

Lumphanan Community Council  
Minutes  
Of Meeting held on Tuesday 8th January 2019,  
held at 7.30pm, in Lumphanan Village Hall Kitchen

1 Welcome

2 Present: Ron Bruce (RB), Sheila Allan (SA), Gerd Ubelhor(GU), Peter Martin(PM),  
Kenny Bain(KB).  
Apologies: Geva Blackett (GB), Paul Gibb(PG), Michelle Vickers(MV).

3 Intimations of Interest  
None.

4 Previous Minutes  
Due to a dead laptop and recalcitrant printer, the Minutes for the previous meetings were not available for scrutiny. This will be done as a matter of urgency.

5 Treasurer's Report  
MV reported when giving her apologies that although she did not have the most recent bank statement, the balance should be £2111.98. The invoice for the Remembrance Wreath has yet to be received, and should be the only outstanding cost.  
Given the lack of Minuted details of what the original agreement was, it was agreed that an Honorarium of £100 would be paid to Fiona Culbert for her work as Minutes Secretary in 2018.

6 Updates

6.1 The Xmas tree is down and awaiting disposal by the council, the new lights are back in the gallery of the village hall ready for next year. The street lamp decorations are yet to come down, we think Jim Sugden and his minions will be have this in hand.

6.2 The snow warden scheme: As there has been no snow as yet, PM is thinking that he will defer becoming a snow warden until next year. SA is still in doubt about whether or not the scheme covers unadopted roads in some way.

6.3 Thank you's. These have largely been done on our behalf by MV, but we particularly want to record a thank you to Ian Cruickshank for the work he has done for us this Xmas, checking and fixing lights. Others thanked include the Hunters (for the Xmas tree, once again), Jim Sugden and Stuart Ferries for putting up lights, Raymond Mardle for IT support, and Gerd Ubelhor for buying Xmas tree lights.

6.4 Emails: it seems that the info@lcc.lumphanan.com address is working well for now, but we probably need to work out how to use our individual email addresses for the future. This item will be discussed next month.

7 Correspondence

GB had emailed us suggesting that we might wish to consider giving input to the Development Plan Consultation, specifically on relaxing the rules to allow tradesmen to build houses and workshops together, as this currently constrains where they may be situated. Given the shortage of tradesmen and how important they are to communities, we agree, and will be making representations to this effect. KB suggested that we might wish to ask for further influence earlier on in planning disputes such as the one regarding the Peel Ring Shed; however it was felt that the system had worked in the end, and that under the circumstances there was not much more that we could have done. As a result we will not ask for further input on these matters.

8 Planning Matters

None.

9 AOCB

9.1 Derelict property

The house on Fa'burn Terrace seems to be untouchable because it is private property and there is considered to be no health hazard.

The barns on the other side of the road however may be a hazard, as a member of the public who is a Chartered Engineer stated on Detox Day that he considered the wall to be at high risk of collapse. As we have been approached by others re the state of these buildings, we will approach Flora/Adrian for

contact details of the owner, and speak to ACC about a risk assessment.

9.2 Potholes: It was generally felt that the more often we Minute the specific problems, photograph them and notify the Council of them via the appropriate channels, the more evidence we will have to push for a better solution. Meantime, the system for reporting potholes and faulty lights does indeed seem to produce rapid and effective response, albeit perhaps a short term fix, and we should acknowledge this and promote it to the public.

9.3 RB: wished to know what had happened about the dangerous trees in Lovers Lane. Simple answer: nothing more that we can see. Legally, we think this is a very dangerous position for the property owners to put themselves in.

SA: The Footpaths Group is now a duly constituted body, but there is no other definite progress as yet.

GU: Lumphanan Moving Pictures is holding a meeting on the 29th of January to discuss future activities, meantime there are no film showings.

PM: wished to point out that since arriving in the area he has attended a variety of events, and feels that the village can be proud of its range of activities.

Next meeting: First Tuesday of February, same place and time.

Meeting Closed.