

WANLOCKHEAD VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 5TH NOVEMBER 2018

PRESENT: Lynda Findlay, Chair, Anne Arrigoni, Treasurer, Androulla Richford, Secretary, Isobel Gibb, Neil Tollick, William Findlay, Jennie Harvie, Steven Morrison, Victoria Chanin, Peter Scott.

Welcome.

Neil Tollick and Jennie Harvie were co-opted to the committee. Neil proposed by Lynda and seconded by Anne. Jennie proposed by Androulla and seconded by William.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Proposed by Anne and seconded by Neil.

Matters arising:

Gardens: Ash die back no news yet. Payback team will continue to cut grass. Poly tunnel project there will be an update by the next meeting of work to be scheduled. Steven Morrison advised that he donated £100 for garden maintenance. The committee expressed their thanks.

Fire pit in gardens Neil asked the committee if he should re turf. It was discussed that the bonfire event was enjoyed by many and whether we should make it a permanent feature. It was agreed that we keep it for future bonfire events. Next one being Hogmanay.

Mennock Pass – Estate has volunteers for clearing up.

NLEI wind farm update – a meeting between FORSA and members of the VC will be held on the 3rd December to gather information regarding community energy and possible benefits should the proposal be successful.

Correspondence:

Letter received from Stew Lee, Jan Lee, and Allison Cope, as signatories, in response to the minutes of the AGM held on the 24th September, 2018. The contents of the letter were read to the meeting. The comments and suggestions contained therein were considered and discussed by the meeting.

A letter was also received from Isobel Gibb, the contents of which were discussed with her and some of her comments and suggestions noted. In the same letter, Isobel, indicated her wish to resign as a member of the VC committee.

Two letters were also received from Robert McCafferty. This correspondence comprises 3 pages of mostly defamatory and libellous invective. He well knows as a previous chair of the VC, we are all busy volunteers for essential village council business with no time to enter into lengthy correspondence.

VC meetings are open to all, take place on the first Monday of the month, are publicised and we encourage villagers to attend, take part, ask questions, obtain and exchange information.

Mr. McCafferty accuses the VC of interfering in his private business and of harassment because the VC discussed and minuted about activities on the path behind his property and to 'earth works' to the adjacent property. Concerned villagers about the possible loss of use of a path

approached the VC for information. We went on line and looked at planning something anyone can do.

Please note that the VC from time to time does engage with other communities, groups and projects in matters relevant to Wanlockhead. Approved micro grants were for the benefit of:
Wanlockhead children attending Leadhills School and facilitating swimming lessons
Wanlockhead children and adults who are members of the Leadhills Silver Band
Joint commemorating projects

On voting, and perceived conflict of interest, those that are eligible vote.

Lincoln, as a villager wished to voice his thanks for the VC committees work.

Finance Report: attached.

AOB

Isobel, as chair of the Community Centre SCIO, updated the meeting. A feasibility study is underway with community event/consultation to take place in January. There will be a survey door to door and through social media. Also attending the Christmas Village get together on the 8th December will be members of the survey team to gauge for themselves the interest of the residents regarding the future of the Community Centre.

Christmas Village Get Together:

The chair confirmed she had written to the chair of the WCT and the CC about taking part in the above event. Some suggestions for the family friendly event:

To offer Mulled Wine /Cider or just wine

Suggest BYOB

Santa possibility (Isobel to ask Dave)??

Selection Boxes for children

It was agreed that we liaise and organise the above prior to our next meeting.

We already have £115 towards this. The chair confirmed that the form for the next £1000 drawdown was with Foundation Scotland. She also wished to remind everyone that micro grants can be up to £250 or smaller. Details of dates and access to these will appear on the next minutes.

Christmas Tree and Lighting:

We agreed in obtaining a 16 foot tree. Dean McKelvey to obtain it on our behalf. Neil to confirm price.

It was also discussed that we should consider planting a suitable permanent tree for the future.

D&G Council will light the Christmas lights once we have agreed dates.

At the end of the meeting, Isobel confirmed that she did not wish to withdraw her resignation.

Meeting ended 8.45 pm

NEXT MEETING 3RD DECEMBER 2018

Treasurer's Report

Wanlockhead Village Council

5th November 2018

Windfarm Account

Opening Balance £1,000.00

Expenditure

Cheque no: 100065 Isobel Gibb admin costs for CC £250.00

Cheque no: 100066 Sharon Connelly Fairtrade £135.00

Cheque no: 100067 Catriona Blewer Rag Rug Course £250.00

.Closing balance £365.00

5th November 2018

Village Council Account

Opening Balance £7,243.70

No Income

Expenditure

Cheque no. 200010 W. Findlay Printing costs £56.52

Cheque no. 200012 W. Findlay clean up costs £16.00

Closing Balance £7,171.18