

LOREBURN COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Minutes

Meeting: Tuesday 7th May at 7.00pm

Held at Municipal Chambers, Buccleuch Street, Dumfries

Sederunt: Robin Wishart (Chair), Simon Jones (Secretary), Sandy Rogerson, Artemis Adams, Carole Hastings, Graham MacLeod, Anne Lindsay, Susan Garnsworthy, Peter Kormylo, Cllr David Slater, Cllr Keith Walters, John Dowson, Andrew Pearson, George Cameron, Sgt Anna Boyd (Police Scotland)

Apologies: Cllr Malcolm Johnstone, Jim Wallace, Karl Drinkwater

Part 1 Community Forum

including:

Police report. AB: help requested identifying someone who rode a motorbike without a helmet. Arrests in response to various crimes. 84 parking tickets issued in the town centre. An AntiSocial Behaviour initiative is ongoing aiming to engage and disrupt, diversionary tactics. 2 youths who were arrested are being dealt with by youth justice social work. Anna is moving on and another community sergeant will be appointed. The Community Council expressed our thanks to her. Divisional commander Chief Superintendent Cairns will retire at the end of May.

Questions to Councillors

AA thanked Keith Walters for his efforts on the Fleshers Arms scaffolding. She also asked him to get the Council to liaise with the people doing the work.

KW: reported back regarding the new road software. The next phase is this summer with the Roads Dept to decide how the public will be able to interact with it.

CH: illegal disabled bay parking is an ongoing problem. She asked that the bay outside her house in Catherine St have its markings replaced. KW will follow up.

open forum for Loreburn area residents

JD seeking community council support for the publication of the Net Zero report. The report was

completed November last year. The report has been deliberately suppressed by officers. Councillors and the public lack access to the full picture on net zero.

RW: do councillors feel the report should be withheld?

KW: understands that it will be presented to Communities Committee.

DS: working group was told that officers are still working on it, a redacted version would be available by September.

LCC will write and ask to see the report.

Proposal for the co-option as a Community Councillor of Ms Anne Lindsay, 10 Lovers Walk, DG1 1LP (proposer Ian Gasse, 10 Lovers Walk, DG1 1LP). AL unanimously welcomed back to LCC as a co-opted member.

Part 2 Main Topic

Local Place Plan

RW explained the Local Place Plan, that LCC is working with DPAG to produce a draft plan, then there will be an event/consultation.

AL: joint effort LCC/DPAG, she's done a survey of independent traders, she spoke about a sense of pride in place.

SJ: spoke of cleanness of the town, antisocial behaviour, recovery from addiction, and the conservation area.

SG both LPP and LDP3 have to sit within a holistic vision of what we want for Dumfries. Vision has been lacking and must be in the plan. We need net zero information because knocking buildings down then constructing new ones is bad for the climate.

RW: Moat Brae is an example of a repurposed building that needs to be sustainable. Ladyfield is an example of a bad plan because it used a greenfield site far from the town centre. The LPP should refer to specific sites.

AA expressed concern about DDD plan.

AL gave examples of the Globe, Burns Quarter as placemaking well done.

DS first thing to do is clean it up then attract businesses. Gave example of derelict building in English St.

PK commended new Council staff for emptying bins. However, he added, some roadsweepers were not pulling their weight. Signs are green (never clean). Expressed support for Town Board cleaning up the town centre.

KW recommended the Stranraer Place Plan as an example of best practice.

<https://www.creatingstranraer.co.uk/>

AL advised that litter pick up should be constant as litter encourages more littering.

CH suggested that the NCP car park be used as a car park instead of digging up the Greensands.

AA told us a young shopkeeper had given up after young people started doing drugs on her doorstep.

PK suggested the time on the Greyfriars Clock match the time on the Midsteeple Clock.

AA asked that Castledykes Park be in the LPP. SJ agreed to do this.

CH we need to understand why people come into the town. KW – and why they don't.

Part 3 Reports and other business

Glass recycling points. Concerns were raised about bottles being removed and smashed. SJ to write to DG Council for more information.

Grants update (SJ) An application for funding for Dumfries Cornets Club is being made with help from DPAG.

Parish Online (SJ) Our free trial runs out 12th June.

Minutes of last meeting – approved.

Matters arising from the minutes – Tree Preservation Orders. KW: TPO service temporarily suspended due to shortage of Planning staff. RW has had a productive meeting with Town Board Chair, Richie Nicoll. He's welcome to attend Loreburn CC meetings.

Finance report

Common Good report (Carole) CH: not receiving Common Good as part of the Ward update. Concern about the bandstand. KW Property & Estates Services currently waiting on an estimate for the bandstand. PK benches in Greensands have not been painted since 1883. Asked for a map of the conservation area. SJ to send map.

Planning & licencing PK asked who at DG Council can say if a building can be sold. KW: property section at Cargenbridge. Concern was expressed at the moving of Council functions out of the town centre. It has contributed to the town centre degeneration. SJ to send CCES enquiry asking DGC what their working from home policy is and how much unused office space there is.

CH a restaurant is seeking licensing in the New Bazaar and several places are seeking planning permission for new PVC windows.

A portrait of the King has been presented by Loreburn Community Council to the Municipal Chambers.

Date and place of next meeting

Tuesday 4th June, Municipal Buildings, Buccleuch St.