

# LOREBURN COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Meeting: Tuesday 7 November

2023 after AGM

Held at Municipal Chambers, Buccleuch Street, Dumfries

Sederunt: Robin Wishart (Chair), John Dowson, (Vice Chair), Simon Jones (Secretary), Karl Drinkwater, Carole Hastings, Peter Kormylo, Artemis Adams, Graham McLeod, David Slater, Keith Walters, John Campbell, Malcolm Johnstone, Anne Lindsay, Elaine Ferguson, Cath Nesbitt,

Apologies: Jim Wallace, Chris Woodness, Susan Garnsworthy, Oliver Mundell

**Police:** Police Scotland have sent a written report which is available on the LCC website

<https://loreburn.comcouncil.scot/>

## **Questions to Councillors:**

Loreburn Primary School: parents are very concerned about the failure to approve Scotgov funding to move the school out of its current unsuitable site.

MJ: Loreburn Primary School is a priority for the Council. They are looking at what they can do and have an ongoing commitment to resolving the move. Dumfries High School works were approved at LEIP 1 but the Council failed to get LEIP 3 funding for the Primary School and the Academy works.

JC: funding for the move is in the capital programme from 2021 and should go ahead regardless of the Scottish Govt's decision.

CH: The buildings are unsafe.

PK suggested the Loreburn St John's site (now Oasis).

RW asked councillors to pass on to the parents that LPS is the Council's priority.

SJ observed that the new car park next door to the current school site will begin construction soon.

SJ read out email from Oliver Mundell MSP

Net Zero report: AL asked if Councillors have seen the climate report.

Councillors: No.

MJ explained that Cllr Dougie Campbell had been the Climate Champion but that there was now a Climate Group.

JC: the Climate Group will have seen the report, he will chase up.

DS: reported that he visited the police station. The police are doing a commendable job.

RW concerned about the opening hours of the police station.

SJ asked about Net Zero by 2025

Cllrs: doubt it's achievable.

A written complaint from Ralph Coleman about the colour of the yellow lines in the Conservation Area was read.

MJ: Planning are looking into the matter.

CH: fallen leaves are making many pavements dangerous.

PK: concerned about civic pride – people don't come out and clean the pavements in front of their houses and businesses. We should tidy up Dumfries.

### **Community empowerment**

RW, SJ, AL will attend upcoming Democracy Matters event

AA most local people feel projects are forced upon them.

PK LCC catchment area too big, parts not represented or issues not relevant.

CN: quite difficult to do the community councillor job while working as many webinars are during the day.

JD feels we should make a case for planning to be devolved to community councils.

AA raised her concern that our Ward Officer doesn't come to our meetings.

RW suggested sending a substitute when the Ward Officer can't be here.

EF a support system is critical for Community Councils and she praised LCC.

### **LCC Grants**

RW: we expect £4000 for grants of community benefit from the ANCBC.

- Has to be officially publicised
- We aim to distribute this before Christmas.
- Press release to Standard and Courier and posters.
- Possibility of Nithsdale match funding, poverty small grants fund.

Details: <https://ancbc.co.uk/community-council-local-grants-scheme/>

RW: it would be exceptional to grant over £500 and must be minuted carefully.

SJ to organise document explaining the funding which will contain a map of the LCC catchment area.

**Participation requests:** a meeting was held between LCC and the Council last week. SJ to send report then SJ, RW and JD to complete the process.

**Flood Group:** a successful meeting was held 9<sup>th</sup> November following which a newsletter was sent to the mailing list.

### **Parking/moving offences**

JD it is now completely out of control.

LCC will write to the police with a formal request highlighting moving violations on the High Street (SJ, RW, and GM to draft letter).

Raised the possibility of vehicle recognition equipment.

Planning: various developments were noted.

JD: Health Board recommended a limit to the number of licenced premises in town.

JC: the Area Committee agreed that there wasn't an overprovision.

GM: there's now a huge metal shutter on Queen St opposite the Yellow Door.

KD: we are not happy that our views on the new train station bridge were ignored.

Minutes of last meeting – approved

Matters arising: MJ will look into Friar's Vennel compensation.

Final thought: we welcome Fiona the sheep to Dumfries!

Date of next annual general meeting Tuesday 5 December 2023



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