Lesmahagow Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on 10th of October 2024

1. Present and Apologies

Committee members – James Brownlee (Vice-Chair), Gary Hillan, Catriona Arthur-Inch (Secretary), Ailsa Lorimer (Secretary), Ronnie Hodes and Cheryl Patterson

Non Committee members – Ben Watson – Community Police Officer

Apologies – Gordon Lennox, Shona Meikle, Mark Waugh and Des Middleton

1. Previous Minutes

The previous minutes were taken as read with no changes. The minutes were adopted by James

1. Community Police

Ben advised there was 97 calls made to the police in September and 33 crime reports. Ailsa advised Ben that we are having a community fireworks display in Sunday the 3rd of November and there will be no bonfire and no sparklers at the event. Cheryl asked if the community police could look to do patrols at school lunch time due to some vandalism issues that are happening during this time.

1. Construction Updates

Hollandbush Golf Club -No update

Persimmon Homes – No update

Parish Church – No update

Will be added to the agenda for next months meeting and to be followed up then.

1. Project Updates

McKirdy – Ailsa advised waiting on company assigned to do the work to get back with time they can start the work. Will likely take 14 weeks to complete.

Lesmahagow in Bloom- Ailsa advised havn’t heard from the REF. Ailsa asked if we can put in a micro grant application for Lesmahagow In Bloom for £500. Gary proposed and James seconded this with no objections.

1. Community Benefits

Microgrants- Ailsa advised we have 3 micro grants set aside already. Catriona will advertise with an end of November deadline and to be reviewed in December.

KMCP- Ailsa advised meeting in November and there has been no new expressions of interest. Ailsa advised could look to put one in for Lesmahagow in Bloom.

REF- No further update

Cumberhead- Gordon to update at next meeting

Auchrobert – No further update

Brokencross- Agreement has been signed, could get about 90,000 with £50,000 set aside for MCKirdy.

CDLR- Ailsa advised meeting end of October to discuss management company.

Community Action Plan

Ailsa advised surveys have been given out for the public to complete.

1. Finance Report

Mark sent the monthly finance report ahead if the meeting.

Closing Balance - £6875 (including £5910 funds for park)

It was agreed that we would approve the following expenditure:

£21 for in Bloom group meeting

£35 for information commission

This was approved by all present

1. A.O.B

It was agreed by all present to co-opt in new member Cheryl Paterson, all present agreed with no objections.

1. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday the 14th of November 2024 at 7.30pm the Fountain