

LOANS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Loans Village Hall

Meeting Minutes 9 Apr 2025

PRESENT: David Chalmers, Sheila Paton, Fred McCrory, Audrey Gatt, Katy Busby

APOLOGIES: Keith Mason, Veronica Hickman

There were two members of the public in attendance.

1. Welcome by Chairman

DC welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

2. Police Report

No police officers were able to attend the meeting this month.

A Police Report covering the 11th March-8th April 2025 confirmed there were two calls for the reporting period relating to Welfare Concerns and one call about speeding vehicles travelling through the village.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting 12th March 2025

The minutes from the previous meeting have been circulated and commented on. These minutes were proposed by Fred McCrory and seconded by Sheila Paton.

4. Matters Arising

4.1 Place Planning Update

AG confirmed that her role has changed and she is no longer part of Thriving Communities, but, in her new role, she is now supporting communities with the implementation of their action plans.

There was a full read-through of the Action Plan that has been drafted for Loans and SP took detailed notes of the updates discussed. It was proposed that the Action Plan should form the basis for the AGM Agenda which will be in May. In an effort to achieve a baseline version of the Action Plan, approval of the content should also be a target outcome for the AGM and effectively provide a mandate for progressing these initiatives on behalf of the village.

SP will aim to circulate an updated version of the Action Plan in the next week to allow time for further feedback ahead of the AGM.

4.2 Village Hall Garden Project 'The Walkers Rest'

At the last Community Council meeting it was unclear how exactly the 'Walkers Rest' garden project should be progressed.

AG confirmed that she has requested an update and is waiting for ARA to send an estimated cost for the car park re-surfacing. AG confirmed the combined ringfenced budget to cover the Walkers Rest garden and the car park is £50K which is coming from Capital Investment Funding.

DC advised that the garden drawing was produced almost seven years ago and we may need to review certain aspects to accommodate changes that have taken place in the garden since e.g. the addition of the defibrillator. Also, the hall management committee has changed and we therefore require to consult with them to ensure that it meets with their requirements.

The current scheme indicates the provision of 4/5 history story boards set within a paved area with seating, planting beds, bins and flag pole. This scheme was submitted on our behalf by Cllr Stephen Ferry for funding 2 years ago to also include the resurfacing of the adjacent Village Hall parking area.

It was noted that Troon Development Trust and Troon Community Council are creating additional content for the Smugglers Trail. There are three new notice boards in the pipeline for Dundonald about the Smugglers Trail too. There was a query about how to align and approve copy to ensure consistency of the information being presented. KB will try and confirm if there is a department that needs to be consulted/provide approval on copy.

It was confirmed that the road and footpath upgrades were 'bundled' with Mossblown and Symington and were also being managed separately to the car-park resurfacing/Walkers Rest.

5. Report by Treasurer

5.1 Our account presently stands at £2349.71. This includes the £1665.00 donation for a new notice board and the £500 defibrillator maintenance fund.

DC noted that there are a number of expenses to go out and he is currently compiling the accounts ahead of the AGM. These include annual donations of £50 each to Loans Scouts and LCC Ltd and hall hire and provision for a new

Defibrillator battery which has depreciated by 50%, at a cost of approximately £250.

5.2 No other questions on the accounts.

6. Any other Business/ Forum

6.1 Tree overspilling onto pavements

The hedge at 32A Main Street has been cut back from the street but the trees that overhang the garden have not been cut back as yet. There was a question about the action agreed to address this at the last Council meeting.

The approved minutes from March 2025 state the following:

‘DC believes we can write (with permission from VH) to the residents of the adjoining properties and ask them to get the overhanging trees cut back and debris removed.’

6.2 Traffic

DC received an email from Cllr Stephen Ferry who has met with Mrs Jane Corrie in her role as Head of ARA. She is keen to help us with the feedback that has been provided on speeding and is looking at a proposal to create a new controlled crossing at the Barassie entrance to the village.

6.3 Loans Hall AGM

DC advised that, following the Loans Hall AGM on Friday 29th March, LCC Ltd has three new directors.

One of the key items discussed at the meeting was the 100th Anniversary of Hall which will be in 2026 (exact date to be checked) and there is a desire to do something to commemorate this anniversary.

DC asked if there could be any funding available we could utilise to support this event. KB suggested a Heritage money pot might be an option. An application would need to be submitted with an itemised breakdown of the costs.

6.4 Park

DC updated that Cllr Stephen Ferry confirmed by email that he hopes to obtain funding for additional pathways in the park. Co-ordination on the timings would be necessary to avoid the pathways being implemented at the same time as e.g. a Gala taking place.

While we have been advised that planning permission may not be required to provide additional pathways within the park with entries from Collins Drive and Craiklands Place, we still need to liaise with any affected residents. There are obvious advantages of providing safer links to the 3rd Phase of the Troon/Loans cycle/walkway.

For info: updated voting from Facebook poll about improvements that could be made to the park. Improve the drainage so it can be used year-round – 35 votes

1. Create a proper path round the whole perimeter – 33 votes
2. Add some lights/solar lights – 21 votes
3. Add a Community garden area – 18 votes
4. Add more picnic tables or seating areas – 18 votes
5. Create access to the park directly from Collins Drive – 8 votes

7. Next Meeting

7.1 The date for the next meeting is Wednesday 14th May 2025 at 19:00. This will also be the AGM.

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