



Lumphanan Community Council

Minutes of Meeting on 9th January 2018

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		Assigned Initials
1	<p><u>Welcome</u></p> <p>Present: Kenny Bain (KB) Chair, Paul Gibb, Councillor (PG), Tom Clark (TC), Jane Jeffries (JG), Linda Gray (LG), Viv Sugden (VS)</p> <p>Apologies Geva Blackett (GB), Ron Bruce (RB), Gerd Ubelhor (GU), Clara Gray (CG), Raymond Mardle (RM), Steve McLean (SM)</p> <p>Absent: N/A</p> <p>Public: Fiona Culbert, Minutes (FC)</p>	
2	<p><u>Intimation of noted interests</u></p> <p>None noted</p>	
3	<p><u>Minutes of Previous meeting and Matters arising</u></p> <p><u>Corrections and Adoption of Minutes of the Last Meeting Minutes:</u></p> <p>Minutes: The previous minutes were accepted as proof. Proposed – TC Seconded - LG</p>	
4	<p><u>Finance Report</u></p> <p>Finance JJ gave a financial report. The Community Council Balance sits at £ 2180.80</p> <p>4. Expenses Claims Payments to KB were Remembrance Wreath £31 KB advised that LCC also owe Golf Club £15 for the Place Standard Tool presentation. JJ to arrange cash payment to Kathleen Massie.</p> <p>Christmas Lights JJ has been in contact with Kirsteen McLeod regarding additional funding for Christmas lights. JJ advised that a top up grant is available and that she will get an update on 23 January 2018. PG advised that that having contacted Jannelle Clark it looks like the Marr budget is oversubscribed but some projects are yet to claim funds. Therefore, there may (or not) be some funds available this financial year but they will have to be spent by March. Next year's budgets are still to be identified. JJ to complete the application for funding as LCC has £1000 available for match funding from the welcome donation from the LADS group.</p>	<p>JJ</p> <p>JJ</p> <p>JJ</p>



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	<p>Signatories on the bank account are currently JJ and VS. JJ advised that by the AGM she is standing down treasurer after 10 years in post. It was discussed that therefore additional signatories will be required and JJ will arrange the transfer and sign cheques in preparation.</p>	<p>JJ</p>
<p>5.</p> <p>5.</p> <p>1</p>	<p><u>New Items</u></p> <p>Signage</p> <p>Heather Taylor from the Lumphanan Walk for Health Group has spoken to KB regarding concerns over signage in the village. Concerns were passed on that there was no signage for the cemetery and that there also has been confusion regarding the “Comfort partnership” toilet signage and people had been going towards the park rather than to the Meet Again Tea Shop.</p> <p>A general discussion ensued about signage in the village and it was noted that there is also currently no signage to the park. The consensus was that there should be signage at the Main Road junction and a specific sign for the Craigton cemetery at the start of Craigton Brae. It was viewed that no amendment to the comfort partnership signage was required.</p> <p>PG to request signage for the cemetery to be placed at the bottom of Craigton Brae from Aberdeenshire Council Road department</p> <p>Pavilion</p> <p>KB advised that he had been told the Pavilion Toilets and Pavilion was in poor state of repair. However, there was uncertainty as to responsibility for the upkeep of the Pavilion building. KB to explore further. TC suggested that local community groups within the village be invited to attend the LCC to share their concerns directly.</p> <p>Between now and the next community council meeting all LCC members to collect details and contact information for Lumphanan community groups to invite their representation to meetings and events. VS offered to collate this information;</p> <p>LCC LADS – Lumphanan Amateur Dramatic Society Heritage Society LCRA – Tennis court Lumphanan Parent Council (LPCC)/ Lumphanan School also Pupil Council Lumphanan Walking Group Beavers Golf Club Whist The Hut Preschool Playgroup Lumphanan Parent and Toddlers Music Box Women’s Institute /” The Rural” Badminton Club Gala Committee Football Netball</p>	<p>All</p> <p>PG</p> <p>KB</p> <p>ALL VS</p>



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<p>5. 2</p> <p>5. 3</p>	<p>Mid Deeside Church etc. VS to invite Heather Taylor to the next Community Council meeting</p> <p>New Grit Bin</p> <p>VS advised that in the recent icy weather there had been concerns passed on by community members that the area near the old Stables near the Macbeth Arms was particularly treacherous. It was discussed as this is an area of high footfall and therefore high hazard that another grit bin should be sourced for this area.</p> <p>KB advised that he has contacted the Roads Department to ask how to order more grit and how to get another Grit bin, he advised applications can be done by any member of the community directly online. Discussion ensued about who should be responsible for the ordering and distribution of the grit. KB to discuss with the local community and see if volunteers could be located to assist management of the grit bins. This could also be a component of the Community Action Plan.</p> <p>Christmas Tree for the future</p> <p>KB suggested that the Christmas tree could potentially do with more decoration and suggested that additional decoration such as baubles could be made in conjunction with the school. JJ said that she would donate an additional set of lights, which was gratefully accepted. The consensus of the LCC was that for ease of management, given the tree is outside and subject to extremes of weather just to keep decoration simple with lighting only and no additional decoration unless a community volunteer should come forward to develop this idea.</p> <p>KB noted that there had been some community feedback that the tree was put up later than usual this year, as in previous years it had been up when the Panto was on. However, it was noted that the Panto was earlier this year and the tree's sourcing and placement depends on community volunteers.</p>	<p>VS</p> <p>KB</p> <p>JJ</p>
<p>6</p> <p>6. 1</p>	<p><u>New Items /Open Actions</u></p> <p>Flood working group</p> <p>KB advised that a film has been produced to highlight flood awareness and the group will be looking to show it in the Deeside area. KB has suggested the Lumphanan Hall as a possible venue. The group is very keen to promote the reduction of flood risk and KB feels that community should be more aware of this in the future.</p> <p>PG advised that the majority of other settlements in Deeside e.g. Braemar, Ballater and Torphins have developed Resilience Plans for such circumstances. These plans were developed on the basis of advice available from the Marr Area Partnership and could be used for various situations. LG suggested that the development of a Resilience Plan could be linked to the proposed community Action Plan. PG suggested that LCC members could visit Ballater CC for further information. KB advised that he had spoken to Ballater CC at a training event and that it had been suggested that they get in contact end of January and he would do so.</p> <p>PG offered to contact Ballater CC to formally initiate the process of information gathering.</p>	<p>KB</p> <p>PG</p>



