



## Minutes of Meeting, held Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2004 at the McKillop Institute, 7.30.

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

Apologies: Charlie Fraser (depute chair).

Visitors present: Lesley Scott (minutes), PC Tracey Knox-McLean, PC Graham Barclay, Cllr. Alastair Nimmo, Robert McCutcheon, Richard Davis, Billy McCormack, Richard Milne, William Gordon, Lorna Cowper, Doreen ?, Ian Lancold (?), William Lancold (?), Kim David, J K Richmond (?), Graeme(?) Moore, E. McIver, S. Morrison, Chris Gould, Charlie Woodward, Colin Frame, W. Craig.

Apologies from secretary, who stood in for the minute secretary at the April meeting, for not being prepared in advance with the minutes. This was due to illness. April minutes (enclosed) to be approved at June meeting, once all have had a chance to read.

### Co-option

3 people have put themselves forward as co-opted members of the Community Council: Robert McCutcheon, Christine Brown and Lesley Scott.

Glenys had checked with Alex Hewitson of Renfrewshire Council and apparently, no more than 1/3 of the CC can be co-opted. Thus, there is only 1 more place for a co-opted member. It was therefore decided to hold an interim election at the next meeting, to allow for all 3 to join. 3 weeks' notice should be given before the election. **Glenys** will get the paperwork and procedures from Alex Hewitson.

Nomination forms should be completed by **all** current co-optees (i.e. **Robert Neilson, John Kirriemuir, David Arthur**) as well as the 3 nominees. **Glenys** will ensure they all receive nomination forms.

The LCC can have up to 21 members, so if the people coming forward bring the total to less than this number, they will join the LCC uncontested. If more come forward, then an election is necessary. Those who can vote are anyone resident in the area and on the electoral roll.

### Planning

- St Joseph's access to new development – appeal turned down.
- 6 Crookhill Gdns, dormer at rear (0451)– no objections
- Change of use of byre at East Netherhouses (0287) –commented that window materials are not itemised. LCC of opinion it should be wood. Everything else in keeping; no objections.
- South Fairhill (0286), conversion of byre – no objections.
- Wester Netherhouses, installation of 5,000 litre storage tank (0299) – possibly been a tank there before. No obj. to tank, but it's unclear if other changes to the house are planned. **Gill** to clarify with planners.
- 5 Lochlip Rd (0412), single storey extension – no obj.

- 20 Newton of Barr, extension of rear dormer to listed bldg – plans not received yet. Gill asked that she respond on behalf of LCC as response must be in before next meeting. Agreed that she'd phone round and arrange an interim planning meeting if there's anything contentious.
- Mast on Misty Law – planning permission was refused.
- Mobile mast at GPO exchange, off Burnfoot Rd. – LCC have received a letter from Mono Consultants asking for LCC approval of their plans, before they seek planning permission. Meeting agreed only to consider it at the appropriate time. Neighbours to site have recvd similar letter. Cllr Nimmo said it could count as 'bad neighbour', so the company will automatically need to seek planning permission. Agreed that **Glenys** will write back to tell them they'll get a response at the appropriate time.

### Cycle Track Link

A letter from Mr Smart of Renfrewshire Council in response to one from resident Kenny Gow and received by Cllr Nimmo, was passed to the chair. Many of the non-members present were residents of the affected area. A discussion followed on the detail of the plans and its pros and cons.

A cycle link down the pavement of Lohead Ave to the site hut and then branching off to join the cycle path as it climbs up towards the bridge over the A760 was on the plans, along with the houses, since Henry Boot's involvement with the site. It was up to Keir Homes to notify purchasers of this plan. The residents present said they had not been notified. Their objection centred around the possible attraction to the area of the drinking-and-glass-throwing youths. However, the benefits to the village were pointed out as being that kids wouldn't have to go down Struther's lorry lane to access the cycle path.

Cllr. Nimmo explained no appeal was possible as the issue is between Keir Homes and Renfrewshire Council planning dept. KH would need to approach RC with modifications to the plan. It would then become a planning issue, and the plans would in due course, come to LCC for comment. As it stands, KH accepted the cycle link when they took on the building site.

