

OLD LUCE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 2nd November 2020 at 8.10 pm virtually via Zoom.

Present

Fred Murray - Chairman
Mick Bird

Susan Maxwell, Secretary
Ian Paterson, Vice Chairman
Derek Sloan, Treasurer

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

Councillor Jim McColm

In attendance: Jane McDowall, Minute Secretary

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

1. Apologies

Action

Elizabeth Innes, Gordon McKinstry, PC Gayle Allison and Councillors Jackie McCamom, Katie Hagmann and David Inglis

Absent: Mike Lane, Diane Lowe, Joan Miskimmins, Pamela Marshall and Ean Stewart.

2. Police Business

PC Allison had submitted the under-noted report.

GLENLUCE

09/10/2020 – 1 male arrested for potential house breaking, enquiries carried out and male released without charge.

14/10/2020 – Police assisting a vulnerable male resident.

DUNRAGIT

No updates.

Matters to Raise with Police

An update on when the abandoned van is being removed (located at the east end of Dunragit bypass on the old A75 at Mains of Park cottage) is requested. Jane to raise with PC Allison.

*Jane
PC Allison*

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (5th October 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 Derek.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered on Agenda

None.

5. Update from Councillors

Update on matters raised at previous meetings:

- Whitefield Loch sign - redundant sign removal Council has agreed to remove.
- A75 underpass lights - not working. AMEY to deal with.
- A75 signage obstructing view of high vehicles. Roads Rep given Ian's number.
- Lady Stair Park - broken item of play equipment Added to works programme.

5. Update from Councillors (continued)

Update on matters raised at previous meetings (continued):

- Lady Stair Park - pavement broken slabs Roads Team looking into.
- Street light still not working Church Street Glenluce. Repaired - at last.

Updates from Councillor McColm.

1. The roll out of new recycling bins is taking place in Wigtownshire this week. This is a national initiative taking place throughout Scotland. Existing wheelie bins to be retained by householders - they are part of new rotation.

Ian raised concerns about space to store bins for people living in flats or small houses. Cllr McColm advised that householders can still request smaller bins or sacks.

2. At the Education meeting to be held on 3rd November the Council will be discussing investment in virtual desktop technology. There are still some blackspots in digital coverage and a survey is underway to identify locations which will be sorted. Over 100 access points have been added to the network.

Glass Recycling - large bins in Glenluce - the Community Council had requested that one bin be placed in parking area near Bowling Green and the other in the lorry park - it was possible that both had been placed in the parking area near Bowling Green. Fred will investigate.

Fred

Fred advised that the Council had agreed to the asset transfers of the lorry park and industrial estate. Fred had watched the video of meeting and was appreciative of Councillor Hagmann speaking up on behalf of the community.

Stephen advised that it was likely to be into the new year before the paperwork was signed.

A brief discussion took place around who was responsible for maintenance of the building at Woodside Industrial Estate because it had been raised at the meeting in Dumfries. Councillor McColm confirmed that at Area meetings tenant responsibility for maintenance had never been highlighted.

6. Correspondence

Any correspondence would be covered under agenda items.

7. Resilience Teams Updates

Stephen had nothing major to report. Generous donations to the Food Bank continue but unknown what will happen with changes to the Covid-19 situation.

Fred proposed giving £100 each to the Trust and the School for sanitiser. All agreed.

Marion had nothing to report in Auchenmalg - we can only wait and see what happens.

Susan volunteered to assist, if required. Fred thanked Susan for her generous offer..

8. Remembrance Sunday

Fred advised that he had received correspondence from Archie Dryburgh, D&G Council's Armed Forces Champion, advising that no active ceremonies or gatherings could be held across Scotland. Church services, with pre-booking and social distancing, may continue. A wreath may be laid by a single person. Fred will take the Community Council's wreath to the Church and the wreath will be laid at the War Memorial without formal ceremony. Stephen will check with the School.

Fred

Stephen

Jane to add information to Facebook page about putting poppies in windows and standing on doorsteps at 11 am on 8th and 11th November.

Jane

9. Christmas

A lengthy discussion took place about what to do for the community to bring some good at Christmas.

It was agreed to purchase selection boxes for all the children at Glenluce Nursery, Glenluce and Castle Kennedy Primary Schools. Susan would confirm exact number (likely to be around 110) and purchase.

Susan

Christmas Trees - Derek has ordered for both Glenluce and Dunragit. Agreed trees should be delivered by Wednesday 25th November ready for Saturday 28th November. No official lights switch on or publicity. Derek will speak to Ean Stewart about organising machinery and men to install tree. It was agreed to purchase a centrepiece / tree topper.

Derek

Community Council members could purchase items agreed by CC and claim back from Treasurer as expenses on provision of receipt(s).

10. Community Council - Finances

Derek wished to make the management of Old Luce Community Council's finances straightforward and simple for the people who will take on the running of OLCC in the future. Discussion took place around micro grants, running and event costs and how best to organise annual funding of Community Council.

Derek

It was agreed to re-visit in December. Derek agreed to speak to Foundation Scotland.

*Agenda
Derek*

11. Update - Defibrillator

Derek had spoken to Ean who did not now wish to have anything to do with purchase of defibrillator. Derek will speak to Joyce Stewart again about advice on the best machine to purchase.

Derek

12. Micro Grants

Glen of Luce WI - request for £90 to go towards hall fees (reduced amount this year due to inability to hold meetings during current pandemic). £90 unanimously approved.

Glenluce Primary School - request for £500 to go towards Christmas decorations for school. £500 unanimously approved.

13. Any Other Competent Business

Pumpkin Trail - Susan said that the Glenluce Pumpkin Trail had been very successful - well supported with a lovely atmosphere and the village had been beautifully decorated. Susan had decorated the double windows area at the front of the Public Hall and proposed doing something similar at Christmas. All agreed.

Paths / Grass Cutting - Ian asked what had happened about utilising D&G Council equipment to carry out cutting grass and tidying paths. Jane agreed to check minutes.

Jane

Matter last noted in December 2019 minutes when it had been agreed that Ian would contact Derek McDowall to ask him to contact Fred to state what equipment he required.

16. Date of Next Meeting

7.45 pm on Monday 7th December 2020.

Future Meetings (Monday): 1st February, 1st March, 5th April and 3rd May.

Fred thanked everyone for their attendance and input. Fred thanked Councillor McColm for his attendance.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.