

# LOREBURN COMMUNITY COUNCIL



## Minutes

Meeting: Tuesday 7th March 2023 at 7.00pm

Held at Municipal Chambers, Buccleuch Street, Dumfries

Present:

- Community Councillors: Anne Lindsay (Chair), Graham McLeod, John Dowson (Vice Chair), Artemis Adams, Carole Hastings, Robin Wishart (Treasurer), Simon Jones (Secretary), Peter Kormylo
- DGC Councillors: Malcolm Johnstone, David Slater, Ivor Hyslop, Keith Walters,
- Others in attendance: Cath Nesbitt, Joe Cross,
- Local residents: Ralph Coleman (former Chair)

Apologies: Susan Garnsworthy, John Campbell, Chris Woodness, Sandy Rogerson

Meeting was quorate.

### Part 1 Community Forum

including:

**Police report** – No police officers were in attendance. Beccy McClung subsequently notified us that an emergency had arisen that prevented her attendance.

#### Questions to Councillors

Artemis asked to grow seedlings at the underused building of Kirkbank House then explained that The Peoples Project would be giving away seedlings a month after their seed share. We discussed the Planning Department not being in the office and also not accepting post (allegedly because of COVID).

Ralph C complained about the difficulty of getting an appointment at the dump and suggested it resume pre-COVID opening hours of 8am to 8pm.

MJ: fly tipping has been increasing including the dumping of hazardous asbestos.

CH: there's an issue with the green bins because the anaerobic digester is not working.

RW: asked about noise pollution and the use of amplifiers by buskers on the High Street.

IH: agreed to look into it.

### **Open forum for Loreburn area residents**

Ralph C: conservation area should use 2" primrose road markings in place of the usual 4" yellow lines.

He also asked about projecting illuminated signs in the Conservation Area (for instance the Hairdressers in Church Crescent). He also raised the issue of unsuitable and ugly shutters.

Ralph helpfully circulated a map of the Conservation Area. That can be seen on page 3 of this document: [https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/media/23088/Dumfries-Conservation-Area-Character-Appraisal-and-Management-Plan/pdf/Dumfries\\_CACAMP\\_May\\_2020\\_Adopted.pdf?m=637273789794670000](https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/media/23088/Dumfries-Conservation-Area-Character-Appraisal-and-Management-Plan/pdf/Dumfries_CACAMP_May_2020_Adopted.pdf?m=637273789794670000)

AL stated that Loreburn Community Council are on it.

## **Part 2 Main topic**

### **Whitesands Project**

There is a planning notification <https://eaccess.dumgal.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RPI9GXGBMKG00>

JD asked how come this application has been made when the £200k requested for it in the Council budget was not approved?

He stated that Gail McGregor, new leader of DGC, has stated that the Whitesands Project is indefinitely suspended.

He also raised the question of if Scotgov will give this standalone application funding when it is being pushed forward while no longer part of the flood defence project.

MJ – will take it forward.

Loreburn Community Council decided we would like DGC to review the Whitesands scheme.

JD will draft a letter of objection to the planning application. (JD, SJ and Ralph C to collaborate on this).

## Part 3 Other topics

**Dog fouling** In response to an enquiry the Community Safety asked to come and talk to us. Artemis has put in a FOI request for some information. SJ reported that the team have put a No Dog Fouling sticker outside his flat.

IH: for the team to act there has to be 2 witnesses to an incident or they will do a patrol if a complainer can give them the approximate time of day that regular dog fouling is taking place.

**Nightclub extension** (application withdrawn). The application to allow N'Dulge to stay open till 4 in the morning received significant objections from local residents.

**Loreburn Flood Group.** AL and SJ represented the Flood Group at community conversations on flooding organised by the council and signed up more people to the emailing list. SJ working with a flood-affected person to try and save them money on their resilience upgrade working with DGC engineers.

**Loreburn Hall . The** Electric Theatre Company got a 6 month extension. The long term future will be decided in an upcoming Communities Committee meeting.

**Grants update (AL).** Anne complained about the poor feedback from the Scoring Panel. SJ to look into it and report back.

**Bouldover event suggestion (SJ).** The wall is not yet operational because of a Building Control issue.

IH: Building Control will do their best to get this done as soon as possible.

**New litter bin** another win! It's on the bike lane to Glasgow Road.

**Community wishlist** This is a (slightly gimmicky) source of funding for projects. We would like 2 laptops for LCC as well as funding for a seconded police officer to specialise in parking offences.

**Kingholm Quay community council update** They met with Shona McCoy (DGC Planning) to discuss the Local Place Plan. RW asked about the Ladyfield financial strategy. Does DGC still own the land.

MJ: Yes.

JD: the Crichton masterplan is to go to the Economy and Resources Committee.

Kingholm Quay CC will seek a meeting inviting Councillor Carruthers and LCC.

**Minutes of last meeting** - approved

**Matters arising from the minutes** - none.

### Treasurer's Report

a) RW reported that funds currently in hand totalled £996.35 following the payment

of the grant of £500 to DPAG

b) RW advised that Karen Lewis had completed her Independent Examination of the Accounts of the Community Council and had Certified the Accounts. Her report along with the Accounts had been circulated to all members by email.

c) Bank Account – Authorised signatories Resolution

RW proposed, seconded by SJ

Loreburn Community Council RESOLVES that the under-noted members of the Community Council be added to those persons who are Authorised Signatories on the Community Council's Bank Account with the Royal Bank of Scotland and the Community Council FURTHER RESOLVES that:

- if we add or remove Authorised Signatories in the “Add or Remove Authorised Signatories” section on the “About your request” page of this form, the Bank will update our mandate accordingly for the accounts we specify in this form's “About your business” section
- if we change the Signing Rules in the “Change the Signing Rules on the Mandate” section on the “About your request” page of this form, the Bank will update our mandate accordingly for the accounts we specify in this form's “About your business” section
- and the current mandate will continue as amended.

The additional Authorised Signatories are:

- i. Anne Lindsay
- ii. Simon Jones

The resolution was APPROVED unanimously.

**Common Good report** CH let us know about UNESCO recognition of an environmental project upriver from us which has implications for a whole river approach to flood management.

<https://www.heraldsotland.com/news/23340276.eddleston-water-project-receive-unesco-recognition/>

#### **Date and place of next meeting**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April, Municipal Chambers.