

WANLOCKHEAD VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
4TH FEBRUARY, 2019.

PRESENT:

Lynda Findlay, Chair, Anne Arrigoni, Treasurer, Androulla Richford, Secretary, William Findlay, Jennie Harvey, Neil Tollick, Peter Scott, Steven Morrison, Mac Blewer.

No Apologies.

Minutes of last meeting were read, and approved. Proposed by Lynda Findlay, seconded by Neil Tollick.

Matters arising:

Under **Correspondence** on December's minutes, the following was recorded:

“Several emails received from Stew and Jan Lee regarding the village garden and queries regarding AGM business. The secretary responded where possible and reiterated that VC business is best dealt with at meetings and stated that both would be welcome to attend the VC's meetings which are open and where all are welcome.”

The above paragraph was scored out and replaced by the following message written in red ink.

“Stew and Jan Lee are unable to attend VC meetings on a Monday due to other commitments. That is why everything discussed in a meeting should be minuted and displayed for all to see to keep those who cannot attend up to date. You should not have to attend meetings in order to find out what's happening in the village”. (Open & transparent)!!!

The above was discussed and the conclusion is that it is not possible to record on the Minutes, all comments and opinions verbatim. Or indeed record the entire content of letters received. However all correspondence and information received is attached to that month's particular Minutes and are on file. The information can be viewed on request. Minutes are displayed on Village Noticeboards, in the Pub and can be viewed on the village website.

The Chair wished it be minuted that all those who would like to contribute to village matters, bring new skills or need information, to please write to the VC or come and take part or ask questions at meetings on the first Monday of the month.

Sink Holes Townhead: previously mentioned by Steven Morrison. Chair spoke with SEPA who stated they are only concerned with contamination. Chair also spoke with the Estate and David Rogerson will be coming to the village to assess the situation.

FINANCE:

Treasurer's Report

4th February 2019 Wanlockhead VC Wind Farm Account

Opening Balance £115.00

Income

Digital Transfer from VC Account £885.00

Closing Balance £1000.00

4th February 2019 Village Council Account

Opening Balance £7,896.18

Income

Cash from gardening club £25.00

Expenditure

Cheque no. 200016 Lady Haig Remembrance Wreath £34.00

Cheque no. 200017 Reimburse Neil Tollick part payment for purchasing fence £600.00

Cheque no. 200018 Jennie Harvey for the purchase of poly tunnel previously agreed £1,669.33

Cheque no. 200020 Neil Tollick reimbursement for final fence payment £560.93

Transfer to Wind Farm Account £885.00

Total Expenditure £3,749.26

Closing Balance £4,171.92

Further finance discussed:

Renewal of Village Council Public Liability Insurance to be renewed.

A cheque for £261.98 for renewal premium made out to Zurich Insurance, to be posted by secretary.

An invoice for £26.45 presented by secretary for purchasing ink for printing costs for VC business.

D&G Christmas Lights:

The secretary informed the meeting that she has not yet received the invoice from D&G regarding the above lighting costs which will be in excess of £1000.

Micro Grants:

The Treasurer informed the meeting that there is a sum of £832.00 available for micro grants.

Also that a cheque for £168, payable to Victoria Chanin, for a micro grant to obtain a licence for a film club to be held in the Community Centre has not yet been cashed.

New Micro Grant Applications:

1. Live Christmas tree to be purchased for £65 grant applied for by Neil on behalf of the VC. Those eligible to vote agreed.
2. Tall rabbit proof planters to be installed in village gardens. Jennie applying for £158 for material and some of Neil's time in making 6 planters. These cost normally from £80 and upwards each. Those eligible to vote agreed.
3. Lisa Edwards applying for £250 for expenses towards a Musical event being organised for May. After discussion it was unanimously agreed to defer this application pending more information being obtained by the chair and request more information from the applicant.

Mac Blewer, informed the meeting that in March there will be free trees available for community planting that will require sheep and rabbit proof guards and he hopes to apply for a micro for their purchase.

The meeting had a discussion about providing a permanent Christmas tree for the village especially since the new occupants of the church expressed their desire to the Chair that they would wish to make a contribution for one. Initial ideas are of a live tree surrounded by a metal frame structure. Steve Morrison to obtain more information and will report at the next meeting. For the record the Christmas tree costs £200 every year plus lighting costs charged by D&G.

Twenty Shilling Wind Farm Benefits:

On the last Minutes it was recorded that the Chair would be attending a meeting held in Sanquhar, organised by Community Liaison, Dougie Wilson of Smithy House Associates Limited to obtain further information on how benefits to communities will be shared. The Benefits Report had not be signed off yet so there was only rough guessing. We will report the correct information when it becomes available.

Clyde Wind Farm:

The last large grants were due on 23rd January, 2019 and decisions on these will be on March 23rd. It was discussed and proposed that Anne Arrigoni will partner the Chair in future Clyde Wind Farm meetings.

War Memorial:

Willie Findlay is making enquiries regarding obtaining grants for repair and renovation of the above. Mac suggested that there may be World War Centenary grants available.

Gardens:

The new fencing between the Museum and Gardens boundary has been installed.

Steven Morrison asked as to whether the Museum contributed to the cost of the new fence. Last year there was an informal verbal understanding if the VC supplied the materials the Museum would do the installing. The materials were purchased by a grant from Clyde wind farm and the fence installed by Neil Tollick.

Poly Tunnel update:

The poly tunnel is now awaiting installation. The appointed contractor will confirm date.

The Rowan Tree that many wished would not be removed is still in place. A shorter tunnel was purchased to accommodate this. Other trees that were alive have been re planted on the banking.

Regarding the installation of the above, Jennie will contact Charlotte to obtain permission to use electricity point from the CC.

AOB

Peter Scott wanted to have some clarification on the membership part of the VC's constitution. All those attending discussed and offered clarification.

Also he wondered if a grant could be applied for to install a bus stop on Goldscaur Row, also a few other queries regarding paving. Chair will report at next meeting regarding paving. With regard to bus stop it was felt one was not necessary and that it would not be up to the VC to make one available.

There being no other business the Meeting Closed at 8.30.

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON THE 4TH MARCH, 2019