Lesmahagow Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on 14th November 2024

1. Present and Apologies

Committee members – Gordon Lennox (Chair) James Brownlee (Vice-Chair), Gary Hillan, Catriona Arthur-Inch (Secretary), Ailsa Lorimer (Secretary), Mark Waugh, and Cheryl Patterson

Non-Committee members – Ben Watson – Community Police Officer & Ronnie Hodes

Apologies – 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 Ailsa Lorimer and seconded by James Brownlee

1. Community Police

Ben advised there was 59 calls made to the police in October 2024 with no ongoing complaints or wider risk to the community. Ben stated he had visited the High School, and no issues had been raised. Cheryl commented that she had been in touch with the school about childrens anti social behaviour towards an elderly resident in the Milton area. The children were identified from a Ring Doorbell and Mr Robertson (Deputy Head) from the school has spoken to the children.

2 new probation officers have recently joined the police force and will also be covering Lesmahagow.

Tesco recently held an event for Violence Against Shop workers which was well attended.

1. Solar Wind Farm – Rogerhill – Terence Wise

Terence Wise from Loch Wood (Blackwood Estate Community Association) kindly came along to provide information to the Community Council on the Solar Wind Farm Development at Rogerhill. The project is widely opposed with the community. Terence Wise confirmed that the Blackwood Estate Community Association were in discussions with the Scottish Government about the development and will keep Lesmahagow Community Council informed of any future developments or community consultation events so that they can be widely advertised within the LCC community.

1. Construction Updates

* Hollandbush Golf Club -No further update.
* Persimmon Homes – Passed at planning. Section 75 documentation is available on the planning website.
* Parish Church – No update
* 100 houses have passed planning for Brocketsbrae. No consultation or communication was made from the builder to the Community Council.

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

1. Project Updates

McKirdy – Work will begin on the park upgrade in December 2024.

Lesmahagow in Bloom- Ailsa said REF approved grant of £13,500. Ailsa & Cheryl will organise a trip to buy bulbs for the microgrant £500. Bulb planting days within the community to be organised.

1. Community Benefits

Microgrants- 3 grants approved, - McKirdy, Fireworks and the In Bloom Group. Lesmahagow Fairies have applied, and it is with James. Liz Steele Fitness has submitted an application as has the Hollandbush Golf Club.

KMCP- Banks has been sold and is now called On Path. Kype Muir Extension has been sold to Greencoates. Community Benefit Funding is not affected by the windfarm having two different owners.

REF- In Bloom Group received approval of their grant application.

Cumberhead- Gordon to update at next meeting

Auchrobert –Closed until March 2025

Brokencross- Agreement has been signed. Terms of Reference to be agreed early 2025 by LCC.

CDLR- Constitution has been finalised. It was agreed that CDLR sits out with the realms of the Community Council and in future meetings could be taken off the agenda.

Community Action Plan

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

1. Finance Report

To be updated in December 2024.

1. Media Access

Social Media Access was discussed. Facebook posts should be limited to the Secretary, Chair and Treasurer. It was discussed if Facebook had a tool to allow posts to be screened prior to being uploaded. This will be investigated and discussed further at the December meeting.

1. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday the 11th of December 2024 at 7.30pm the Fountain