

Old Luce Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held in Glenluce Public Hall at 7.45 pm on Monday 4th April 2022

Present

Fred Murray - Chairman	Diane Lowe	Derek Sloan
Ian Paterson - Vice Chairman	Gordon McKinstry	Councillor McColm
Kenny McKinstry - Treasurer	Joan Miskimmins	PC Gary McCutcheon (part meeting)
Elizabeth Innes	Marion Muir	

In attendance: Jane McDowall, Minute Secretary

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

1. Apologies

Mick Bird, Jane Dodds, Ean Stewart, Mike Lane, Councillors Hagmann and McCamon.

Absent: Susan Maxwell

The Chairman advised that Jane Dodds was not keeping well and it was agreed that a card would be sent from OLCC.

Jane

2. Police Business

Reported Crimes - Incident reported on the 18/03/22 at Motehill, Glenluce.

A road traffic collision occurred which escalated into argument between both parties ending with one male being assaulted and one male cautioned and charged with a minor assault as a result of his actions.

Stranraer Police Scotland Young Volunteers (PSYV) - The recruitment is now complete for the Youth Volunteers, the group will be starting back up in April 2022. If there are any events in which the group can assist with please contact the group co-ordinator PC Emily Conroy at Emily.Conroy@scotland.police.uk.

Happy Dog Happy Home - Police Scotland and our partners do get regular complaints regarding dogs, particularly where they are left alone for lengthy periods while owners are at work. This can often end up in ill feeling and dispute between neighbours. We also get calls regarding dangerous, lost and stray dogs, which can be time consuming. We'd like to draw your attention to a new initiative being launched by The Dogs Trust called 'Happy Dog Happy Home'. Their new intervention has been designed to educate dog owners and provide them with the necessary tools and information they need to gradually prepare their dogs to be left alone as they return to work. The Dogs Trust cover the whole of Scotland, and do this predominantly through free webinars, lasting approximately 45 minutes with spaces available to book via Eventbrite. They can do in person events also, dependent upon demand.

We continue to remind people of how best to keep themselves safe from **telephone-based Impersonation Fraud**. The short video on the following link is well worth a watch (please share it widely with friends and family):

<https://biteable.com/watch/3449618/c01f1e13a725df1d4882e64fa00460c2>

There have been no complaints made to the Police in the last month regarding parking issues on Main Street. The owners of the vehicles have been spoken to by officers on several occasions and it is hoped that this has had the desired effect, which the lack of complaints suggest.

Ian Paterson and Gordon McKinstry stated that they continued to receive complaints from residents about the van and 4x4 still parking on the pavement, with the van now parking in front of another resident's home blocking their window.

PC McCutcheon agreed to take this back to his Sergeant. PC McCutcheon left the meeting.

Discussion about vehicles parking on the pavement continued with some members being very unhappy that the Police refused to issue a fine to the owners of the vehicles.

2. Police Business (continued)

Members were reminded about the information from Sergeant McEwan issued at the February meeting: "We would ask that you continue to phone in to report the matter and provide registration numbers. This allows us to establish the registered keeper of the offending vehicle and speak with them about their parking."

None of the Community Councillors had phoned 101, as advised, to report the parking of vehicles on the pavement to allow the Police to act, preferring to raise the matter at monthly meetings.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (7th March 2022)

All agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting and the adoption of the minutes was proposed by Diane Lowe and seconded by Kenny McKinstry.

4. Matters Arising not covered on Agenda

Turbine Trophy - Fred will speak to the chairmen of New Luce and Kirkcowan CCs.

Fred

5. Finance

Kenny reported that there was £3,813.84 in the current account. Updating signatories ongoing

*Kenny /
Derek*

6. Updates on Local Issues raised at Previous Meetings

- **Community Asset Transfer - Lorry Park - (February 2022)** - The response received from Jamie Ferguson, Community Development and Empowerment Manager was read out to members. It was agreed to forward the response to Old Luce Development Trust.

Jane

The Community Council agreed that the decision about the Community Asset Transfer rested with Old Luce Development Trust but wished to recommend to the Trust that they terminate the CAT of the lorry park.

- **Lady Stair Park - Path Link to make circuit - (November 2021)** - Add to May agenda.
- **Underpass lights at Stairhaven junction (July 2020)** - Update requested again, along with a query - Why if AMEY is responsible are they unable to ensure lights are working?
- **Biodegradable dog waste bags and dispensers (March 2020)** - Will be installed soon.
- **Disabled Parking Bays (March and June 2021)**. Raised with CCES - response promised by 19th April 2022.
- **Crumbling Wall next to Back Burn** - Stuart McCreadie of D&GC had contacted Fred and work is due to be carried out in April 2022.
- **Request for Dog Waste Bin at Dunragit end of Railway Line Walk** - Response received from D&GC: "Following our conversation regarding the request for the dog waste bin and the service difficulty it would pose for our team. Unfortunately on this occasion we are unable to provide the dog waste bin." Councillor McColm agreed to follow up.
- **A75 diversion route along A747 Port William to Glenluce** - No update.
- **Stairhaven** - rubbish and excrement. Councillor Hagmann had agreed to speak to Robert Lowther at Council. Response awaited.
- **Dunragit Notice Board** - Diane advised that Drew from Community Trust was now dealing with replacement of Notice Board.
- **Defibrillator Sign** - Jane to go ahead and order (approximate size of number plate).

