

**Old Luce Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held in Glenluce Public Hall at 7.45 pm on Monday 4th October 2021**

Present

Fred Murray - Chairman	Ian Paterson, Vice Chairman	Marion Muir
Mick Bird	Diane Lowe	
Jane Dodds	Gordon McKinstry	
Elizabeth Innes	Kenny McKinstry	Councillor Katie Hagmann

In attendance: Jane McDowall, Minute Secretary

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

1. Apologies

Derek Sloan, Susan Maxwell, Mike Lane, PC McCutcheon, Councillors McColm, McCamon and Inglis.

Absent: Joan Miskimmins, Pamela Marshall and Ean Stewart.

2. Police Business

PC McCutcheon had reported in advance of meeting that there were no reported crimes since 6th September. No one had any Police matters to be passed on to Gary.

The Chairman advised that the abandoned vehicles with no road tax, MOT or insurance which had previously been reported had now been removed.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (6th September 2021)

All agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting and the adoption of the minutes was proposed by Mick Bird and seconded by Elizabeth Innes.

4. Matters Arising not covered on Agenda

None.

5. Updates on Local Issues raised at Previous Meetings

- **Path Link - tarmac path close to skate park to the top of new gravel path that runs through Glen (March 2021)** - Slavin Plant has completed construction of the path. All thought it was an improvement.
- **Pavement adjacent to Lady Stair Park (September 2019)** - Finally this work has now been undertaken and the pavement has been repaired.
- **Underpass lights at Stairhaven junction (July 2020)** - still not repaired. Councillor McColm had received an update from Amey advising that a temporary repair has been made to the lighting. Plans are being drawn up for a full repair. Amey plans to advertise on their website once the date has been programmed. Jane to contact Amey to request a direct update for Community Council and not have to keep checking website. *Jane*
- **Stairhaven - human and dog excrement (May 2021)** - Fred had checked the site and the toilet facilities have been open during the summer season. It was believed that they would only be open during the summer months. No Community Councillors had objected to installation of an Elsan container at site for disposal of waste from chemical loos. Fred will contact local Council manager (Stuart McCreadie) to confirm go ahead. *Fred*
- **Biodegradable dog waste bags and dispensers (March 2020)** - It is understood that the two dispensers have been ordered. Update due from Derek for next meeting. *Derek*

5. Updates on Local Issues raised at Previous Meetings (continued)

As agreed at September meeting, the under-noted four items were sent to Dumfries & Galloway Council's online Community Council Enquiry Service. Unfortunately no acknowledgement or response had yet been received. Jane has contacted Council to find out what has happened. Councillor Hagmann will follow up with Derek Crichton, Director of Communities to check if there are any issues with CCES. *Cllr Hagmann*

- **Back Burn footpath, Glenluce** (December 2020).
- **A75 signage at junction of C55W** (first raised July 2020).
- **Japanese Knotweed growing beside burn near bridge at Freemasons** - (June 2021).
- **Disabled Parking Bays** (March and June 2021).
- **OLDT - Local History Project** (May 2021) - Susan not present to update on who had been given slides for safe-keeping. *Susan*

6. Core Paths Maintenance

The path between Stairhaven and Auchenmalg was cleared by Council staff (or their contractors) at the end of September. Marion was able to advise that the work started at beginning of May had been by a regular visitor to the area and not Council contractors.

A response to OLCC's letter sent to D&G Council Chief Executive at the end of August had been received from Bryan Scott, Countryside Development Officer, on 28th September. The Council has offered to work in partnership with OLCC to maintain path/s.

Jane to contact Bryan Scott and Richard Masters to discuss volunteers, equipment, Health and Safety, insurance and possibility of Council Staff carrying out the work with support from OLCC. *Jane*

7. Councillors Update

Cllr Hagmann gave an update on progress with transfer of Lorry Park and Industrial Estate plus upcoming Council meetings and activities - budget consultations, Youth Council, etc.

Councillor Hagmann confirmed that £48,000 was still ring-fenced for Glenluce Primary School.

8. Correspondence

The Chairman updated the members on the review process for KCBC and the upcoming meeting later in October. Ian and Fred will attend on behalf of OLCC.

A number of e-mails had been received - those wishing more details requested that the e-mail be forwarded as under-noted.

- D&GC Challenge Poverty Week - 4th to 10th October 2021.
- D&GC Renewal and Recovery Plan (Sowing the Seeds) - revitalising the High Street, building economic resilience and encouraging vibrancy back into our communities.
- D&GC Council Budget Engagement consultations.
- D&GC Community Resilience Training and Support - online in November. *Mick*
- D&GC Plant a Tree for the Jubilee - invitation from Lord Lieutenant. *ALL*
- F&LS - Glenwhan Land Management Plan - Forestry and Land Scotland consultation.
- D&GC - Gambling Act 2005 - Preparation of New Statement of Principles (Section 349) - Consultation responses due by 20th October.
- D&GC - Flood Risk Management Plans / Strategies.
- Royal British Legion Industries - Display a Tommy.

9. Micro Grant Application

An application had been received from Friends of the Glen to undertake First Aid Training and purchase equipment to assist with clearing vegetation. An award of £260 was approved as a one off.

10. A.O.C.B.

Fred advised that the Christmas trees for Glenluce and Dunragit had been ordered.

After discussion about the ongoing restrictions due to the pandemic it was agreed not to organise any Christmas parties this year. A donation of £250 would be made to Glenluce Primary School to go towards their celebrations and to purchase selection boxes for all the children at both Glenluce and Castle Kennedy Primary Schools.

11. Date of Next Meeting

7.45 pm on Monday 1st November in Glenluce Public Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

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

Future meetings: 6th December 2021, 7th February, 7th March, 4th April and 2nd May 2022.