

Beechwood & Wheatcroft Residents Association

Minutes of meeting held

07/05/2026

Loch Lomond Rugby Club

In Attendance:

Committee members: T Neufeld, R Stibbs, A McGarva, J McGarva, K Burnham, P Gallacher, K Gothard, M Reid, J Kennedy, I Milligan, J Harkin, K Smith, L Stewart

Apologies: R Goodall, M Dunn, H Scammel, E Adams (PPM)

Councillors: J Bollan

Park PM:

Residents: C Morrison, J Morrison

Community Police: None

1. **Welcome and introduction:** T Neufeld welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Minutes:** J McGarva proposed the minutes from the last meeting and A McGarva seconded them.
3. **Matters arising from last meetings minutes:** No Matters.
4. **Park PM Update:** Not in attendance and no further update.
5. **Councillor Update:** J Bollan had no update, officers have been busy preparing for the local elections.

TN questioned the increase in council tax given the number of new build houses and estates that have been built in the past year. JB advised that Council Tax only provides 25% of WDC expenditure, the other 75% comes from government funding. JB also advised that on a number of locations the new builds are replacing houses that have been knocked down. JB confirmed that the council tax has gone up by 7.8% and to speak to your labour MP if you have any complaints.

6. **Questions from Residents:** A question was raised on behalf of Yvonne Millar, who asked if the carpark in her area could be maintained and the 13 properties given an extra bill, TN advised that it wouldn't be appropriate for the committee to become involved, there are a number of carparks in the estate and they are homeowner's responsibility.

A resident online raised concerns about weeds in communal areas having an impact on their fence, the curblines and pavements were treated with weed killer today (7 May).

A representative from "Why Sort It," which is a community-based project for teenagers that involves teenagers in positive actions approached a member of the committee. JH said she

would contact the project and if appropriate will arrange for information to be put on the website.

7. **Chair Report:** TN offered a huge thankyou to RG for negotiating the terms and conditions with PPM, which has resulted in the new fees being arranged, which is now £25.00 plus VAT.

TN had also brought welcome leaflets for members to issue to new residents to the estate.

8. **Secretary Report:** Nothing to report.
9. **Treasures Report:** JM stated current balances in the accounts are:
General Maintenance: £12 367.40
Reserve Account: £20 922.62
Social Fund: £90.25
Total: £33280.27

J McGarva advised that there are now fees associated with the bank accounts and we need to arrange for new signatories.

J McGarva suggested that we amalgamate the accounts into one account. TN clarified that there are no stipulations on what the Reserve Account can be spent on, there isn't anything in the constitution.

J McGarva proposed amalgamating into one account, TN seconded this.

10. **Contact Co-Ordinator:** RG was not in attendance, on his behalf it was advised that 2 skips were due to be delivered on Friday (8 May), this is to remove the rubbish at the shops and the solo flats.

There was also a request for spare soil or compost for the plant area at the entrance to the estate.

11. **AOB:** TN advised that there was no longer a convenor report, but that the BBQ that took place last summer was successful and we hope to hold another BBQ this year.

IM suggested that we put on FB a request to stop feeding birds, it is attracting vermin, especially as bins are not getting emptied.

KS also asked the cost of the annual fees, it was advised that £100 was agreed for 2026/2027.

12. **Date of Next Meeting:** The AGM next monthly meeting will take place on Thursday 4 June 2026.