

# Old Luce Community Council - Community Council and Resilience Sub Committee meeting

Online at 7.45 pm on Monday 3rd May 2021

## Present

Fred Murray - Chairman

Ian Paterson, Vice Chairman

Derek Sloan, Treasurer

Mick Bird

Elizabeth Innes

Susan Maxwell

Gordon McKinstry

Kenny McKinstry

Marion Muir

Joan Miskimmins

Ean Stewart

Councillor Katie Hagmann (left 8 pm)

Councillor Jim McColm

In attendance: Jane McDowall, Minute Secretary

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

## 1. Apologies

Jane Dodds and Stephen Ogston.

**Absent:** Mike Lane, Diane Lowe and Pamela Marshall.

## 2. Police Business

No Police report had been received and members had no matters to report to Police.

## 3. Proposed Appointment of Associate Community Councillor

Marion Muir (Broompark, Glenluce, Newton Stewart, DG8 0JR) was proposed as an Associate Community Councillor by Fred Murray (28A Main Street, Glenluce, Newton Stewart, DG8 0PR) and this was seconded by Derek Sloan. All were in agreement and Marion was appointed as an Associate Community Councillor.

## 4. Minutes of Previous Meeting (5th April 2021)

All agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting and the adoption of the minutes was proposed by Derek Sloan and seconded by Ean Stewart.

## 5. Matters Arising not covered on Agenda

None.

## 6. Update on Local Issues raised at Previous Meeting

- **Back Burn footpath, Glenluce.** Fred advised that work was in the process of being carried out by Slavin Construction.
- **Tennis Steps - Overgrown Foliage** - Fred had contacted DGHP and the foliage had been cut back. In addition the grass on the banking had also been cut.
- **Pavement adjacent to Lady Stair Park** - Kenny had spoken to Gus McCleary at DGC's Barnkirk Depot who advised that it will be repaired this year. It was noted that the Community Council had been told the same story for three years. Councillor McColm will speak to Roads Management.

*Cllr  
McColm*

## Both under-noted items still awaiting a response from office of Emma Harper MSP.

Councillor Hagmann agreed to follow up due to length of time and lack of communication.

*Cllr  
Hagmann*

1. **Underpass lights at Stairhaven junction** - still not repaired. Councillor Hagmann has previously reported these to the Council, AMEY, MSP and Transport Scotland. A response was due by Friday 5th February from Roy Brennan, Chief Executive of Transport Scotland - no response to date.
2. **A75 signage at junction of C55W** - Ian is still waiting for follow up call from AMEY.

## 6. Update on Local Issues raised at Previous Meeting (continued)

- **Grass and Path Cutting / Redundant DGC Equipment** - Cllr McColm had received confirmation from Robert Lowther, facilities manager, that there is no surplus grass cutting equipment. Robert had offered to provide advice if any purchase of new equipment was contemplated.

Concerns were raised about insurance and liability but it was noted that insurance and H&S would have to be in place whether the equipment was borrowed or owned.

Ian agreed to speak to Derek McDowall and the other potential volunteers to enquire if they wished equipment to carry out maintenance and report response at June meeting.

*Ian*

Councillor Hagmann advised that the Council had allocated additional funding to the core paths network and maintenance and will follow up for more details.

*Cllr  
Hagmann*

## 7. Councillors Update

Councillor Hagmann stated that discretionary funding decisions were being made this week. Councillor Hagmann asked people to contact her with any issues they would like her to deal with.

*All*

Ean had been contacted by Stairhaven residents about the amount of human and dog excrement in the area and their concern about the volume of overnight campervans improperly disposing of chemical waste. Councillor Hagmann will speak to Robert Lowther about disposal of black waste. Fred stated that he had been advised that Stairhaven toilet facilities had been closed due to a water leak that cannot be found.

*Cllr  
Hagmann*

Councillor McColm advised that the Council is conducting a Capital Asset Review - there will be a further reduction in the number of Council owned buildings.

