

# LOREBURN COMMUNITY COUNCIL



## Minutes

Meeting: Tuesday 4th April 2023 at 7.00pm

Held at Municipal Chambers, Buccleugh Street, Dumfries

Sederunt: Anne Lindsay (Chair), Simon Jones (Secretary), Peter Kormylo, John Dowson, Maureen, Johnstone, Malcolm Johnstone, Keith Walters, Sandy Rogerson, Carole Hastings, Graham McLeod, Robin Wishart, Lorna McGowan, Artemis Adams, Iain Leggatt (Police Scotland)

Apologies: Susan Garnsworthy, David Slater

### Part 1 Community Forum

**Police report** (IL): the police have been active pursuing various crimes. They have issued 29 parking tickets in the past month. IL observed that many people take drugs for socialising.

The bus stop at Palmerston Café always has illegally parked cars there as does the disabled space at the corner of Castle Street and George Street.

IL: Disabled bays need both road markings and a sign otherwise the police can't act.

It was agreed that the Community Council should chase up improperly marked disabled bays where markings may need to be repainted to help the police do their job.

IL: Phone 101 for motoring and parking offences.

### Questions to Councillors

The CARS scheme has been expanded to Friars Vennel and Bank St.

The scheme should be added to LCC website funding page (SJ to do this)

Malcolm J: there is a skills shortage for renovating older buildings.

AL asked about garden waste (green waste). There was a proposal for a £45/year green waste service.

KW: that scheme has not yet been rolled out.

LM: Lochar Moss recycling is not taking garden waste. The containers are always full.

Malcolm J: DGC are reassessing council budget for green waste

AL asked about the SUStrans survey on active travel. AL, SR, AA and SJ to draft response.

RW: asked about Lochar ward constituents. LM mentioned residents' associations.

LCC to reach out.

## **Part 2 Topics:**

Greensands update: SJ reported that currently 34 objections had been lodged against the planning application to build a car park on Greensands park. JD reported that the Council are now saying it's not a standalone project (in which case surely it's now redundant as the Whitesands Project has been stopped).

RW observed that technically Greensands is a brownfield site. PK argued that it has now become a greenfield site.

JD observed that as decriminalisation of parking is coming in then it's premature to build a car park as that will change parking in the town centre.

The £200k requested for the project didn't get through this year's budget but Malcolm J explained that £65k had been allocated in last year's budget.

Parking update (Including perspective from a bus driver)

AA gave data on parking. AL read comments we had received from a bus driver about the impact of illegally parked cars on his work and agreed to send them to Iain Leggatt.

Cinema update: Councillors agreed to look into why we're paying £75k to consultants for this project.

Gulls: AL asked if there is any support for householders to put in their own gullproofing. Perhaps the CARS grants could be used for this purpose.

We will put a link to our Gullwatch work on our new website (SJ to do this).

Website update: SJ reported that the website is up and that while it's a work in progress it will hopefully already be useful.

Mid Steeple Quarter update (JD): JD gave an update on this magnificent project. A copy of the interim report is attached separately to the email sending these minutes out and will be available on the LCC website. MSQ is a community-owned town centre property development project. It now owns 5 properties.

RW stated that this community council, The Stove, TSDG and Matt Coulter got MSQ started and that we should feel very proud.

DPAG update (SJ/RW): RW raised the issue of Town Centre First. LCC should register concern that DPAG may be ambivalent on Ladyfield which is in contradiction to its town centre first remit. AL/RW/SJ to draft letter to DPAG.

Licensing consultation: GM/CH/JD to draft LCC response.

Grants update: There is a concerning issue that TSDG representatives approved grants to TSDG projects over other worthwhile projects including one for LCC and one from The Usual Place. (AL, SJ to follow up).

The relevant document is found here:

<https://dumfriesgalloway.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s47089/UK%20Shared%20Prosperity%20and%20OCLLD%20Fund%20-%20Appendix.pdf>

And was item 10 on this agenda:

<https://dumfriesgalloway.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=551&Mid=5700>

£2000 has been received from ANCBC.

Planning: Change of use at Loreburn School (extra dwellings). We should support this (town centre living).

The Stove have applied to be allowed to put 2 awnings up. They are in keeping with the historic character of the area.

LM asked about the future of Kirkbank Building.

Malcolm J said they might need to use it for offices while the main council building is being refurbished.

Common good: Drill Hall proposal will be ratified by the Common Good committee then the building will be put up for lease.

A list of common good assets can be found here:

<https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/article/15778/Common-Good-Register>

Treasurer's report: emailed separately.

Correspondence

We welcomed news of a federation of Nithsdale community councils.

Maureen J used to run the federation.

Minutes of March meeting approved (PK, JD).

Any other business

It was requested that Greyfriars Church be discussed at our next meeting.

Date and place of next meeting

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 7pm, Municipal Buildings, Buccleuch St.