

Lumphanan Community Council, Lumphanan Village Hall,
Tuesday 7th February 2012

		Action
1	Present: Steve Danton (SD - Secretary), Kenny Bain (KB), Jane Jeffries (JJ), Ian Nicol (IN), Jim Sugden (JS), Irene Thomson (IT), Cllr. Rosemary Bruce (RB), Grampian Police Apologies: Alex Davie (AD – Deputy Chair), Denise May (DM), Claudia van Zuiden (CvZ), Cllr. Peter Argyle (PA)), Absent:- Brian Cruickshank (BC), Members of public: Veena Fernandez (Parent Council) Police presence: PC Mike Cavanagh,	
2	Police update: As usual no crimes reported at all in Lumphanan. There have been 5 calls to the police over the past month but nothing of any significance. Vandalism in the village has been reduced because the schools liaison officer now works closely with the school. The Police are looking for any feedback about what may be perceived as problems from members of the public. The LCC was asked to send all future minutes to mypolicingteam@grampian.pnn.police.uk	
3	Minutes of meeting – Proposed by IN and seconded by JS	
4	Chairperson's report No Chairman's report. In the absence of Alex Davie (Deputy Chair) the Secretary, Stephen Danton chaired the meeting. Following the resignation of TM for his transfer to work in Houston the LCC is now seeking to elect a new Chair Person although in the meantime Alex Davie remains as Deputy Chair. A Chairman's report will need to be produced for the next meeting, which is the AGM.	
5	Treasurer's report - JJ reported that the LCC funds, with no recent expenditure, stand at the same balance as last month at £3,616-19.	
6	Previous minutes and matters arising 1. The proposal for replacing missing wooden slats with metal on the David Riach memorial bench remains on-going. 2. The LCC is still unaware of the status of the following minute from the December meeting – The SV sign by Hamilton House has still not been returned to its proper position. As TM has now resigned from the LCC SD will now contact Grampian Fire Service by email. 3. KB has spoken with the resident about the fence, which was leaning over badly. The issue of the trees that need removing has been addressed. The load of gravel was deposited at the other end of the Lover's Lane pathway close to the old railway bridge and remains there at present as the weather is too cold to shift it. 4. RB advised that the Lumphanan cemetery wall has an instruction out to Construction from before Christmas to replace the missing pointing in the wall next to the road and the one between the property below the cemetery. Hopefully the Council will have this completed by the end of March. 5. Reply from Sandy Grant: re: Lumphanan playing field – "The playing field has a problem at the lower end next to the ditch which is probably higher than the field and getting the ditch cleared is a problem as it is under the old railway bridge and in between houses further down stream which we can not get at. The pitch could be turned round to run across and abandon the lower end of the Park". Those present at the meeting noted that this was not a satisfactory answer has the problem had been resolved in the past. RB to speak to Sandy Grant again. 6. Stuart Ranford (Planning Inspector) response to Councillor Peter Argyll – "With reference to the material in the field next to the monument, this site was formally owned by Scottish Water but recently sold to Mr Brown Lumphanan, who removed this material from within the site whilst	BC SD KB RB

