apologies

Shona Meikle, Ailsa Lorimer (Co-secretary), Mark Waugh (Treasurer), Magz Cathcart and Gary Hillan

2. Previous Minutes

The previous minutes were taken as read with no amendments.

3. Community Action Plan

Douglas Westwater from Community Enterprise spoke to us about our community action plan. Community Enterprise are a charity that help local groups with their action plan. They do this for a fee and this is how the charity makes their money. Douglas advised it is now a local place plan that is done rather than an action plan. The local place plan is given to SLC who then verify it They have started local place plans with Stonehouse and are waiting to hear back from Strathaven and Kirkmuirhill. Gordon asked how long this would expect to take and Douglas advised should be done by summer 2025 but most likely the end of 2024.

4. Brokencross

Follow up on Whatsapp group chat

5. Defibrillator

James advised could look into funding to help with the new defib in the village.

6. Battery Storage Plant

James advised will need to follow up at next meeting as looking for an update from the councillors. James also suggested we need to follow up Rogerhill as well at the next meeting as need to also get an update from councillors regarding this.

7. Scottish Power meeting

James advised will need to be better prepared for the next meeting with Scottish Power. James said their was a meeting on the 24th of April in the Hollandbush and the amount of available money has dropped from 1.4 million to £900000.00. Margaret from Coalburn is trying to arrange a community council meeting before the next meeting.

8. Finance Report

Mark had emailed the finance report as not present at the meeting. It was agreed that we can pay the £25 for the hall hire.

9. A.O.B.

- Follow up items from previous meeting, church, Persimmon Homes and Hollandbush

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10. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday the 9th of May at 7.30pm at the Fountain