Agreed that **Dave Mellor** write to KH to consider modifications and to RC to ask that they look at the matter with an open mind. Agreed that both letters should be balanced, favouring neither side, as LCC still needs to sound out opinions in the village. Copies to be circulated to LCC and website.

### Police Report

April: 7 crimes (4 detected). 2 breach of the peace (2), 1 vandalism (0), 1 unlawful fire-raising (0), 1 assault (1), 1 misuse of drugs (1), 1 housebreaking (0).

Question raised about increased graffiti in village: police said they have an idea who's behind it; anyone with information, please pass on to police.

Misuse of cycle track: police are here at weekends (sometimes in an unmarked car). Please contact with any problems. Aware of youths hanging around, however, if they are not seen to be doing anything illegal (e.g. drinking), they can't be moved on.

### Councillor's Report

The rumour that Keir Homes are building on the acre at Lohead Ave is untrue. There will be small industrial units. The plans for this should be in by end of the week.

### Treasurer's Report

£1,500 in bank. Chatterbox sponsorships received are almost up to date. Grant applied for Chatterbox (amount received varies from year to year).

### LMEG Noticeboard

Parks Dept, who own the land it's to be sited on, at entrance to McKillop car park, are in favour. Organisers to contact Robert Neilson once they're at the stage of needing his input.

### Correspondence

From Jim Sheridan – a guide to ...? // Senior citizens' outings scheme. //Health seminar 26/5/04. //Leaflets re health in work place. //Local biodiversity action plan. //Emails re: cooperage, street lighting (**Glenys** to check that lights meet current guidelines), Main St bridge – email from resident with info that he'd written to Scottish Exec who replied that its repair resides entirely with Renfrewshire Council.

Pavements: A resident brought up the matter of the overgrown state of the pavement on the A760. It was clarified that Renfrewshire Council are responsible for this section and Amey for A737. Dave Mellor had brought a paper to the meeting (attached) called 'A Sustainable Transport Plan for Lochwinnoch', drawing together a number of transport issues. He would like to start a campaign involving LCC and others from the community. All comments welcome.

Agreed that any emails received, directed to LCC (and signed) should be tabled under 'correspondence'. Where possible, e-mails received should be forwarded to others on LCC electronically.

Recording mail in and out: Glenys records all mail out, but not in, as the amount is huge. Question raised – should be job be split in 2? Discuss at June meeting.

### New Year Dance

No representative present. **Robert** will contact them.

### Radio City, Kilbirnie

Report on visit, by David Arthur: Some facilities clash with existing provision within Kilbirnie. Some rooms extremely small and poorly designed. It includes a recording studio, gym hall, halls for hire, health board, offices, affordable child care, healthy eating café. In fact, our potential facilities are better.

### LCC forum on village website

Discussion re depth of involvement of LCC in the website. (Enclosed: 'CC use of LW village website'). **Barbara** and **John** to pull together material. Agenda item for June. LCC support the application by the website group for the Community of the Year Award.

### Publicity for LCC

Dave has composed a rough draft of a publicity poster (attached) re the purpose and activities of the LCC. Agenda item for June.

### AOCB

Charlie Woodward, Parks Dept distributed leaflets re Collegiate Church & Muirshiel walks.

### Date of next meeting

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2004, McKillop Institute, 7.30pm. All welcome.**

**Agenda**  
**Lochwinnoch Community Council**  
**Meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2004,**  
**McKillop Institute, 7.30**

Apologies

For public: introductions & procedures for tabling items

Approval of minutes of last 2 meetings

Matters arising

Police report & matters concerning the police

Councillor's report

Treasurer's report

LMEG noticeboard and consideration of donation to same

LCC & the village website

Publicity for LCC

New cooerage site – route of construction & residents' traffic

Cycle track link

Correspondence (including signed e-mails)

Division of Secretary's post: discussion

Planning report & date of next planning meeting

Matters brought by members of the public

Venue of LCC meetings

New Year dance

AOCB

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