

Lesmahagow Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 13th of March 2025

1. Attendance

Present committee members

Gordon Lennox (Chair), Catriona Arthur-Inch (Co-Secretary), Ailsa Lorimer (Co-Secretary), Cheryl, Mags Cathcart.

Present – non committee members

Councillor Ross Gowland, Councillor Ross Lambie, Ronnie Hodes, John Court, Beth McDougall, Constable Julie and Constable Nicole.

Apologies

Gary Hillan, Mark Waugh (Treasurer) and James Brownlee

2. Previous minutes

The previous minutes were amended to show Ronnie is not a member, Gordon approved this change and Ailsa seconded it.

3. Police Report

Nicole from the community police advised there were 77 incidents reported from the 12th of February to the 13th of March. Out of the 77 incidents there were 16 crime reports with 9 crimes detected. The police are also looking into shop lifting at Abbeygreen and are still visiting the high school every month.

4. Construction Developments

Golf Club – Mags advised on the 26th of February the golf club were given a 25 year lease. Ailsa advised they could potentially apply to KMCP for a grant.

Persimmon Homes – No update

Parish Church – Gordon advised still to arrange a viewing.

Brocketsbrae – No update

Bridge- Ross Gowland suggested we could use windfarm money to repair the bridge.

Mason Arms Hotel – Gordon advised has been purchased and could be turned into flats.

5. Project Updates

McKirdy- Ailsa advised the work is nearly complete and should consider doing an official opening.

Lesmahagow in Bloom – Cheryl advised that planters should arrive by April and need to decide where they are going. Mags suggested a joint project with Lesmahagow in Bloom and the golf course. The Highland games committee have asked if they can come along to the event been ran by Lesmahagow in Bloom on the 20th of April. Also looking to get a bank account set up. Mags advised could look at Virgin Money or the Co-op.

6. Wind Farm

Microgrant- Ailsa advised a microgrant application was missed. The application was by the Rural and was for £500. Ailsa suggested we use £500 from Brokencross and give them the money through that. There were no objections and all agreed.

KMCP- Ailsa suggested that the Golf club could apply as has a Lesmahagow postcode.

Cumberhead- Gordon advised Applications closed on the 4th of March and the next meeting is on the 7th of May.

Auchrobert- Applications now closed until the end of March.

CDLR- Gordon advised the group is still going through the process in being constituted.

Brokencross – No update

Douglas West Extension - Gordon advised should be ready by May 2026 and will roughly be £330000 per annum.

Community Action Plan – Ailsa emailed Douglas Westwater for an update and was advised the action plan has been done and we are just waiting on the community place plan to be completed.

7. Finance Update

Mark had emailed finance report before the meeting.

Agreed expenditure as follows:

March hall hire £27 (paid)

Lesmahagow in Bloom hall hire on the 3rd and 31st of March £90

Lesmahagow in Bloom planters - £6411.66

Renewal of Website £108

All expenditure was approved and approved that once available will transfer all Lesmahagow in Blooms funds to their new account.

The closing balance: £ 7591.08

8. A.O.B

Website – Gordon will look into getting quotes for a new website.

9. Date of next meeting

Thursday the 10th of April