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<p>6. 2</p>	<p>Updates on other matters: Minutes/Secretary, dog waste, website/emails, Xmas lights, Police Working Group</p> <p>Minutes Secretary – LG advised that publicity had been done via Facebook and FC had come forward.</p> <p>JJ advised £450 is the Pro Rata Aberdeenshire Council Grant for Community Councils.</p> <p>Dog Waste. LG going to speak to the Lumphanan Pupil Council on the 26th January to make an updated campaign using the “dog fouling tool kit” including specialist weather resistant posters costing £25 each. The scheme is run by Keep Scotland Beautiful and LG is continuing to liaise with Head teacher Jayne Stratton and the pupil council.</p> <p>TC advised that he had a meeting with Chris Boyd Aberdeenshire Council and that this issue is being addressed and appropriate people being placed in appropriate positions.</p> <p>Website – KB has explored this but hasn’t done a thorough review but he advised that it would cost approximately £5 or 6 pounds per month for running costs. This would include free email accounts and server and Domain hosting KB to share information with TC. PG advised that other similar sized community councils worked well with having just a single point of contact email address rather than several. To discuss further next meeting.</p> <p>Facebook – KB to check the status of the current page.</p> <p>Feedback from Cllr Paul Gibb PG Spoke to Inspector Matt Smith and the cold temperature has been causing problems with the battery in the speed camera. This is being monitored and addressed.</p> <p>Toilet – PG has asked Ayodeji Lawal from Aberdeenshire Council Estates if Langstane Housing had responded to him regarding how much the block would be to purchase with the block still standing or if it was already demolished, should the community wish to purchase for gardens/seating area. He is still awaiting a response.</p> <p>School Road repairs. No further update on the repairs needed to the pot holes on School Road nor the flooding issue on Burnside Road.</p> <p>Community Action Plans. PG confirmed that it is up to the community to determine the timescales and that the Marr Area Partnership will be available to support the LCC. The Place Standards will highlight the starting aspects.</p> <p>Stagecoach - Feedback from Heather Dey Senior Transport Officer, Passenger Transport Unit from Stagecoach regarding the query about what ID is acceptable</p>	<p>LG</p> <p>TC</p> <p>KB</p> <p>KB</p> <p>ALL</p>
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	<p>for discount tickets is that it depends on the type of ticket being purchased. If a student was trying to purchase a Student discounted ticket such as a Dayrider only current Student ID or matriculation cards are valid ID. Anyone trying to purchase a Young Persons concession ticket must place their National Entitlement Card onto the ticket machine to gain the discount as the discount is calculated from the age validity on the NEC Smart Card. If someone aged under 16 wants to purchase a child fare then any photographic ID with a date of birth would be considered acceptable proof. PG has requested that this is logged with Stagecoach for their internal review. FC advised that there had been issues with the NEC card as not all young people had been notified by their local school that the National Entitlement card had been updated to a smart card and that some pupils still had the old cards without the chip. FC advised following contact with the Aberdeenshire Council transport unit renewed notification of pupils to rectify this situation was meant to have occurred.</p>	
7	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>Police short life working group KB advised that he had received an email asking how LCC would like the Police to give feedback to the LCC. KB to circulate this email. PG advised that feedback is required by 5 February which is prior to the next community council meeting. Any feedback to be given directly to KB</p> <p>An email was received from a member of the general public, not resident in the LCC area highlighting concern over the Withdrawal of specialist teaching. PG advised that there was a review of the service following 2014 McCrone Review and there has been no recent reduction just a change in distribution. No further action decided.</p>	<p>KB ALL</p>
8.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>VS said that she had spoken to council workers tidying up the garden outside the toilets, and she was concerned that they were spending time tidying an area that was potentially due to be demolished.</p> <p>VS also advised that her husband Jim Sugden would remove the Christmas lights this Sunday. KB and the LCC thanked JS and the other community volunteers for their work.</p> <p>VS has reported by phone the state of the Burnside road as there is a considerable pot hole at the Bridge.</p>	<p>All VS</p>
9.	<p><u>Planning matters (Open session)</u></p>	
9. 1	<p>List of weekly planning applications</p> <p>No applications were received in this period</p> <p>Other Planning Matters</p>	



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9. 2	JJ asked PG if farm boundary walls can be removed without permission. PG did not know but KB says this issue may be of concern of SEPA. PG advised that Neil Mair the senior planning officer for this area is approachable for advice.	
10	<u>Date of Next meeting</u> Tuesday 6 February 7.30pm, Lumphanan village Hall kitchen.	