

Leadhills Community Council - Minutes of Regular Meeting **05 December 2024**

Present (LCC): Steve Johnstone (SJ), Margaret Harley (MH), Nigel Davies (ND) and Stuart Marsh (SM)
South Lanarshire (SLC) Councillors for Ward 3 - Clydesdale East: Ralph Barker

Twenty Members of the Public were also present

Meeting commenced at 19h45

1.0 Welcome and Apologies

- 1.1 SJ welcomed the SLC Councillor, Leadhills Community Council members and members of public to the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies for absence were received from Bryan Turpin (LCC member) and Ian McAllan and Alex Alison (SLC Councillors)

2.0 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on 10 October 2024

- 2.1 Draft minutes / amended draft were circulated to all CC members by email on two occasions, most recently on 20 November 2024. No comments were received on the draft issued on 20 November 2024.
- 2.2 The draft minutes circulated by email on 20 November 2024 were unanimously approved as an accurate record of the regular meeting.

3.0 Questions and Answers – Questions from Residents

- 3.1 No questions were raised

4.0 New Members for Leadhills Community Council

- 4.1 Effort to recruit new members to continue by word of mouth and by advertising on Facebook and on village notice boards.

5.0 Grant Visor Scheme

- 5.1 Nothing to report.

6.0 Treasurer's Report

- 6.1 MH reported that the current balance in LCC's account is £11,117.04

7.0 Secretary's Report

- 7.1 William, Symington Memorial: Waiting for SLC to contact ND. SLC to survey the monument for suspected movement (slippage) jointly with ND. **Reminder to be sent to SLC – Action SJ**
- 7.2 Collapsed Section of Cemetery Wall: SLC intend to repair this during 2023/24. **BT to monitor and report**
- 7.3 Other Damaged Walls in the Village: BT is liaising with SLC (Colin Reid) regarding ownership / responsibility for other walls in the village that need to be repaired. Colin should have reported back to BT before the festive break, but this did not happen. **BT to monitor**
- 7.4 Dilapidation of the wall on East side of Main Street at the third property to the South of the junction with Horner's Place at site of previous co-op bakery. Note: Councillor Alison has reported this to SLC and has advised SLC that the flow of traffic on Main Street will be disrupted if this wall collapses. **To be followed up – Action SJ**
- 7.5 Collapsed Section of Boundary Wall of Scotch Mining House: A short section of wall has collapsed onto Main Street and is marked with traffic cones. Situation to be Monitored – **Action SJ**

Note: SM has agreed to take on responsibility for wall repairs throughout Leadhills. SJ to request BT to forward information, photographs, correspondence, etc to SM.

8.0 Position of Secretary of LCC

8.1 BT has offered to take on the position of secretary once again.

8.2 BT was to have been appointed during this meeting but is absent due to the demise of his father.

8.3 SJ is continuing to act as secretary pending the appointment of BT during the next meeting of LCC.

9.0 Meeting with Wanlockhead Community Council on Points of Mutual Interest

9.1 Wanlockhead Community Council requested to contact SJ with proposed date(s).

10.0 Surface Water Drainage and Road Surface Reinstatement between Lowther View and Store Brae

10.1 Surface water is not draining away correctly from the gully situated near the junction of Store Brae and Bell View. On some occasions water overflows from the gully and runs down Store Brae.

10.2 Contractor to perform water jetting to clear blockage to be investigated – **Action SJ**

11.0 Planning Matters

11.1 Application Ref P/24/0827 for a new dwelling near Symington Street has been withdrawn.

11.2 Planning applications Refs P/24/1020 and 1022 for meteorological masts connected with the proposed Ravensgill Energy Park development have been approved. The third application Ref: P/24/1021 has been withdrawn. It is anticipated that a new application will be submitted for the third mast.

11.3 Planning application Ref: P/24/1362 had been submitted for the erection of a shed and installation of 12 solar panels at ground level in the garden ground to the rear of 8 Lowther View.

12.0 Village Hall Resilience Plan – Asset Transfer

12.1 An asset transfer to bring the hall into village ownership must be seriously considered. It is rumoured that only nine (9) village halls will continue to operate under the care of SLC following the next round of cost cutting – **Action All**

13.0 Suggestions for Projects / Improvements

13.1 SJ urged all residents and LCC members and to put forward suggestions for project and improvements in Leadhills.

The following suggestions have been received and are awaiting investigation / implementation:

(a) Provide improved apparatus in the play-park for younger children to enjoy. Will SLC maintain such equipment? **Action - SJ to follow-up**

(b) Repair collapsed section of cemetery wall – **BT following**

(c) Repair dilapidated / collapsed sections of walls throughout the village – **Action BT / SJ**

(d) Resolve concern regarding movement / slippage of William Symington Memorial – **Action SLC, SJ & ND**

(e) Reduce grass / vegetation by strimming to expose footpath from new footbridge on Ramsay Road to the Symington Memorial **Action - SJ to follow-up**

(f) Water jetting to clear obstruction in outlet drain from gully at junction of Bell View and Store Brae – **SJ to investigate**

14.0 Comments Box

14.1 No comments were deposited this time.

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15.0 Ravensgill Energy Park

15.1 Request date from Renewco for open day at Leadhills Village Hall – **Action SJ**

15.2 Request the proposed Terms of Reference for the Community Liaison Group for Ravensgill Energy Park – **Action SJ**

15.3 It is evident that opposition to the proposed Ravensgill Energy Park is strong within Leadhills.

15.4 A group called Ravensgill Action Group has been formed. Their constitution has been drafted and residents have been appointed to key positions of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

15.5 On 20/11/2024, SJ circulated an email giving initial outline information about the proposed 16 turbine Watchman Energy Park. This site is situated 7 km South of Crawford and 10 km South of Elvanfoot. This proposed wind farm is unlikely to have any direct adverse impact on Leadhills.

16.0 Date and Time of Next Meeting

16.1 The **next Regular Meeting** will be held in Leadhills Village Hall on **Thursday 06 February 2025 – Commencing at 19h45**

22.0 Close of Meeting

SJ thanked all attendees and closed the meeting at 21h30.