

Minute of Lennox Community Council (LCC)

Date: Tuesday, 27th August 2019

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Clochan Village Hall

Members present: Angus McNair, Pringle George, Donald Cameron, Christine Lester, Mike Reid and Associate Member Anna Marie Overing.

In Attendance: Chris Overing, Paul ?, Michelle Good from tsiMORAY.

The meeting was opened at 19.00hrs by Alastair Kennedy (Interim Chair) who reminded those present about the ground rules for a meeting. Michelle kindly agreed to take notes after explaining why she was attending. This is in her role as a Development Officer working in the area.

The note of the closed meeting of 19th August 2019 was proposed for accuracy by Pringle and seconded by Anna Mary.

Discussion took place about how representations from members of the public attending were dealt with.

Recruitment

A recruitment drive is needed as the Community Council is currently sitting with 5 members (One to be co-opted at next meeting) There were various ideas discussed as follows:-

Christine – she now has admin rights for the Facebook page so utilise Facebook

Mike – word of mouth

Pringle – coffee morning to support and use the press to help resurrect LCC

Alastair – Highlight the “Strengthening Community Councils” report for inspiration

Paul Top 10 – Soapbox and advertise events to admin

Alastair – Pop-up banner

Possible banner locations – Portgordon Village Hall

Clochan Community Hall

Fochabers Institute

Other ideas – Local schools to design a logo

It was agreed that members would design a logo in house for immediate use then get schools etc. involved at a later date.

Funding was discussed and there is approximately £7,000 available.

Actions:-

Anna Mary to price up banners

All to design a logo for front page of Facebook

Christine to update admin privileges

Christine to check log-in and passwords and contact to be made with Chris Campbell

Another member is requested from LCC for the Beatrice Windfarm Funding Panel and it was agreed that Pringle will join Angus on the panel. The next meeting is in Keith on 11th September with venue to be confirmed.

Consideration is to be given for office bearers but in the interim it was agreed that Pringle would take up the post of Treasurer

Action:-

Pringle to liaise with Jane/Robbie to organise handover of books etc.

All agreed that having a secretary with an honorarium was a good idea but the post should be offered to Steve Hickin in the interim as he had offered to assist at the closed meeting.

Proposed by Pringle Seconded by Christine

Action:-

Alastair to contact Steve

Meeting agendas was discussed and Alastair stated his preference was to have items from the members whenever possible

Action:- Alastair to present an agenda for thoughts/confirmation. (Agreed later – Alastair to email agenda 10 days prior to the meeting for Agenda Items).

The Weekly Planning Applications list was discussed and Christine proposed a group messenger function for discussion outwith meetings. Anna Mary receives the list and Angus supports where required.

Action:- All agreed to support site visiting when required.

GMX Email system in use was discussed and is utilised by some not all.

Action:- Alastair to confirm how emails are distributed. A resolution was not reached so await an outcome from Jane Martin CCLO.

Facebook page had been discussed earlier and Christine has it in hand.

There are some outstanding invoices from the Lampie Hoose. Pringle requires information from Jane/Robert Gray. Pauline requires £250 for a micro grant. The current signatories are Colin Hanover and Robert Gray. Suggested signatories – Chair, Treasurer and one other.

Action:- Pringle to get documentation to allow changes.

A proposed grant for Fochabers Community Theatre Group was agreed. Proposed by Christine Seconded by Angus and agreed by all.

Action:- Pringle to organise Presentation Cheque and possible photo shoot.

Mike presented his expenses.

Action:- Pringle to check and reimburse.

Health and Wellbeing – Cemetery issues have been reported.

A problem with a wall was reported by individuals, but should be backed up by reporting through LCC.

Action:- Someone to do this – can a member carry this out?

There were no elected members in attendance, so no update received.

An update on the War Memorial was given by Chris with input from Mike. The Fochabers Men`s Shed require £75 for work to the plinth.

The memorial is owned by LCC and requires some maintenance:-

Pointing – approach Fochabers Men`s Shed meantime whilst awaiting outcome of grant application

Fence painting – requires treatment

Planting – possibly approach Buckie Roots (Spey Bay Community not aware?)

Overgrown areas Grass cutting – Moray Council are responsible.

An opportunity to work in partnership with other groups.

Actions:- Mike has 3 quotes for lime mortar work. Now to send grant application to Landfill Fund ASAP.

Chris to approach Fochabers Men`s Shed for pointing expertise

Up to £250 budget for Chris and £70 for plinth to now become available

Proposed Paul and Seconded Pringle

Alastair spoke about the proposed Moray Council Participatory Budgeting charter but there was inadequate time to discuss.

Action:- Alastair to send to all electronically for comments.

Memorials - Mike has applied for a Road Closure =through Moray Council, to the Lord Lieutenant to attend the service and an elected member to lay a wreath which has happened in the past.

Concerns were raised about the responsibility for road closures etc as it had been agreed it was not the responsibility of LCC. Furthermore, local volunteers are required to administer the services. It was stated that Fochabers Heritage manage the Fochhabers Memorial.

Because it is close to the date of the Memorial Service it was agreed that this gets done this year.

Action:- Chair to come back on the subject after contact with Mandy Tough, Moray Council.

Action forward:- NO MORE SOLO ACTION. Process to be followed through LCC only.

Complaint regarding Nether Dallachy dump methane. It was agreed by LCC members that Christine should inform the relevant elected members.

Action:- Christie to inform relevant Councillors.

There had been a request/suggestion by a group wishing to install an old phone box to be used as a Tuck Box on the Speyside Way. The item was discussed and how to access a phone box. They can be very expensive to buy.

Action:- Anna Mary will signpost them to BT.

Another suggested project was to paint the metal work and generally tidy up that immediate area. Concerns were raised about the possibility of setting expectations too high but it will be borne in mind.

The date of the next meeting was set as Friday 13th September at 7.00 pm. The Fochabers Heritage Centre to be conformed as the venue.

Alastair thanked all for their input and suggested they had already taken steps forward. He also thanked Michelle for taking the notes.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.