

## **Old Luce Community Council - Community Council and Resilience Sub Committee meeting 7.45 pm on Monday 1st February 2021.**

### **Present**

Fred Murray - Chairman	Mike Lane	Stephen Ogston - Chair of Old Luce Resilience Committee
Ian Paterson, Vice Chairman	Susan Maxwell	
Derek Sloan, Treasurer	Gordon McKinstry	
Mick Bird	Joan Miskimmins	Marion Muir - Glen of Luce Community Association
Jane Dodds	Ean Stewart	
Elizabeth Innes		
Councillor Katie Hagmann	Councillor Jim McColm	PC Gayle Allison (part meeting)

In attendance: Jane McDowall, Minute Secretary

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. He hoped that all had enjoyed a good Christmas and New Year.

### **1. Apologies**

Councillor Jackie McCamon.

**Absent:** Diane Lowe and Pamela Marshall.

### **2. Police Business**

#### **GLENLUCE**

17/12/2020 - Dangerous driving of HGV on A75 near to Glenluce. Dash cam footage obtained and enquiries ongoing.

06/01/2021 – Theft of trees at Barlockhart farm, chopped down and removed from the location

12/01/2021 - Fraud, substantial amount of money (buying agricultural machinery from abroad), enquiries ongoing

15/01/2021 – 1 male reported to the PF for assault to injury, S38 CJLSA 2010 (threatening and abusive behaviour) S1 Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 (Engage in a course of behaviour which was abusive of your partner or ex-partner to injury and danger to life)

17/01/2021 – Vandalism to vehicle in Fineview Crescent, Glenluce between 1400 hours on 16/01 and 0930 hours on 17/01, male suspect identified, enquiries ongoing.

17/01/2021 – x4 persons within a house in Fineview Crescent, all issued COVID tickets.

18/01/2021 – 2 vehicle RTC at Barlae dual carriageway on A75. Enquiries ongoing.

24/01/2021 – 1 male reported to PF for S3 Road Traffic Act 1988 (careless driving) he drove through a full road closure.

#### **DUNRAGIT**

21/12/2020 – 1 male reported to the PF for S5a Road Traffic Act 1988 (drug driving)

18/11/2021 – Vandalism at Glenwhan, 1 male reported to the PF

The chairman asked PC Allison to look into vehicles parking on the pavement on the village main street causing an obstruction. PC Allison agreed to seek guidance.

Mike Lane raised the issue of graffiti (permanent marker or similar) on metalwork on walks and on door of village hall. PC Allison said she would investigate.

The Chairman thanked PC Allison for her attendance. PC Allison left the meeting.

### **3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (7th December 2020)**

Ian Paterson commented that under Item 6 - Correspondence it should read James Ferguson and not David Ferguson. With this amendment the minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and their adoption was proposed by Elizabeth Innes and seconded by Ian Paterson.

**4. Matters Arising not covered on Agenda** None.

**5. Councillors Update**

- Back Burn footpath, Glenluce. Ian raised this again. Fred will follow up. *Fred*
- Underpass lights at Stairhaven junction - still not repaired. Councillor Hagmann apologised that these were still not repaired. She has reported to Council, AMEY, MSP and Transport Scotland. A response is due by Friday 5th February from Roy Brennan, Chief Executive of Transport Scotland.
- Whitefield Loch sign - Councillor McColm believed that this had now been removed - after the Council originally agreed to add to works list in September 2020.
- A75 signage at junction of C55W - Ian is still waiting for follow up call from AMEY. Councillor Hagmann suggested adding this to the information for Roy Brennan. *Jane  
Fred*
- Grass and Path Cutting / Redundant DGC Equipment - actions from December meeting.
  1. Councillor Inglis would find out if there were any mowers and strimmers available for local communities. Response awaited. *Cllr  
Inglis*
  2. Ian had spoken to Derek McDowall who had agreed that he was willing to lead a group that was going to take charge of cutting paths, etc.

**UPDATES FROM COUNCILLORS**

Cllr McColm was pleased to see that vaccinations were being undertaken in Glenluce and by mid-February the 65+ age group should all be vaccinated.

Cllr McColm advised that the Coast to Coast Rally has been cancelled for 2021 and Castle Kennedy Airfield at Cults will cease to be used as a Brexit check lorry park.

