

# LOREBURN COMMUNITY COUNCIL



## Minutes

Meeting: Tuesday 2nd May 2023 at 7.00pm

Municipal Chambers, Buccleugh Street, Dumfries

Sederunt: Anne Lindsay (Chair), Simon Jones (Secretary), John Dowson (Vice Chair), Robin Wishart (Treasurer), Artemis Adams, Carole Hastings, Graham McLeod, Malcolm Johnstone, Keith Walters, Elaine Ferguson (guest, St Michael's Ward), Cath Nesbitt (Kingholm Quay Community Council), Anna Boyd (Police Scotland), Alastair (Police Scotland)

Apologies: John Campbell, David Slater

### Part 1 Community Forum

including:

Police report

Alastair: Police now routinely carry Naloxone which is a life saving drug that can be given to people suffering an opioid overdose.

SJ highlighted the work of We Are With You, a charity on Buccleugh St that gives free supplies of Naloxone as well as the training to use it.

Alastair: detailed a range of police arrests and enforcement including 41 fixed penalty notices for town centre parking offences.

He stated the the Council do a good job of reinstating yellow lines when the police alert them that they need re-painting.

### Part 2 Main topic

Community Safety: Presentation by Andrew Hay

The Community Safety team deals with anti-social behaviour including dog fouling, fly tipping littering

(including cigarette butts). More information can be found here:

<https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/article/15200/Antisocial-behaviour>

For incidents they need two witnesses or video evidence or one community safety officer to see it in order for enforcement action to be taken.

LCC could help by doing posters (google funny ones for inspiration)

The CS team do community mediation.

Needles and drug litter has become less of a problem as users have moved from heroin to cocaine.

Enforcement in disc controlled car parks is expected to improve in the near future after new legislation comes into force making it easier for Councils to enforce breaches.

The CS department is currently recruiting experts in pest control.

CS staff wear bodycams although they do not use the footage in enforcement, it's only for staff safety.

## **Part 1 contd**

Questions to Councillors

RW raised the issue of metal shutters that break Conservation Area rules.

Questions were asked about the English Street works. The work paused after additional problems were unearthed. Waiting on landlord's contractor to plan.

MJ will chase it up, perhaps with a view to issuing an enforcement order.

Kirkbank House is still closed to the public.

Elaine Ferguson expressed an interest in forming a community council in her area of St Michael's. LCC welcomed this news.

## **Part 3 Other Topics:**

Catherine Street playpark – we welcomed the news that the playpark has won an award.

<https://www.dng24.co.uk/award-winning-park-hailed-as-a-model-for-others-2/>

Community wishlist update: LCC's bid for two laptops for admin has been accepted.

Ladyfield: it was agreed that SJ should write up his response to the claim that Ladyfield is a "town centre first" project with help from RW.

Parking walkabout (SJ): we plan to do a parking walkabout to find places where the disabled parking spots are being abused and ensure that they are properly marked.

Active travel (SJ): DPAG are working with a consultant and stakeholders to help develop the town's policies.

Loreburn Flood Group: CH alerted us to a new sandbag technology <http://www.floodsax.co.uk/news/>

Kingholm Park Pavilion; CH recommended that we support the buyer in their intention to turn this into residential property.

Date and place of next meeting: 7pm, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June, Municipal Buildings, Buccleuch St.