

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY THE WANLOCKHEAD VILLAGE COUNCIL ON THE 5TH JUNE, 2017.

PRESENT: Lynda Findlay, Chair, Androulla Richford, Secretary, William Findlay, Isobel Gibb, Harry Pickburn, Paul Cope, Marilyn Pickburn, Allison Cope, Stewart Lee, Charlotte Paul, James McKelvey, Peter Scott, Mac Blewer, Steven Morrison, Harvie Patterson, Anjo Abelaira, Jenny Harvey, Neil Tollick and Jim Dempster.

APOLOGIES: Anne Arrigoni

Chair opened meeting. Minutes of meeting held on the 3rd April were corrected. The £200 donated for the Queensberry initiative to cover extra-curricular transport costs for the 3 children attending Sanquhar Academy was returned due to lack of match funding. William proposed and Isobel seconded.

Notes of meeting held on 15th May, proposed by James and seconded by Stewart.

CORRESPONDENCE: see Roads update and Dallies Dyke

TREASURERS REPORT:

Wanlockhead Village Council

5th June 2017

Wind Farm Account

Opening Balance	£2,040.45
Expenditure	
Cheque no. 100081 Margaret Wilson micro grant	250.00
No Income	
Closing Balance	£1,790.45

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Village Council Account

Opening Balance	£1,126.30
Expenditure	
Cheque no. 100039 Registers of Scotland	24.00
No Income	
Closing Balance	£1,102.30

ROADS UP DATE:

William emailed Mark Simpson at D&G on 24th April, to report: Depressed manhole cover at the end of Goldscaur Row, Tarmac road edge at 7 Goldscaur Row, Tarmac edge and blocked road drain at entrance to Wanlockhead Inn.

Reply from Mark Simpson that some of the above have been noted during the safety inspection process and have been added to their forward maintenance register.

DALLIES DYKE:

Contact was made with David Harkness, Gordon McDonald and A. Nisbet. The wall is not listed, it belongs to the Estate, proposal to demolish and put metal barrier up?

VILLAGE GARDENS:

Benches, refurbished and George Moffat from Community Payback confirmed that they will be doing grass cutting this season.

Report of cables damaged in Manse Road by large lorry.

Fly tipping at old mine and open mine shaft reported to A. Nisbet. This has now been sorted.

GP

Transport takes place once a week on Tuesdays the suggestion of an earlier surgery start to accommodate working people to be looked into.

AOB:

Bowling Club up date from Mac. At the VC's request he has handed the paperwork to lawyer to study. Also requested pricing for fees. Crowd funding on hold for now.

Jim Dempster advised that we should not waste our energy on the above.

OUTDOOR GYM

Proposed at last meeting in May. This was discussed further. There is one in Sanquhar near the duck pond for those wishing to take a look. Quotes will be sought and it was agreed that this idea will be put out to the village for their views in July.

LEADHILLS RAILWAY

The meeting heard from Harvie Paterson, company Secretary of Lowthers Railway Society, on the extension of the Railway to N.A.T.S. Road. A lease had been obtained from Buccleuch for 25 years, and, though fundraising was incomplete, it was hoped soon to apply for planning permission. He said that the plan shown to the meeting will be made available to be exhibited in the Community Centre.

LOWTHER SKI CLUB

Anjo Abelaira informed the meeting that following planning approval in 2015 and 2 years of hard work by volunteers, Lowther Hills Ski Club has been awarded 45% funding by Clyde Wind Farm Fund. A further 10% of funding will come from the Club's own resources. They expect to be able to confirm award of the rest of funding from other sources by autumn 2017. They are endeavouring to have the building ready for the coming season 2017/18. The long standing non co-operation and unresolved lease issues with Hopetoun Estate still continue. Anjo hopes to have an update for the VC by September.

Caravans on SSSI's. Historic Scotland and Estate to be advised.

Discussion on abandoned cars. JD advised we speak with Shona Henderson, from Community Safety.

Meeting ended 8.25 NEXT MEETING 3 JULY.