## 8. Correspondence

D&G Council's Shoreline Management Plan Study - circulated to Old Luce CC last month.

Confirmation of Public and Employers Liability insurance for Community Councils and associated paperwork received from Hazel Kerr, D&G Council on 28th April 2021.

Fred advised that he had received a letter of thanks from Miss C Fisher for delivery of firewood.

## 9. Resilience Teams - Updates

Stephen Ogston and Marion had nothing to report. Stephen had sent a message: "People continue to be very generous in their donations to the food bank, which people in the parish benefit from."

It was unanimously agreed to stand down the Resilience Teams at present and re-establish when required.

## 10. Finances

Derek gave a brief update - micro grant money now in the OLCC's account. The Resilience Grant application is ready to send if OLCC members believe that it can be spent. It was agreed that it should be sent and the monies could be utilised for Zoom license renewal, path clearing, etc. Jane to check on what items are included in eligible expenditure.

*Jane*

Fred had reported the members comments at April meeting to Foundation Scotland and gave details of the revised proposal. The amendments were unanimously approved.

It was noted that Old Luce Funding Panel will publicise application process as well as report on successful awards.

## 11. Local Area and Amenities

**Path Link - tarmac path close to skate park to the top of new gravel path that runs through Glen** - Fred has obtained two quotes. Ian will request a quote from Luce Bay Plant Hire and Ean will request a quote from H Thomson & Son for June meeting.

*Ian  
Ean*

Derek agreed to prepare a funding application to cover the costs of installing path.

*Derek*

**Biodegradable dog waste bags and dispensers** - Mick had provided a quotation for two dispensers and bags. There were concerns about whether the dispensers were waterproof and Mick agreed to contact company for advice. Fred will obtain a quote for dispensers from another company and whether they are waterproof.

*Mick  
Fred*

**Planters** - Grant application outcome approved. Planters due to be delivered before end of May.

Ian has ordered the plants which are due for delivery in the first week of June. Compost available in bulk from H Thomson and Sons to be viewed to ascertain suitability.

*Fred*

The existing planters would be emptied and any still able to be used will be given to Glenluce Primary School.

(**Note - 4/5/21:** Company has advised that due to Covid restrictions affecting manufacturing the planters will not now be delivered before mid-June. Existing tubs will be planted up and the new planters stored for 2022.)

**Volunteers to assist with filling tubs:** Kenny, Ean, Derek, Gordon, Ian and Fred.

**Memorial Bench** - Susan advised that the family had been given a picnic bench which was located at the school and the memorial bench was no longer required.

## 12. Wind Farms Update - Planning Applications

**GARVILLAND - Green Cat Renewables Ltd** - 21/0595/FUL - Erection of five wind turbines (each up to 149.5 m from base to tip) and associated constructions and works.

**AIRIES WIND FARM - NTR plc, Dublin** - 21/0645/S42 - Ten year extension to current operating period (now to 13th March 2052). 14 wind turbines 126.5m.

**ARTFIELD FOREST WIND FARM - Statkraft UK Ltd** - 21/0823/S36 - Erection of twelve wind turbines (each up to 180 m from base to tip) and associated constructions and works.

Statkraft UK Ltd staff members had given a presentation prior to meeting.

No communication had been received from Green Cat Renewables. It was agreed that Jane should contact the company.

*Jane*

## 13. A.O.C.B.

**Turbine Trophy Day** (first week in August) - It was agreed to cancel this year. Fred will advise New Luce and Kirkcowan Community Councils.

*Fred*

**Local History Project** - This had been raised at the Old Luce Development Trust AGM last week. OLDLT is planning to progress this idea. It was noted that there had previously been a local history group and Alan Ross had great local knowledge. Ean agreed to ask Joyce about slides that had been given to her by Glenluce Primary School for safe-keeping.

*Ean*

## 14. Date of Next Meeting

7.45 pm on Monday 7th June 2021 - online.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

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