

# LOREBURN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes

Meeting: Tuesday 6th November at 7.00pm

To be held at Municipal Chambers, Buccleugh Street, Dumfries

Sederunt: Robin Wishart (Chair), Simon Jones (Secretary), John Dowson (Vice Chair), Artemis Adams, Carole Hastings, Jim Wallace, Susan Garnsworthy, Graeme McLeod, John Campbell, Keith Walters, Andrew Pearson, Donald Gibson

Apologies: Karl Drinkwater, Chris Woodness, David Slater, Sgt Dale McEwan, Malcolm Johnstone

### Part 1 Community Forum

including:

**Police report** (available here <https://loreburn.comcouncil.scot/documents>)

- No officer was available to attend the meeting.
- Chair to write to the Police about moving traffic offences.
- JC: signage needs to be updated.

### Questions to Councillors

SJ expressed concern that citizens report of climate not being listened to and that the final version is confidential.

JC will ask Tony Beretti, KW will ask Archie Dryburgh.

SJ asked about “mainstream participatory budgeting.”

JC will look into it.

### Part 2 Main topic: grants

SJ explained bids from Struan (a young neurodivergent competitive swimmer), Guid Nychbarris (a series of events), Include Us (young disabled employability/entrepreneurship), Buddiez (young disabled day centre)

JD explained bid from DPAG for clean streets project.

JW declared an interest. He is the Treasurer of Include Us.

JD and RW declared an interest. They are directors of DPAG.

SG suggested the Community Lottery as a resource for funding for the street cleaning project and made the case for keeping a reserve in case we want to fund other projects later in the year. RW said the money must be spent by September 2024.

LCC agreed to fund part of the asked for bid from **DPAG clean streets** project to the tune of £1000. The Nithsdale Area Committee, People’s Project were identified as potential partners to help this project. RW will contact Mark Jardine if this project goes ahead. The remaining applications were approved unanimously in full as follows:

**Struan** £250

**Guid Nychburris** £350

**Include Us** £600

**Buddiez** £500

SJ asked that we do press on this. Agreed.

### **Part 3 Reports and other business**

**Parking/moving offences.** RW to write letter to the police.

JC: on parking strategy parking charges have been taken off the table but decriminalisation will push forward.

SJ asked that traffic wardens be deployed rather than Community Safety staff.

JD asked about wardens powers in relation to moving violations.

JC: under decriminalisation council officers would be able to deal with driving offences.

JD asked for clarification. He suggested traffic cameras, retractable barriers, infrastructure.

**SG: The Robert Burns statue.** Donald Gibson raised the issue at LCC's July meeting.

SJ to send report.

SG: Karen Brownlie is the responsible Council officer. She spoke at Communities Committee 5/12/23. She spoke of the potential of Burns to the economy.

DG felt there wasn't sufficient community momentum to found a new charity on this issue.

JC Communities Committee recommended a deep clean, annual maintenance and a 3D scan.

AA/SG felt an independent company should assess the statue.

JC said it's made of the same type of marble as the statue of David in Italy. It needs to be protected.

JD stressed the need for a long term plan.

DG asked that LCC ask for a copy of the Graciela report.

**SJ Vapes.** SJ explained that vapes had been the top concern for D&G young people in the 10,000 Voices survey

AA there's a litter issue with them.

**Planning (CH)** no concerns with the applications made

GM there's ugly metal shutters at Queen Street now. RW Planning is aware of this and will enforce the rules.

JW: antisocial behaviour on the Glasgow Road. Urinating, drags, speeding, trespass on the school.

AA complained about boys snowballing stall holders in the Saturday market.

LCC (SJ/JW) to write to the Police about antisocial behaviour.

JD raised the issue of the **lack of wheelchair taxis** in Dumfries. Distressing effect for a number of wheelchair users.

A review of this provision is due 21/12/23.

SJ asked about **taxis in bus lanes**. JC said they can use them.

RW raised the issue of **Common Good land at Greensands**. Complained that LCC was not consulted – DGC has apologised. LCC prefers that this land continues to be used as green space.

JD: Common Good Committee should rescind its 2016 decision to allow this land to be turned into a car park.

LCC asked CH to make our views known to the Common Good Committee.

**SJ Loreburn Primary School.** Concerns about the building. Mentioned PK's idea about reverting to the site currently housing the Oasis Youth Centre.

JC The Academy may now need the Minerva building for space if major works are done on the site (preventing it being a suitable relocation site for the primary school).

CH suggested Langlands. JC: it doesn't have the access needed.

**Christmas cards.** LCC approved modest expenditure as we send out Christmas cards this year, SG has spare cards.

**Correction to previous minutes:** should read Nithsdale Divisional Licensing Board, not Area Committee. Approved as amended.

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

6<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024, Municipal Buildings.