

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY WANLOCKHEAD VILLAGE COUNCIL
ON THE 6TH FEBRUARY, 2017.

PRESENT. Lynda Findlay, Chair, Anne Arrigoni, Treasurer, Androulla Richford, Secretary, William Findlay, Isobel Gibb, Ian Marsden, Harry Pickburn, Marilyn Pickburn, Paul Cope, Allana Rogerson Jim Dempster, Steven Morrison, Peter Scott, Lincoln Richford, William Bentley, T. Bentley, J Mason, Charlotte Paul, Neil Tollick.

APOLOGIES: Audrey Ridley

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Anne Arrigoni proposed and William Findlay seconded.

Matters Arising:

The Chair told the meeting the fencing had been done and barbed wire removed.

Quotes not yet obtained for garden

Dallies Dyke – JD reported that D&G think the Estate own it. He will confirm.

Doctors Surgery: The chair has spoken to Oliver Mundell and to Garry Sheen. Garry will come to our next meeting. JD spoke with Angus Cameron of the Health Board regarding a possible transfer to Sanquhar practice but they are a doctor down so not ideal time to include Wanlockhead.

Female doctor – a chaperone can be arranged or there is a female doctor in Moffat on Fridays.

Parking on Goldscaur Road causing narrow access. Lynda phoned council who will gauge whether a snowplough can get through.

Village Speed Limit discussed village can apply for funding for a flashing sign, 20 MPH. Also try and collect registration number and name on vans and report.

We had a few residents from the village of Abington attending this meeting and there was a discussion about their experiences and the 30 MPH through their village. It seems this speed limit is not adhered to.

Bus Shelter: Lillian Pool from Sustainable Transport at D&G has been contacted. She will find out who owns it and will contact them. Large hole on side of bus shelter will also be looked into. (This minute taker has been noting for so many years about the ownership and responsibility of maintaining the Bus Shelter and the road leading to it.

It seems we cannot pin anyone to own up. Same with so many other aspects and things need doing in the village. Time we all stop paying our rates, declare UDI and get on with the job ourselves) I am just saying.

Community Centre: JD spoke about community ownership. Decision to be made by spring 2018.

LR informed the meeting that he met on the 19th January, with Fiona Daubnie, James Hunter, and Jamie Ferguson, from D&G and Katie Nairn from Foundation Scotland. The policy is that the Centre would be handed over to the community in the Spring of 2018. As a community we have to decide what to do about this. Costs have been requested. Feasibility Study to be had to come up with recommendations and involving the whole community. Public meeting to be held when all information is at hand.

Peter Scott asked if the current situation and proposals for the CC would be the same whether the Surgery continued or not. JD replied No.

The meeting discussed other uses for the Centre to create more income.

Finance: please see attached information.

HP handed over to the Treasurer a cheque for £1,000 from the wind farm account for micro grants.

CORRESPONDENCE

Two letters were handed to the Secretary from Mr. and Mrs. Duncan. They were replies to enquiries they made to David Mundell MP when he visited Wanlockhead.

The matters raised:

- . Transport – the cutting of the monthly community bus to Dumfries
- . Traffic lights on the A76
- . BT digging up part of the private road in Fraser Terrace without notice
- . Restrictions on Wind Farm money in relation to hall repairs
- . Grit bin request
- . A76 bus shelter – weeds and no glass
- . The Community Buyout

Mr. Mundell promised to make enquiries of the appropriate bodies and come back with their responses.

And here they are, (somewhat selective!)

Transport. “as a result of the Council’s budget decision for 2016?17 SWestrans had a reduction in its revenue budget of £315,000. At its meeting on the 1st April 2016, the monthly local bus services from Leadhills?Wanlockhead to Dumfries was one of the services that the SWtrans Board agreed to reduce/remove to comply with the reduction in its revenue”

“With regards to the request for a grit bin in Fraser Terrace, under current guidelines it does not qualify for a further bin FT is off the U469n Toll Brae which is on a primary treatment route and there is a salt bin at the junction of the B797 and Toll Brae (approx. 40m from FT). Fraser Terrace is only 150m long and therefore falls within the 250m radius as set out in the Community Winter Resilience Scheme”.

“Finally, the bus shelter has been added to the list of repairs to be carried out which will be programmed in due course”.

Further, a letter from 2020 in reply to the WVC complaint that the Public Exhibition held on the 30th September, 2016 fell short of a proper consultation regarding the proposed wind farm. There are two pages proclaiming what a fabulous job they did.

This letter dated 20th December, 2016. We did not hold a meeting in January 2017. So our response will be a little late. Secretary to reply reiterating that the best way to inform the village is through a note in every letter box. AR to reply.

Windfarm was discussed – JD remarked on the possible £750,000 that may be set aside for the communities of Wanlockhead, Leadhills, Sanquhar, Kirkconnel and Kelloholm.

Planning application for the Wind Farm is not in, expected early part of 2017. As soon as it happens we will be informing the village via a leaflet with all the relevant information for those who wish to Object or Support.

Foundation Scotland may be attending our next meeting for discussion of the above. Chair to respond.

AOB

Garden maintenance was discussed and it was agreed that the committee will discuss this at length at the next meeting.

Thank you from David Duncan to the WVC for inviting him to switch on the Christmas Lights.

There was a general approval of the Christmas Lights and a brief update by Isobel about the next stage for next year.

Insurance to be renewed Secretary to organise.

Peter Scott, said he had noticed on previous minutes that the Wanlockhead Housing Trust was referred to. The chair replied that the WVC had received enquiries from and outwith the village as to how one could access this Trust. On enquiring the WVC was told the Trust was private and as such we could not be party to any information.

He also asked if the WVC had considered or had discussions about becoming a Community Council. He was informed that we had given it some thought at times but continued as we are. JD offered some benefits to being a CC but thought that we seem to be doing ok as we are.

The meeting closed by 8.30.

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON THE 6TH MARCH, 2016