*Cllr
McColm*

*Cllr
Hagmann*

Jane

7. Paths and Core Paths Maintenance

The allocation of the £7,000 per annum requires ratification by the Funding Panel and this will be discussed at meeting in April 2022.

Fred

7. Paths and Core Paths Maintenance (continued)

Stairhaven - Auchenalg Coastal Path - Derek agreed that he and Mick would photograph the areas of concern and provide details of location for submission to D&G Council.

*Derek
Mick*

Derek requested an additional signpost and will send a plan with exact location to Jane to send to D&G Council Access team.

Derek

8. Planters

The half barrel planters, which had reached the end of their useful life, had been removed on 13th March by Fred, Ian, Billy and Marion, Kenny, Derek and Gordon. The chairman thanked everyone for their assistance.

The 30 planters would be allocated as follows: two at Dunragit, two at Glen of Luce Hall, twenty at top end of village, two at shop and two at each end of village.

Ian had cancelled plants from Stuart Kiltie and would contact Home & Gardens about purchase of plants this year. Michael Durrell had given an update on progress with growing plants. Clarification to be sought on number of planters Michael would be maintaining.

Ian

Jane

It was suggested that sand could be placed in base of planters, topped up with compost.

The tubs will be set out on Sunday 24th April - all volunteers welcome.

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9. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Fred advised that the funding application had been submitted for £9,000 and the outcome was awaited. The funders did not allow the purchase of alcohol as an eligible expense.

The road closure application had been submitted. Advice on Public Entertainment Licence and Public Liability Insurance was awaited.

Fred had booked the bouncy castle, which included Public Liability Insurance and staff.

Ian booked Kenny and Marion as stewards.

10. Glenluce Sports

Ian had been approached by a member of the public to enquire about what was happening with Glenluce Sports. Joan was still a bank signatory and the Royal Bank had written to advise that if there was no movement on the account it would be closed within 60 days (June 2022). There is a balance of £3,020.57 in the account, plus approximately £600 held by Julie Ann from a fundraiser.

It was agreed that Fred would speak to current chairman, Tony Miskimmins in the first instance. It may be necessary to call an emergency meeting.

Fred

11. Glenluce Abbey

Ian had been approached by a member of the public who had informed him that Glenluce Abbey was being fenced off and closed to the public. Historic Environment Scotland had written to the Community Council in January to advise: Due to access restrictions in place as a precautionary measure while we undertake high level masonry inspections, there is currently no visitor access to this site." It was agreed that Jane should contact HES for clarification.

Jane

12. Councillors Update

Councillor McColm advised that Artfield Forest Wind Farm had received no objections at the Council meeting and the application now went back to the Scottish Government.

D&G Council is due to appoint a new Chief Executive tomorrow (5th April).

Support for bypasses, dual carriageway and lack of suitable alternative diversions for A75 and A77 was requested in the Strategic Transport Review along with reinstatement of railway line between Stranraer and Dumfries plus re-opening of stations on existing line.

12. Councillors Update (continued)

Stranraer Marina berths are due to increase from 69 to 223.

The Council passed a motion to exclude P&O from the Green Freeport bid for Cairnryan.

Fred thanked Councillor McColm for his frequent attendance and all his work on behalf of Old Luce Community Council matters wishing him well in his retirement.

Derek raised the issue of poor road conditions along A747 to Port William.

13. Correspondence

Strategic Transport Project Review 2 (Stpr2) Formal Consultation - Closing Date 15 April 2022 - to be circulated to members.

Jane

Licensing Of Sexual Entertainment Venues Consultation - Consultation during April.

Murdo Fraser MSP has launched a Members' Bill on Fly-Tipping.

Artfield Forest - Online meeting on 22nd March. Sam McMillan had written to thank the Community Council for their support in organising online presentation.

Wigtown County Golf Club - Alan Gordon had contacted the Community Council to provide information on the planned improvements and enhanced facilities.

D&G Council had written to advise that Stranraer will be host to a Tour Series Race on Thursday 12th May.

D&G Council Elections - Five candidates standing in Mid Galloway and Wigtown West Ward: Kenny Campbell (Scottish Green Party), Katie Hagmann (Scottish National Party), David Inglis (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party), Jackie McCamon (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party) and Sandy Whitelaw (Scottish Labour Party). Election on Thursday 5th May.

Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway is inviting applications from third sector organisations to a new fund to help improve digital inclusion for some of the most vulnerable people in our society. This project is funded by mPower with a focus on people over the age of 65 years, living in Wigtownshire. Applications close on Friday April 15 and more information available from Third Sector D&G. Jane to circulate information.

Jane

14. A.O.C.B.

Fred advised that he had spoken to David Gracie, who had been carrying out repairs to the wall on path to Kirk Care. David will supply details of costs to Fred for reimbursement by OLCC, as previously agreed.

Derek advised that he had resigned as a member of KCBC.

Kenny McKinstry was proposed as an Old Luce Community Council member by Derek Sloan and this was seconded by Fred Murray.

Derek Sloan proposed that Fred Murray was the KCBC member representing Old Luce Community Council and this was seconded by Ian Paterson.

15. Date of Next Meeting

7.45 pm on Monday 2nd May 2022 in Glenluce Public Hall. The meeting closed at 9.55 pm.

Fred thanked everyone for their participation and assistance and Councillor McColm for attendance.

Councillor McColm was thanked and wished a long and happy retirement.

Future meetings: 6th June, 4th July, 5th September, 3rd October and 7th November 2022.