

OLD LUCE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 6th July 2020 at 8 pm virtually via Zoom.

Present

Fred Murray - Chairman
Michael Bird
Mike Lane

Gordon McKinstry
Joan Miskimmins
Ian Paterson, Vice Chairman
Ean Stewart

Stephen Ogston - Chair of Old
Luce Resilience Committee
Marion Muir - Glen of Luce
Resilience Committee

Councillor Jackie McCamon

In attendance: Jane McDowall

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

1. Apologies

Action

Jane Dodds and Derek Sloan.

2. Absent

Elizabeth Innes, Diane Lowe, Pamela Marshall and Susan Maxwell.

3. Police Business

PC Allison had submitted a report. It is unknown when the next Community Surgery will be held.

GLENLUCE

17/06 – Whitefield Loch, issues raised due to person/s camping, visiting the area.

19/06 – Whitefield Loch, x1 male found in possession of a small amount of cannabis. Given a Recorded Police warning.

02/07 – Police attended Whitefield Loch area due to a person camping in a remote area. The person had left prior to Police arrival. If they had been traced they would have been reminded of the current COVID 19 restrictions.

DUNRAGIT

04/07 – Disqualified driver traced on A75 near to Dunragit, arrested and reported to the PF.

06/07 – Vandalism to 6 caravans between 29/06/2020 and 2/07/2020, enquires on-going, any information welcomed.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting (1st June 2020)

All agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of the business conducted and the adoption of the minutes was proposed by Fred and seconded by Michael.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered by Agenda

Fred stated that he was not happy with the provider of flowers for the village's flower tubs - the flowers in the centre of the barrels had not thrived and had not been in great condition when they were delivered. Fred proposed that the Community Council does not use the same provider again and Ian agreed.

6. Update from Councillors

Cllr McCamon explained about the Town Centre Re-start Task Force and enquired if Glenluce had a Towns Ambassador. Cllr McCamon has spoken to proprietors of the Glen Café and the Crown. Both had commented that starting up had gone well with a good community spirit and they had no concerns at this time.

6. Councillors Update (continued)

Fred raised the lack of lighting (all lights currently inoperative) in the A75 underpass leading to Stairhaven. Cllr McCamon will take to Council.

*Cllr
McCamon*

Gordon asked for the rotten railings at Fellview Crescent opposite park to be repaired. Cllr McCamon will report to DGHP.

*Cllr
McCamon*

Ian complained about the poor standard of roadside grass cutting in June.

Ean enquired about who was checking on wild campers and motorhome users parking up in laybys - what was happening to their rubbish and waste disposal?

*Cllr
McCamon*

Mick requested an update on the playground equipment in park which Mike had reported in March. It was noted that the Council had been there and carried out maintenance, repairs and replacement of some equipment although one item was currently taped off.

Ian wanted to know why grass wasn't cut closer to sports shed.

7. Correspondence

A number of e-mails had been received from D&G Council in relation to dealing with coronavirus and support for people and businesses which had been shared to Old Luce Community Council's Facebook page as appropriate.

8. Update - Proposed Artfield Forest Wind Farm

Fred reported on a constructive meeting. The site proposal is for 20 turbines producing up to 80 MW. Plans are in the very early stages. The site fills a gap amongst existing turbines. It had been a good presentation with the team being helpful and answering all questions put to them. Statkraft are due to give presentations to New Luce and Kirkcowan Community Councils.

Michael suggested that a watch be kept to ensure that the local area benefited from jobs.

9. Update - Defibrillator

Fred advised that the revised funding application had been granted at the January meeting. Derek had attempted to draw down the money but been advised that conditions had been put in place relating to insurance of equipment. Fred confirmed that the Community Council would insure.

Ean had nothing to add about the purchase of defibrillator.

9. Resilience

Stephen said that he had little to report. Information was shared to the Facebook page.

Fred continues to deliver groceries from Glenluce Keystore to 6 or 7 households per week. Stephen thanked Fred for his work. Stephen has not had any requests for Food Bank parcels recently although there have been lots of donations both to the box in the shop and the box at the Manse which are very much appreciated. Thanks to all who have donated.

Marion reported that there had been no requests for assistance in Auchenmalg. Everyone appeared to be self-reliant with people helping out with grocery shopping as required.

Fred updated on the resilience grant received from Council. £94 has been spent to date on sanitiser and disposable gloves used by the shop in connection with delivering groceries. Fred will submit a mileage claim in due course which will be donated to charity.

Utilising the Resilience grant for the printing of information booklet had been raised at June meeting although Cllr Hagmann had not replied to date. Cllr McCamon to follow up.

*Cllr
McCamon*

Cllr McCamon will forward information on the Scottish Government Towns and Business Improvement Districts Resilience and Recovery Fund.

*Cllr
McCamon*

10. Any Other Competent Business

Mike reported that all was quiet at the moment with regard to the Development Trust.

Brambles Café development has been parked at present to allow all efforts to be concentrated on the GP Surgery Development. They are working on the Stage 2 application to the Scottish Land Fund, which is difficult due to delays being caused by D&G NHS Trust.

Fred highlighted the work of the secretary during lockdown and thanked Jane for her assistance with the information booklet, Old Luce Community Council Facebook page and setting up Zoom meetings.

Ian enquired about Da Prato's space. Mike advised that the matter was currently with Luce Bay Plant and Scottish Power, as previously advised.

Jane raised the problems occurring along Whitefield Loch road with rubbish, camping, campfires, drug use, attempted break-in and Police attendance. Would the members of Glenluce Angling Club be willing to assist?

Fred confirmed that the Community Council, which owns the land on the south side of Whitefield Loch, was willing to assist in resolving these issues. It was agreed that Fred would contact Norman Moss and Jane would contact Peter Cumming, Chairman of the Angling Club.

*Fred
Jane*

Fred thanked everyone for their attendance, particularly Cllr McCamon to her first meeting of the Community Council.

9. Date of Next Meeting

8 pm on Monday 7th September when it is hoped to be able to meet in Glenluce Public Hall.

Future Meetings (Monday): 5th October, 2nd November and 7th December.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.