

Leadhills Community Council - Minutes of Annual General Meeting
7th November 2024

Present (LCC): Steve Johnstone (SJ) - Chairman, Margaret Harley (MH) - Treasurer, Bryan Turpin (BT) and Stuart Marsh (SM)
South Lanarkshire (SLC) Councillor for Ward 3 Clydesdale East: Ralph Barker

One Member of the Public was also present

1.0 Welcome and Apologies

1.1 SJ welcomed the South Lanarkshire Council member Ralph Barker, Leadhills Community Council members and the member of public to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies for absence were received from Nigel Davies (ND) of LCC.

Note: SLC councillors Ralph Barker, Ian McAllan and Alex Adamson attend LCC's meeting on a rotational basis.

2.0 Review and Approval of Minutes of the Previous AGM held on 05 November 2023

2.1 The minutes of the AGM held on 05 November 2023 were approved during the regular meeting held on 10 December 2023. Approval was unanimously reconfirmed during this AGM.

3.0 Chairman's Report for the Year to 05 November 2024

Scope of Report

This report addresses the main events that occurred during the period from 06 November 2023 until 05 November 2024.

Membership of Leadhills Community Council

The members of LCC during the period covered by this report are listed below:

- *Margaret Harley – Treasurer – from 06/11/2023 until 05/11/2024*
- *Bryan Turpin – Secretary# – from 06/11/2023 until 05/11/2024*
- *Steve Johnstone – Chairman – from 06/11/2023 until 05/11/2024*
- *Nigel Davies – from 06/11/2023 until 05/11/2024*
- *Stuart Marsh – from appointment as co-opted member on 10 October 2024 until 05/11/2024*
- *#BT stood down from the position of Secretary on 09/08/2024 and continued as a normal member. Since 08/08/2024 the position of Secretary been covered temporarily by SJ.*
- *Lesley Duckworth – from 06/11/2023 until she resigned on 01 February 2024*
- *Jemma Worrell – from 06/11/2023 until she resigned on 02 February 2024*
- *Frances McIlwaine – from 06/11/2023 until she resigned on 01 October 2024*
- *Colin McGavigan – from 06/11/2023 until he resigned on 08 October 2024*

Projects and Improvements

During the period covered by this report, the following projects / improvements were realised:

- *The Community Action Plan ("CAP") was finalised and printed (**see note).*
- *A bin for dog dirt was provided by the estate near the "Y" junction in Horner's Place.*
- *Three (3) dilapidated timber footbridges were replaced by new bridges.*
- *Barbed wire in children's play park along boundary with pony paddock was removed by SLC.*
- *Three simple hand-propelled grit spreading machines together with ancilliary equipment have been provided by SLC to assist with winter resilience.*
- *An additional grit bin has been provided by SLC at the top of the Vennel to assist with winter resilience.*
- *Broken path edging at Symington memorial has been replaced by SLC.*
- *Damaged wall at school next to where Christmas tree is erected has been repaired by SLC.*

- *Action has been taken by the estate to intercept and divert surface water above adopted part of Station Road*
- *In a joint initiative by LCC and the estate, surface water drainage has been provided and road surface has been reinstated between Lowther View and Store Brae.*

*** Completion of the CAP was a major step forward for Leadhills. The CAP is the first step on the route to having the SSE release money from the Clyde Windfarm Extension Fund to be spent on approved projects in the village. The balance in the Fund for Leadhills is presently sitting at £510,783.00.*

The following projects / improvements remain on LCC's list for implementation:

- Repair collapsed section of cemetery wall*
- Repair dilapidated / collapsed sections of walls throughout the village – **Action BT / SJ***
- Resolve concern regarding movement / slippage of William Symington Memorial – **Action SLC & ND***
- Reduce grass / vegetation by strimming to expose casual footpath from new footbridge on Ramsay Road to the Symington Memorial **Action - SJ to follow-up***
- Provide improved apparatus in the play-park for younger children to enjoy. Will SLC maintain such equipment? **Action - SJ to follow-up***
- All members are encouraged to propose new projects / improvements – **Action All***

During the 2023/24 financial year, the following micro-grants of £500 each were awarded in public meetings of LCC by a show of hands:

- *Braw Clan Scots Language Group to partially fund the public performance in Leadhills Village Hall of a play based on local content.*
- *Lowther and District Men's Shed for non-construction costs relating to the development*
- *Leadhills Golf Club to partially cover some of their costs*
- *Leadhills Angling Association to partially support the cost of improving their facilities.*
- *Leadhills Gardening Group (aka the Flower Pot Men) for purchase of materials and plants and maintenance of flower tubs and troughs throughout Leadhills*
- *Leadhills Akido Group to help support the cost of Akido classes in Leadhills Village Hall*
- *Leadhills Senior Citizens Club – to help support the cost of Christmas Vouchers, etc*
- *Leadhills Polytunnel Tunnel to partially support some of their costs*
- *Leadhills Gala – to allow free entry for children instead of a £2 admission charge.*
- *Yoga Classes in Leadhills Village Hall to partially support the cost of providing yoga classes in Leadhills Village Hall*

4.0 Bank Account

4.1 Details of LCC's bank account are unchanged.

4.2 The Authorised Signatories to operate the bank account remain Margaret Harley (MH), Bryan Turpin (BT) and Steve Johnstone (SJ).

4.0 Treasurer's Report

4.1 MH reported that the current balance in LCC's bank account is £12,117.04.

5.0 Approval of Accounts for Financial Year Ended 31 March 2024

5.1 LCC's accounts for year ended 31 March 2024 were unanimously approved.

6.0 Office Bearers

6.1 Treasurer: MH agreed to continue as treasurer for another year.

6.2 Secretary: SJ invited nomination for this position but nobody volunteered. It was unanimously agreed that SJ would act as secretary for another three (3) months i.e. until 07 February 2025. SJ will willingly relinquish the roll of secretary should a member of LCC volunteer to take it on.

6.3 Chairman: SJ will continue as Chairman for another year.

7.0 Constitution

7.1 The model constitution was unanimously adopted without alteration for another term.

8.0 Adherence to Scheme and Associated Documents

8.1 Adherence to the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in its entirety was unanimously confirmed without alteration for another year.

8.2 Compliance with the Code of Conduct for LCC members was unanimously confirmed without alteration for another year.

9.0 Dates of Meetings for 2025

9.1 It was agreed that, subject to the village hall being available, meeting would be held on the following dates:

- Regular Meeting: Thursday 06 February 2025
- Regular Meeting: Thursday 03 April 2025
- Regular Meeting: Thursday 05 June 2025
- Regular Meeting: Thursday 07 August 2025
- Regular Meeting: Thursday 02 October 2025
- AGM* followed by Regular Meeting : Thursday 04 December 2025

- *Annual General Meeting (“AGM”): Thursday 04 December 2025

Post Meeting Note: The village hall has been booked for the above meetings.
All meeting will commence at 19h45

11.0 Close of AGM

11.1 SJ thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20h00