



## Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 2nd March, 2004 McKillop Institute, 7.30.

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

Apologies: David Arthur.

Visitors present: Lesley Scott (minutes), Eamon Fitzpatrick (Strathclyde police), PC Tracey Knox-McLean, Cllr. Alastair Nimmo, John K Richmond, Carol Gemmell.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by Jim Farquhar and seconded by Glenys McKee.

### Matters Arising:

- Definition of a quorum: Barbara contacted Alex Hewitson of Renfrewshire Council and we now have a definitive answer – 1/3 of the membership. Thus currently, the quorum would be 5.
- Newton of Barr: works have made a real improvement. Sandbags have still to be collected.
- Dog mess: warden still to visit. More leaflets & posters on the subject to be distributed soon by police.
- LMEG Radio City visit: no date set yet, but David Arthur and Robert Neilson both confirm that they will attend.

### Police Report:

13 crimes (5 detections): 6 vandalisms, 1 offensive weapon (1), 1 attempted housebreaking, 1 theft, 4 road traffic offences (4).

- Issue of wing mirror damage on High St/Main St raised.
- Traffic lights at bridge erratic. This is a matter for the roads dept & Cllr Nimmo has raised it with them.
- Request made for police to patrol play park, as there's a lot more broken glass there.

### Councillor's Report:

Cllr Nimmo has been informed by Renfrewshire Council that there is no money to do the bridge up. He tried hard to argue the case, but with no result. Renfrewshire Council have asked Scottish Executive for extra money. This has been refused. Heavy lorries are ignoring the weak bridge signs. Could result in dangerous damage. Cllr Nimmo asked for help from the LCC.

Glenys reported that she has written already to Iain Hamilton, Head of Roads, and received a reply that states he can give no date for the start of work. It was suggested he be invited to the next meeting of the LCC. **Cllr Nimmo** will write to

him. **Glenys** will write again reiterating her questions on where in his list of priorities lies the bridge's repair and how dangerous is it?

**All LCC members** – prepare questions for Iain Hamilton for next meeting.

It was commented that Renfrewshire Council has effectively washed its hands of the matter of the bridge, its importance to the village and the effect the restrictions are having on Church St and Factory St.

20mph zones – Cllr Nimmo is looking for suggestions for such areas within the village.

In response to a comment, Cllr Nimmo replied that a new sign for Calder St is being sorted out, since the old one on the road's lack of suitability for long vehicles has disappeared.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Lochwinnoch children's art club – a payment of £100 has been made to LMEG to pass on. Balance currently £1,300.

#### LMEG noticeboard:

Carole Gemmell spoke to the meeting. Drawings and plans made. To be predominantly steel, due to vandalism concerns. Cost should be no more than £1,500. IronArt have offered to supply some materials (**Dave Mellor** to progress). Reclaimed slates could be used. Location – millennium garden (at entrance to McKillop car park). This area could be improved by slabbing and more planting. **Robert Neilson** will progress the application via LCC, so there is no planning application cost to LMEG. It was suggested Carole meet with Cllr Nimmo re the noticeboard and garden improvements. Also suggested there be a website forum for ideas on the board; locking vs. open etc. (**Barbara**). Carole to bring final costings to next meeting, then contribution from LCC can be discussed.

#### Planning Report:

- Misty Law wind farm test – LCC has no objections, though planning dept do. N.B. still no further info on what the blue boundary lines on map signifies.
- Riverside, Burnfoot Rd – no objections
- 45 McConnell Rd - no objections
- Bank, external lights - no objections
- **Gill** will follow-up: Gilsyard, St Joseph's/Garthland 'little' lodge.
- Footpath at West Ave – appeal rejected.
- St Joseph's are going to appeal against refusal to get access via Corsefield Rd. Reporter will be there Thursday.
- 53 Braehead, unauthorized garage – being followed up.
- Acre behind parish church – single developer planning workshops for rent.
- 3 Parkhill holdings, extension - no objections.
- Cooperage site, Main St – A hurried planning application has been put in, but neither LCC nor Cllr Nimmo were informed. Apparently, this application was a spoiler to the building being listed; which the council representative showing the Edrington Group round the site mistakenly told them was about to happen. Gill and Cllr Nimmo will go to see the depute and then review the plans. **Gill** will also ask that plans be sent to the library, for public viewing. There are photos of the plans accessible via the

village website, though not posted by the website. Discussion followed re the legality of this/infringement of copyright and so forth.

Matters brought by members of the public:

Carpark at Lochwinnoch station – any improvements planned to it? In the past, LCC have been told there's no money to tarmac it. If plans for lochside path etc. go ahead, then the car park will be enlarged and improved. LCC willing to pursue this again. As unclear who owns the land, Cllr Nimmo will be asked at the next meeting.

Correspondence:

- Letter from post office re single deliveries.
- Agenda for scrutiny board meeting – passed to Dave Mellor.
- Email received re light pollution at farmhouse at Yardfoot. There is nothing in planning regulations to control this. Environmental Health dept may be the route to go with any complaints.

New Year Dance:

No one present from their committee. Carried forward to next meeting.

Co-option procedures:

It is possible to co-opt on the night, if someone wishes. Any interested individual should approach the secretary (Glenys McKee) and ask for details.

AOCB:

It was suggested another venue be sought – the loud volume coming from the Scottish country dancing in the large hall really limits what can be heard at meetings. Suggestions – church hall, museum. **Barbara** to investigate museum as a venue by next meeting. Later, the youth wing may be an option.

3 complaints have been received by Charlie Fraser about the bus not meeting the train as it arrives from Glasgow.

David Arthur was congratulated, in his absence, on becoming a J.P.

**Date of next meeting:**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30, McKillop Institute**

**All welcome**

## **Agenda**

### **Lochwinnoch Community Council Meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2004, McKillop Institute, 7.30**

Apologies

Introductions

Minute of last meeting: corrections and approval

Matters arising

Police report & matters concerning the police

Councillor's report

Lochwinnoch station carpark

Questions to Iain Hamilton, Head of Roads Dept.

Treasurer's report

LMEG noticeboard and consideration of donation to same

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

Visit to Radio City, Kilbirnie

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