

Lumphanan Community Council

Minutes of LCC Meeting
Village Hall Kitchen
1930, Tuesday 5th February, 2019

1. Welcome

2. Attendance And Apologies

Present: Jean Henretty (King George V Fund), Paul Gibb (Councillor), Gerd Ubelhor(GU), Michelle Vickers (MV), Sheila Allan (SA), Peter Martin (PM), Kenny Bain (KB).

Apologies: Ron Bruce

3 Intimation of noted Interests

G, SA, and KB all declared that they had interests in other groups, with respect to funding issues - items 7 and 9 on the Agenda.

4. Confirm Adoption of Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the January meeting as circulated were adopted without change.

Proposed:GU

Seconded: PM

5. Finance report:

MV reported that the balance given to her by the bank prior to the previous meeting was in fact incorrect, as they has failed to take into account an item that had been paid for.

The balance is now £2006.98, with one item (the Remembrance Wreath) as yet to be paid for.

Payment of Minutes Secretary

A cheque to the amount of £100 has been made out for this purpose, KB is to deliver it and request a receipt.

6. Open Actions updates

6.1 **Emails:** Update on new email addresses

MV is to send a link to the appropriate log-in address to KB and SA, so that they may use official LCC addresses for sending official mail.

6.2 **Meetings:** who attended what, and what was said.

Local Footpaths Group: SA and MV have been active in this group, there is now a bank account for the group and they are about to be launched officially. KB passed on an invitation to a training weekend, given by the NTS.

6.3 **Also:** Gritting/Snow wardens/Grit bins

There are as yet no snow wardens in Lumphanan.

There was a lengthy discussion of gritting in the local area, and dire anecdotes of persons who are at risk of injury in vehicles and on foot.

KB stated that having heard of pensioners within the area hospitalised due to falls, he had requested a delivery of grit to be left behind the MacBeth Arms, but he has yet to receive confirmation that this will happen, and it will need to be kept in a builder's bag as we have no grit bin for it. It was suggested that a grit bin be placed in the MacBeth Arms car park if this arrangement does not work out.

It was noted that the Community Council felt we had a duty of care to provide grit where we could reasonably do so, if we knew of sufficient risk to vulnerable persons; it seems foolish to incur large societal healthcare costs if they can be averted cheaply. Rather than thinking only of specific areas, we are thinking of protecting inhabitants.

7. Correspondence:

7.1 Via email, 12th Jan/**Wind Turbine Fund**: Are we interested?

(This item was addressed after item 3, in order to allow Jean Henretty to leave after giving us information.)

The money for this fund is to come from two wind turbines at Tornaveen. The landowners, having had turbines installed with funds from the Scottish Government, six are required to repay the money, not to central Government but to the local community. (In this case, community councils within the AB31 area; Banchory, Crathes & Drumoak, Feughside, Finzean and Torphins as well as Lumphanan.) Once the fund is set up and criteria established, the King George The Fifth's Fund will effectively cease to have any input, and the turbine fund will be left running independently with 8 members. The money is aimed at as wide a variety of needs as possible; eg, education, community development, youth, disability, sport and the environment.

After a short discussion it was agreed that we wished to be represented on this body, and GU will perform this task.

7.2 via email, 22nd Jan/**MAP Funding news**: What is of interest to us?

Although we could not discuss the MAP funding information in detail because of a printer breakdown, it was agreed that we needed to ensure that all the newsletters regarding funding should be disseminated as widely as possible, for example on the public noticeboard in the Square.

Scottish Flood Forum: Meeting on the 9th of March in Aberdeen will replicate the February meeting in Perth; KB has reserved us two places in Aberdeen.

7.3 Police Report

This was received from Gary Garrow, who is the local police liaison officer. We had previously been on Upper Deeside's mailing list, not that for Banchory and Mid Deeside, hence the lack of reports.

7.4 Emails from Aberdeenshire Council

MV is to confirm the dates of future meetings with ACC so that they can organise the next election in July; KB is to reiterate that we have furnished no Minutes for March 2018 because this was a meeting that was not quorate, and no Minutes were kept.

8. Planning Matters

Public Toilets

These have now been sold to a Dennis Christie, who intends to use them for furniture restoration.

9. AOCB:

Lumphanan Moving Pictures

Paul Gibb stated that he was supportive of the activities of the newly formed group, and would keep an eye open for relevant funding streams. He will be kept updated with their progress through LMP members on LCC.

Prioritising LCC spending/activities

A short discussion showed that it was unanimously held that the money that LCC currently has is not sufficient for us to actually fund other community projects. We are already committed to costs associated with other items such as Xmas lights, notice boards, etc. It is better for us to concentrate on publicising (signposting) the funding and grants that we currently are informed of via MAP, for example on noticeboards and by social media, and then consider funding only if these avenues have failed.

Fireworks Consultation

GU referred to an email circulating, asking for responses to a Holyrood consultation on future use of fireworks. He proposed that laser light shows would be more environmentally friendly nowadays, and perfectly feasible.

It was felt that LCC could not as a body give a view on this as representations have not been made to us, neither have we consulted the community on it, however there is nothing to prevent us from responding as individuals, and we will publicise the consultation as widely as possible within the community, as part of our wider consultations.

Community Consultation Event Number 2

MV has checked the dates on which the Village Hall will be available for this; a date of Wednesday the 22nd of May was decided upon, at 6pm, with the same format as the previous meeting.

Dog Fouling

MV pointed out that there was a Green Dog Walkers Initiative that we had been invited to join as a village, did we wish to do this ? The answer was yes.

10. Next meeting

This will be at the usual time and place, on Tuesday 5th March.