

LOREBURN COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Minutes

Meeting: Tuesday 4th June at 7.00pm

Held at Municipal Chambers, Buccleuch Street, Dumfries

Sederunt: Robin Wishart (Chair), Simon Jones (Secretary), Jim Wallace, Artemis Adams, Carole Hastings, Graham McLeod, Karl Drinkwater, Anne Lindsay, Susan Garnsworthy, Malcolm Johnstone, Sandy Rogerson, Andrew Pearson.

Apologies: Keith Walters, Callum Dagleish-Little, Chris Woodness, John Campbell, Peter Kormylo, David Slater

Part 1 Community Forum

including:

Police report. SJ read from the written report (which will be circulated with these minutes and available [here](#)). He noted with concern the number of assaults committed in general and in particular by 15-18 year olds. He was also disappointed with the 29 parking tickets issued, a significant drop over recent months. Sgt Callum Dagleish-Little has replaced Sgt Anna Boyd and was welcomed by the community council.

Questions to Councillors

MJ: The Education Committee came to a decision on Loreburn Primary School and Dumfries Academy. In total there will be a £32 million refurbishment of the schools with LPS being sited in the Minerva Building of the Academy. In addition there will be an audit of the school estate.

CH asked about the plan to build 16-18 flats at the old Art College.

RW suggested the current Loreburn Primary School site would make a good residential site.

AA: asked about the report by CCN following the Citizens Panel on Net Zero. MJ has seen it under conditions of confidentiality.

SR asked about the flying of flags on the Midsteeple and complained that a Union Jack used for an event

was left there for several weeks.

SJ: asked about the new energy efficiency scheme which while laudable did not include Dumfries Central which is perhaps one of the areas most in need of this type of anti-poverty wellbeing measure. MJ will raise the matter at the Economy & Resources Committee.

open forum for Loreburn area residents. No questions.

Part 2 Main Topic

Local Place Plan

(Copies of relevant documents including the map will be circulated with these minutes and are available [here](#)).

RW presented the boundary plan. Essentially it's the western half of the LCC catchment area plus some high profile attractions which would not be covered by other Local Place Plans. It's within the remit of our partner on this project, DPAG. Also included was the site of the old Nithside Hospital which he said would be a strong site for residential development. LCC endorsed the map unanimously.

SJ explained how he is working. He's the coordinator for LCC's contribution to the joint plan. He will work with stakeholders such as We Are With You (addiction charity) before finalising the draft plan then the draft plan must be approved by LCC and DPAG before a community consultation.

AA was asked to look into Castledykes Park.

SG asked about consultation. If the draft plan is approved at our next meeting then we will launch a community engagement which will include an online survey, copies of the plan available at the library, a pop-up shop and posters.

AL made the point that the Burns Quarter will be transform the town.

RW suggested the Halfords Autocentre on Academy Street could be zoned for residential use.

CH suggested the building above The Imperial pub could become residential.

Part 3 Reports and other business

Whitesands project: MJ: the drilling currently on the Whitesands will allow the project to be recosted and for the hydrology to be assessed. It's a scoping out process. Scotgov is reviewing the national scheme as it hasn't the money for all planned schemes. The scheme also requires Scottish Water to

spend a considerable sum.

Greensands Participation Request update. SJ updated the meeting on our Participation Request and asked for a volunteer to replace John Dowson. Anne Lindsay was accepted as a new member of the PR team unanimously. SR raised issue of pedestrian access up Nith Avenue. He will help us on the specifics.

Democracy matters (SJ): A new Scotgov bill will be introduced with SCDC's recommendations including that community councils work in partnership with local authorities on a number of matters including planning.

Dumfries station open day 6th June

Grants update (SJ). Refugee bike project: AA raised issue of road safety as a number of the recipients of the bikes lack a good understanding of road safety. There is also an issue of not using lights. £500 grant agreed conditionally as long as the project makes sure the recipients have and use lights and that there is cycle safety training. It was suggested we talk to Sitke at DGMA.

Doughlicious. Lacks evidence of addressing food poverty. Declined by vote.

Minutes of last meeting. Approved.

Matters arising from the minutes. None.

Finance report. The Annual Accounts for both 2022/23 and 2023/24 have now been Independently Examined by Eppie Sprung of *Here for Growth*. SJ asked if we could find a Minutes Secretary to help him with the administrative workload. Agreed. SJ suggested we use some of our unspent admin money to help do the Local Place Plan survey. Agreed.

Common Good report (Carole)

Planning & licencing. People's Project are planning a memorial garden at the Jean Armour statue. Gregg's Castle St are getting a new front door. SR expressed concern about ugly metal shutters that are now being used in Bank St.

Correspondence. Guid Nychbarris sent us some invitations which were allocated as follows: AA Kirkin 9th June; SJ Installation 10th June, CH Crowning 15th June.

AA has been looking into the matter of mink predating ducks and voles. MJ to look into it.

GM asked about MSQ recruiting a member of LCC onto their Board. SJ to follow it up.

Date and place of next meeting

Tuesday 2nd July, Municipal Buildings, Buccleuch St.