	attempting to plough it. He has sowed the area with barley and it is his intention to bring in a mobile crushing machine to crush this and remove it from the site. I have advised him of the status of the monument and in particular the tourist attraction and he is aware of this and will attempt to move it as soon as practicable. From the Planning side as this has come from within the site used for agriculture there is no formal action i can take other than to monitor it and keep in touch with him and gently use my powers of persuasion to get him to comply. His telephone number is 07876031158 he say's you are welcome to call him should the need arise. 7. SD had contacted SEPA regarding the above to obtain their views on this. The response received was that he had no exemption to store the stones on the site and that SEPA would investigate further. SD to follow up with SEPA for any further response. 8. Roads Street Lighting - reply from Ralph Singleton: "The Street Lighting Defects records show that 1 of the lights on the Burnside road has a recorded fault, but I will go home that way today and check the rest. The overnight lighting scouting has been discontinued for budgetary reasons, so we rely on the public to report lighting defects. These should be reported to the Contact Centre number on 08456 08 12 05. I would be grateful if you could pass this on to the LCC. SD noticed that from correspondence subsequently received this month from Les Allan that there is now a web based system for reporting such faults. As there has been no movement following JS reporting this twice by telephone SD has now registered it as a fault online. 9. Trees – reply from Ralph Singleton. "I think the trees at the treatment plant are dead elms, and I did contact Scottish Water at the time when they first began to show signs of dying. I will contact Scottish Water again about felling them". 10. Road sign – reply from Ralph Singleton "I have asked the Road Inspector to order a new street name sign for Craigton Brae." 11. RB provided the address of the company that supplied Christmas lights for Torphins village. The LCC now needs to seek some funding to support the purchase of similar lights. 12. There are still no further reports on the status of the community taking over the Lumphanan Hall- There was a general consensus that we now have access to the Hall so this is no longer a priority. 13. There has been no further action to date with regards to the CvZ offer of volunteering to take some action with regards to improving the website. To be followed up at next meeting.	SD
7	Veena Fernandez – Parent Council VF attended the meeting and spoke on behalf of the Parent Council with regards to parking around the school location. There has apparently been a focus on getting parents to walk their children to school and to reduce the risk of potential accidents when too many cars were parked around the area close to the school gates. The LCC was asked if they had any suggestions to alleviate this problem. The consensus view was that the provision of more parking spaces would be counter-productive in that it would encourage more people to drive. With Millan View being a cul de sac the problem would not disappear by increasing parking spaces. The simplest way may be to make the road to the school a full no-parking or no waiting area during school opening hours. There is generally room to park around the village (e.g. in The Square or outside of the Macbeth Hotel).	
8	<u>Correspondence</u> See emails from Steve – List below. 1. Aberdeenshire Council . Anything else going on in your communities? Hazel McLaren 2. NHS Grampian – Newsletter Production. Prashamsha Bhattarail 3. Sustainable Gov - Will Localised Public Sector pay become a defining issue of 2012? Martin Taylor 4. Invitation February's Community Ward Forums. Lizzie Shepherd, Aberdeenshire Council 5. Sustainable Gov - Will London's Olympic Games lead to an economic gold? Martin Taylor 6. Sustainable Gov – State of the Union – Scotland seeks independence from the UK Martin Taylor 7. Aberdeenshire Sports Council Awards Evening . sportscouncil@abedeenshire.gov.uk 8. Budget Briefing Papers. Aberdeenshire Council. Jacqueline Hill 9. Scottish Thistle Awards 2012 and Grampian Maternity Services Review. Aberdeenshire Council. Lizzie Shepherd	SD

	10. Sustainable Gov - 8-Ways to stop email killing productivity in 2012 – Part 1 Martin Taylor 11. Local Policing Team Update – Grampian Police Correspondence received by Post 12. Viewpoint – The Aberdeenshire Citizens Panel	
9	Planning Applications APP/2012/0064 12/01/12 Roadside Cottage Demolition of existing dwelling house and garage and erection of replacement. Change of Use of land to domestic Garden ground Pending Cairnbeathie Lumphanan AB31 4QA Building Warrant Applications BW/2012/0471 06/02/12 Gateside House Amendment to building Warrant. Extra window in Study. Velux windows now Flush with roof angle Pending Lumphanan AB31 4RJ BW/2012/0423 02/02/12 16 Millan Park Sun Lounge extension Pending Lumphanan AB31 4QW BW/2012/0427 31/01/12 Glenview Alterations and extension To dwelling Pending Glen Road Lumphanan AB31 4PR WL/2012/0424 30/01/12 Gardeners Convert – replace concrete Floor, insulate, create Insulated ceiling, create Door through to create Fully useable utility Room Pending Cottage Auchenhove Limphanan AB31 4SQ BA/2012/0227 17/01/12 2 Millan View Amendment to BW – Internal alterations to remove cupboards and move door positions Approved Lumphanan AB31 4SF BA/2012/0173 16/01/12 Sunny brae Amendment to BW – Existing stone internal partition replaced with new timber stud partition, 2 external louvres replaced by 2 windows. boiler revised from pellet fuel to log fuel with log storage >5 cu m. sited in existing separate shed Approved Farm Lumphanan AB31 4QR	
10	AOB: - IN asked RB what was happening with the Aberdeen by-pass. Waiting for Court Ruling. - Windows in Station Square (pub and shop) IN asked how such property owners went about asking for listed status to be removed - Comply – KB suggested that Kevin Wright (local access officer) should be invited to next meeting after the AGM (i.e. April meeting).	IN IN KB SD/AD

	- SD to place advert in the Deeside Piper re: the AGM to be held in March. Alex Davie to Chair the AGM in the absence of an elected Chairman	
11	Date of next meeting AGM followed by short meeting – Tuesday 6 th March 2012. 7.00pm – Village Hall	All