

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY WANLOCKHEAD VILLAGE COUNCIL
ON THE 5 TH DECEMBER, 2016.

PRESENT: Lynda Findlay, Chair, Androulla Richford, Secretary, Anne Arrigoni, Treasurer, Audrey Ridley, Ian Marden,, William Findlay, Marilyn Pickburn, Harry Pickburn, Paul Cope, Alanna Rogerson, Allison Cope, Peter Scott, Steven Morrison, Mac Blewer, Lincoln Richford, Clr. Jim Dempster.

MATTERS ARISING

First Aid – Hub Kirkonell, Violet Wark, possible courses.

Fencing: letter received from Queensberry Estate confirming that fencing will be taken down as well as the old canteen hut which is dangerous and contains asbestos and fencing of the tailings pond.

Garden Gate: still need to obtain 2 quotes

Dallies Dyke and Cattle Grid: Jim Dempster to chase.

Doctors Surgery:

JD told the meeting that the Health Board had decided to cease providing a service to Wanlockhead. Provision will be made for the residents of Wanlockhead at Leadhills. Until further notice medicines will continue to be collected at the Leadhills.

There was a discussion about joining Sanquhar, should the whole village desire it.

The question of lack of provision of a female doctor arose. Lynda to contact surgery.

FINANCE

The treasurer reported that the cheque from the former gardening club was to be banked. Also she had requested change of signature forms following the change in WVC Chair.

JD informed the meeting of available grants from D&G council for community projects. Applications before 5th January, Minimum £1 – maximum £30,000. criteria Nithsdale Area Community Grant.

Treasurers Report:

Wanlockhead Village Council 5th December 2016

Windfarm Account

Opening Balance £1,744.03

Cheque no. 100070 Halloween Party 250.00

Cheque no. 100108 A. Ridley village clean up food 20.81

Cheque no, 100071 L. Findlay, fireworks 250.00

Total Expenditure £520.81

Closing Balance £1,223.22

2nd September 2016

Village Council Account

Opening Balance £723.76

No Expenditure

Closing Balance £723.76

The cheque paid to A. Ridley should have been from the Village Council Account. A cheque has been written to rectify this.

Two cheques, one for £1,000 for micro grants and another for £8,377 for Prpject Visible part 2, have been deposited into the windfarm account.

Windfarm Grants up date:

4 grants

Grant of £250 for the Pensioners Christmas Party was unanimously agreed.

Next grant applications date 25th January, Decision in March.

CORRESPONDENCE

The letter from Queensberry Estate referred to above regarding contamination in the village.

JD informed the meeting that he is at present informing himself on contamination

from council reports on contaminated land. There was a general discussion about :

Pollution, live stock, Sepa, Scottish government, Ministry of Fisheries. JD wrote to the ministry apparently fishing stocks are improving!

AOB

Mac told the meeting about the recent Stream Survey in the village checking life and pollution levels.

Buyout: Mac informed the meeting of an update taking place in the village on the 10th December. Also of his meeting with members of Sanquhar Community Council to inform them of the buyout in Wanlockhead. He also confirmed the completion of the Stage 1 application to the Scottish Land Fund for the forthcoming Feasibility Study.

Harry Pickburn thanked all those involved in the Christmas Lights event and that he

had already booked the Leadhills Silver Band for next year.

A number of attendees remarked on road safety and speeding of vehicles down Church Street and up Goldscaur Road, particularly on the bend where Lillybank cottage is?????

Winter Roads and gritters discussed.

DATE NEXT MEETING MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY, 2017 7PM