



Minutes of Meeting 3rd February, 2004 McKillop Institute, 7.30.

Present: Malcolm McGuffie, Andy McKee, Glenys McKee (Secretary), James Farquhar (Treasurer), Barbara Brown, Alex Patten, David Arthur, Ian Kennedy, David Mellor, Charlie Fraser (depute chair), David Neilson (late).

Apologies: Gill Reynolds, Cllr. Nimmo.

Visitors present: Lesley Scott (minutes), PC Graham Barclay, PC Tracey Knox-McLean, Mrs M. Neilson, John Kirriemuir, Chris Gould, Colin Frame, Annette Skelley.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved by Jim Farquhar and seconded by Charlie Fraser.

Matters arising/corrections:

- Newton of Barr was badly flooded, contrary to what Cllr. Nimmo said at the last meeting. There still seems to be a problem on Newton of Barr.
- Communicating with LCC: Barbara asked if there could be an official e-mail address. **Action: Charlie will set one up.**

Via 'snail mail' - messages can be left in the box that is for this purpose at the library. All mail to LCC should have a contact name and address.

Police Report:

Crime figures for January: 7 crimes, (5 detected).

2 breach of the peace (2), 1 vandalism, 3 drugs offences (3), 1 theft.

This compares with 18 crimes reported for the same period last year. Since then, there has been a project of increasing police on the beat. This project is being evaluated. The following figures would seem to show that it is having an effect:-

Disorder calls by members of the public in August 2003 were up 200% on the previous year; September, up 167%; October up 150%; November up 89% (project started this month); December down 17%; January down 25%.

Police Matters:

- Dave Mellor brought up the matter of late-night disturbance on High Street. He leafleted locals to find out if others suffered similarly, asking them to inform the police if this was the case. 8 responses were received by him. He has also spoken to Cllr. Nimmo, who has spoken to a senior police officer. It was mentioned that there seems to be similar problems behind the library at night. The police recommend that all incidences should be reported as it helps their argument to have increased policing.
- In response to the question of whether a real strategy could be put in place to respond to calls, the police replied that this would require a change in the local police's shift patterns; Johnstone-based police would

always take time to respond, due to distance. **Action: Glenys** to write to Superintendent Dyer about this.

- Dog 'mess' – this has increased significantly in past week. Police have asked the dog warden to visit and put up signs. Leaflets to go in shops about the new law requiring owners to clear up the 'mess' immediately.
- Rubbish set alight on Ewing Road: the police attending did not deem this to be a criminal offence; it therefore does not appear in the crime figures.
- Corner Bar incident, December – someone has been arrested and charged.
- Police are holding surgeries in the McKillop 7-8pm on Tuesdays 17th Feb., 16th March, 20th April. Anyone can come and speak to them in confidence.

Treasurer:

Balance £1,700.

Planning:

1 outstanding: meteorological mast, Misty Law. Examined at planning meeting at end of full meeting. 2 planning sub-committee meeting minutes attached.

Correspondence:

- Letter and poster via Jim Sheridan re B&Q You-Can-Do-It awards for grants to community groups (materials only). **Action: Glenys** to pass to Tom Begg of sustainable garden.
- Letter & leaflets from Elspeth Atwool, MEP.
- Renfrewshire Council – meetings of scrutiny board. See Glenys if interested.

Lochwinnoch Children's Art Club:

Action: Lesley to ask Ruth Oldrey to send letter to LCC (via Jim Farquhar) to confirm that the cheque agreed should be made out to LMEG and the money passed on to the club for materials.

New Year Dance:

No one present from committee. Agenda item for March.

Village website:

Disclaimers etc. in place. The website has LCC's approval.

Co-option Procedures:

Glenys contacted Alex Hewitson for clarification. He has not yet responded.

Action: Barbara to contact him re this as she's in touch with him regularly.

AOCB:

Pavements being dug up – how long is this to continue? Deterioration of Bridesmill Road, Lochlip Road and road to Kilmacolm near Muir Toll.

Action: Glenys to write to Council.

LMEG want to build-up youth-work, and contacts with LCC. They plan a visit to Kilbirnine Radio City. Date still to be set. It was suggested an LCC representative attend too. **Action: David Arthur and Robert Neilson** may attend.

Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 2nd March, 7.30, McKillop Institute.

All welcome.

Agenda
Lochwinnoch Community Council Meeting
Tuesday 2nd March, 2004
McKillop Institute

Apologies

Minute of last meeting: corrections & approval

Matters arising

Police report & matters concerning the police

Councillor's report

Treasurer's report

Planning report, with dates of next planning meetings

Correspondence

Matters brought by members of the public (in person, letter or e-mail)

New Year dance

Co-option procedures

Lochwinnoch children's art club

Visit to Radio City, Kilbirnie