

Lesmahagow Community Council Meeting

12th September 2024

The Fountain, Lesmahagow, 7.30pm

Minutes

- **Welcome & apologies, adoption of previous meetings minutes.**

Attendees – James Brownlee, Gary Hilan, Ailsa Lorimer, Desmond Middleton

Apologies – Gordon Lennox, Shona Meikle, Mark Waugh, Catriona Artur Inch,

Previous minutes – adopted by Gary Hilan and seconded by James Brownlee.

- **Construction Developments/Closures within village**

1. Hollandbush Golf Club – No update since the last meeting.
2. Persimmon Homes. Ailsa Lorimer had previously reached out to Persimmon Homes. Persimmon replied saying the Section 75 agreement was in discussion with South Lanarkshire Council and they could not influence where the money was spent. The education portion of the Section 75 has been agreed upon by SLC and Persimmon Homes. It was discussed at the meeting that briefing document could be requested from SLC to see where the money is going to be allocated.
3. Lesmahagow Parish Church – no update since the last meeting. The Church is not listed on the Church of Scotland For Sale webpage.

- **Project Updates**

1. **McKirdy Park** – Tender has been agreed. Liz Kelly (SLC) is to confirm timelines with the company assigned and then a kick off meeting will be scheduled. Slight delay to project and ground break is not expected in October 2024.
2. **Lesmahagow in Bloom** – Small grant application has been submitted to REF Small Grant Scheme. Outcome pending.
3. **Community Fireworks** – Lesmahagow Highland Games approached LCC and Lesmahagow Development Trust for a joint Community Fireworks evening. A preliminary meeting was held with Gordon Lennon, Mark Waugh and Ailsa

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Lorimer in attendance. It was discussed at that meeting that LCC would like to contribute £750 but it would need to be agreed at the LCC Meeting. The committee members in attendance at this meeting voted in favour of supporting the event to the value of £750.

4. **British Heart Foundation** – Defibrillator. British Heart Foundation has grants open for October 2024 for defibrillators. It was noted that the number given away with these grants is extremely small but LCC would apply for one anyway. Ailsa Lorimer is to complete the application.

- **Wind Farm Community Benefit**

1. Microgrants – pending confirmation from SLC that the full sum of £5,000 will be received this year.
2. KMCP – Closing Date October for November meeting date TBC. No expressions of interest currently submitted.
3. REF – Closing Date for next round 01October 2024 for 26November2024
4. Cumberhead Community Benefit – 8th September for November meeting
5. Auchrobert – opening 02Jul2024 for 03Sept2024 meeting
6. Broken Cross Community Benefit – Final Agreement has been signed. Terms of Reference will need to be completed by LCC for this Community Benefit. Bank Account set up is pending, Mark Waugh is actioning the bank account.
7. CDLR – 3 companies invited to tender as management agency. Two occurred and 1 is pending, the group will then meet to make decision.
8. Douglas West Extension – Netro Entergy has taken over this windfarm. Gordon Lennox has reached out to Theo Phillips as Chair of LCC. Gordon to update at next meeting.

- **Community Action Plan/Place Plan – Douglas Westwater**

- 14th September Community Event – The Fountain
- Community event 28th September Kelso Avenue 11am-3pm Coalfields Regeneration Trust & Douglas Westwater in attendance. LDT have requested use of the LCC Gazebo. No objections were raised. Ailsa to supply the Gazebo to LDT.
- Draft Community Survey Douglas Westwater. The draft community survey has been received and will shortly be available for public to provide feedback on.

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- **Finance Update.**

- As attached for accounts.
- May 2024 – a purchase of a 5m hdmi cable to utilise the remaining grant from LDT was approved. It will be used to hook a laptop to the screen in the lesser hall.
- £6 was added to the Fountain booking for June 2024 as the meeting was extended for the Lesmahagow In Bloom Meeting.

- **AOB**

- Police attendance at LCC Meetings. Gordon Lennox has requested the presence of the police at LCC meetings.
- Cheryl Patterson attended the meeting and would like to join the Community Council. Mark Waugh had confirmed that there was enough space for a member to be co-opted in. Ailsa Lorimer will email the application form to Cheryl Patterson for submission to SLC.
- Next meeting 10th October 2024 – 7.30pm The Fountain, Lesmahagow.