Cllr Hagmann said that a region-wide fund was now open for applications. An allocation of £45,500 for Glenluce Primary School is un-spent. Mike Lane advised that this amount should be ring-fenced - they are waiting for Council Officers to engage.

Cllr Hagmann advised that the Communities Committee meets next week to discuss the Roads Review (full report available online on D&G Council website). Details of the Scottish budget announced last week are awaited by the Council.

D&G Council agreed last week for a discretionary grant for businesses that haven't been able to access any other support. Up to £2,000 will be available every four weeks - due to go live in next couple of weeks.

Fred thanked Councillors McColm and Hagmann for their updates.

**6. Correspondence**

E-mails recently circulated to members included Wigtown Area Committee Anti-Poverty Grant Funding - call for applications and Social Security Scotland Newsletter - Best Start Grant School Payment Grants.

**7. Resilience Teams - Updates**

Stephen advised that there wasn't a lot to update. He had not received a huge number of phone calls. There was a good level of donations to the food bank and the Village Shop is delivering groceries in the car park to ensure social distancing.

Derek enquired if he should apply for the second tranche of Covid grant funding from the Council. Stephen did not see any need for additional funds at this time.

Derek also stated that he had been requested to send an updated Resilience Document and it was agreed that this should be sent to Stephen for any updates. *Derek  
Stephen*

Marion advised that there had been no demand for assistance in recent weeks and people appeared to be coping well after their experience last year.

## 8. Christmas

The chairman thanked Susan for organising the selection boxes for all the children at Glenluce and Castle Kennedy Primary Schools. Susan reported that the children had been delighted and the chocolate had gone down well with children and teachers.

It was noted that the Christmas tree stumps were still to be removed - Ian agreed to organise removal in near future.

*Ian*

## 9. Community Council Finances - Update

Derek advised that the Council Discretionary Grant paperwork had been lodged and the grant for Christmas arrangements was awaited. Derek had not claimed the grant for events due to the likelihood that none will be able to take place during current restrictions. The Kilgallioch cheque had been received. £5,000 is due to be drawn down for micro grants.

**Old Luce Community Fund** - The chairman advised that Foundation Scotland has produced a six year report and a proposal for the way the Community Council deals with the funds which would be circulated to members of the Community Council. Members of the Community Council will meet at 7.45 pm on Monday 8th February to review the documents.

Fred advised that David Maxwell has agreed to join the funding panel and asked if members approved. All were in agreement.

## 10. Defibrillator Update

Derek confirmed that he had drawn down the £2,400 for purchase of the defibrillator. Joyce Stewart was willing to purchase the defibrillator on behalf of the Community Council because the company does not accept cheques and it was unanimously approved that Joyce should be refunded.

Derek and Mike will agree location of defibrillator in Public Hall area with access to power supply.

*Derek  
Mike*

## 11. Wind Farms

**Statkraft Limited** - online presentation about community ownership with input from Local Energy Scotland and broadband provision took place in December.

**Barlockhart Moor** - planning application submitted to extend the permitted operational period of development from 25 years to 30 years.

## 12. A.O.C.B.

Mick Bird raised an item from last year about the provision of biodegradable dog waste bags and dispensers. Ean Stewart explained that he had not been able to source suitably sturdy dispensers. Councillor McColm suggested contacting June Russell. Councillor Hagmann advised that dog waste bags were available at D&G Customer Service Centres. Mick agreed to progress.

*Mick*

Mick stated that there was no dog waste bin for dog walkers at the top entrance to Glen at Mansefield. After a brief discussion it was noted that the Council needs to agree access for emptying of bins.

**Bents Picnic Area** - Ian had been informed about erosion which made it difficult for people to walk right round. After discussion about installing steps it was agreed that Ean would contact Kippy Thomson.

*Ean*

**Kilgallioch Community Benefit Fund** - Derek and Fred had both planned to stand down this year but had agreed to stay on for one more year. The members of the Community Council supported Derek and Fred remaining.

## 13. Date of Next Meeting

7.45 pm on Monday 1st March 2021 - online. The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Fred thanked everyone for their participation and Councillor Hagmann and McColm for their input.