



Lairg Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held in Kinvonvie Suite, Lairg Community Centre.

Wednesday 1st November 2023: 7pm

Present: Cllr Micheal Baird, Steven Maclean (SM), Robert Johnstone (RJ), Jamie Dick (JD), Jackie Young (JY), Louise Skinner (LS)

Minutes: Miranda Jones (MJ)

Apologies: Catherine Macdonald

1) Appointment of Office Bearers

Cllr Michael Baird opened the meeting as the representative from the Highland Council to appoint office bearers for Lairg Community Council.

Cllr Baird called for nominations for Chairman.

Steven Maclean proposed by LS seconded by RJ. SM appointed Chair of LCC

Cllr Baird called for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Jamie Dick proposed by JY, seconded by RJ. JD appointed Vice-Chair of LCC

Cllr Baird called for nominations for a Treasurer.

Robert Johnstone proposed by SM, seconded by LS. RJ appointed Treasurer

Cllr Baird called for nominations for Secretary.

Louise Skinner proposed by JY, seconded by SM. LS appointed Secretary

2) Adoption of the Constitution and Standing Orders

As set out at Appendices 3 and 4 of the Scheme of Establishment. Duly adopted by LCC

3) Future Meeting Dates

Agreed that LCC will meet 1st Wednesday in the month

4) Any Other Competent Business

- JS asked for clarification on voting powers of co-opted members. Councillor Baird confirmed that co-opted members can vote.
- SM took the chair. Police report read out to members.
- Minutes from Oct meeting adopted
- **LDCI update**

Winterfest organisation going ahead. Play park – currently seeking grant funding. JY asked if she, LS & parents still part of project/consultation. Confirmed that they were.

ACTION: LCC to write a letter of support for LDCI funding applications. Magazine under review re Learning Ctr and deadlines being adhered to. LDCI Chair resubmitting application to Westminster Foundation.

JS asked if KoSDT providing someone in place of Project Officer. Confirmed they are providing some support re grant applications.

Albyn Housing LDCI need to decide what to do with the land around the houses. Options include community garden, grassland. Issue with on-going maintenance. Brora, Helmsdale have got funding for 2 part-time gardeners. Benches to be sited at the front of the properties facing the loch. Compass contract gardeners to replace lost trees.

Highland Council haven't adopted the road. Albyn Housing having a discussion re waste services/maintaining the road.
- John Sutherland joined the meeting at 7.19pm
- **Financial Report**

As of 31.10.23 Treasurer's Account £2833.50
Payments to Lairg Community Association & Lockhart's
Windfarm Account £6970.84
Project Account £4.73 to be closed
- **Planning applications**

Windows in the Manse Free Church 9 windows & door, listed building

Installation of 330 down leads Scottish Hydro Electric transmission

Altnaharra 3 extra pylons. Panel told LCC they would consider an application from Lairg

ACTION: Iain Thompson to find out timetable for grant applications
- Sandy Allison joined meeting 7.27pm
- **Highland Council report from Cllr Baird**

20mph roll-out complete. Scottish Government decision. Road Safety Unit at Highland Council to review.

No complaints re state of pavements after cables going in for Highland Broadband, working quickly.

ACTION: Log complaints re state of roads at Tomich to Joanne Sutherland via Cllr Baird

- **Date & Time of next meeting:** Weds 6th December, 7.30pm
ACTION: MJ to book room

SA & Cllr Baird left the meeting 7.58pm

Windfarm community benefit

Wreath purchased by Sheila Stuart, RJ to lay wreath.

ACTION: Invoice to be paid by LCC

1) Microgrant: Rifle Club £250 meets in Lairg 12-15 x/yr AGREED

ACTION: Need bank details – JD to email

2) Microgrant: Jean West for Mobile Sauna

ACTION: LCC to advise Jean to apply through a group as individuals cannot be funded

3) Fuel Vouchers – 8 approved and delivered

4) Application LDCI for Lairg Magazine - £2700 Rejected.

- Village Officer: funded by Foundation Scotland

ACTION: JY & SM to liaise with LDCI and look to contract out rather than employ.

- Bird Hide: work completed. On-going maintenance to path, carried out by volunteers
- Lochside clearing: going well, volunteers needed to remove brash. Use local self-employed people for on-going clearing
- Donna Gilchrist has offered her resignation as Treasurer but is happy to work until the end of the year until paperwork sorted out. New secretary Miranda Jones to take over the role.

Meeting ended 20.44pm