

Old Luce Community Council - Community Council and Resilience Sub Committee meeting Online at 7.45 pm on Monday 5th April 2021

Present

Fred Murray, Chairman	Jane Dodds	Ean Stewart
Ian Paterson, Vice Chairman	Elizabeth Innes	Kenny McKinstry
Derek Sloan, Treasurer	Mike Lane	
Mick Bird	Gordon McKinstry	Marion Muir - Glen of Luce Community Association
Councillor Jim McColm		

In attendance: Jane McDowall, Minute Secretary

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

1. Apologies

None received. **Absent:** Susan Maxwell, Joan Miskimmins, Diane Lowe and Pamela Marshall.

2. Police Business

PC Gayle Allison had notified the Community Council that with effect from 29th March she would be based in Castle Douglas. No information to date about who was taking over from PC Allison. Jane to contact Police Scotland.

Jane

After March meeting both PC Allison and Cllr Inglis had requested removal of disabled parking bay closing to 57 Main Street, Glenluce and Council had agreed to carry out the work. It was noted that work had not yet commenced.

3. Proposed Co-option of Community Councillor

Kenneth McKinstry ("The Stables", Mains of Park, Glenluce, Newton Stewart, DG8 0NN) was proposed as a co-opted Community Councillor by William Paterson (South Boreland, Dunragit, Stranraer, DG9 8PZ) and this was seconded by Mike Lane. All were in agreement and Kenneth was duly appointed as a co-opted Community Councillor.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting (1st March 2021)

All agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting and the adoption of the minutes was proposed by Mike Lane and seconded by Ian Paterson.

5. Matters Arising not covered on Agenda

None.

6. Update on Local Issues raised at Previous Meeting

- **Back Burn footpath, Glenluce.** Fred reported that this had still not been repaired and it will take time.
- **Underpass lights at Stairhaven junction** - still not repaired. Councillor Inglis had sent an e-mail advising that there was a proposal to change the lights to LED.
- **A75 signage at junction of C55W** - Ian is still waiting for follow up call from AMEY.
- **Grass and Path Cutting / Redundant DGC Equipment** - actions from December meeting. Councillor Inglis had again agreed at March meeting to find out if there were any mowers and strimmers available for local communities. No update. Councillor McColm agreed to follow up.
- **Auchenmalg Bridge** - Mick reported that work was being carried out and bollards were still in place.

*Cllr
McColm*

7. Councillors Update

Councillor McColm reported on the signing of the Borderlands deal which will invest £400 million from the UK and Scottish Governments over the next 10 years into North England, the Scottish Borders and Dumfries & Galloway.

This includes investment in Stranraer Marina (£18 million), Chapelcross and the Barony (£8 million).

Cllr McColm advised that Fiona Lees has taken over as Chief Executive of Dumfries & Galloway Council on an interim basis for three months while Gavin Stevenson is absent due to ill health.

8. Correspondence

Ian Paterson read out a letter of thanks from Pamela Marshall and Jane Milroy for the delivery of firewood from the tree that had been chopped down in the Glen. Ian and Derek McDowall had chopped up the wood and delivered.

Mike advised that due to damage caused to the footpath verges all vehicular access was now banned and stones had been put in place.

An e-mail had been received providing information about the Dumfries & Galloway Shoreline Management Plan Study. Jane to forward information and link to website to members.

Jane

9. Resilience Teams - Updates

Marion had nothing to report - no phone calls or requests for assistance. The Chairman asked if anyone knew of any residents requiring assistance to let Marion, Stephen or himself know.

ALL

It was agreed that Glen of Luce Auchenmalg Resilience Team would become affiliated to Old Luce Community Council Resilience Team. They will remain as a separate group. The two Teams will continue to work together. All members were in agreement. Jane to advise Kerren Walker, Ward Officer, D&G Council.

Jane

10. Community Council - Finances

Kerren Walker of Dumfries & Galloway Council had confirmed that the second part of the Council's Hardship Fund grant can be utilised for renewing the Zoom licence as well as any other expenditure that would assist the community with recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic.

It was agreed that due to a number of issues, including insurance, gritting was not for the local community's resilience teams.

It was agreed that Derek would submit the paperwork. Members to consider ideas for utilising the grant to assist the community with recovery.

*Derek
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Derek had received an invoice for £500 from Jane to cover the past year's secretarial support. This was approved for payment.

11. Local Area and Amenities

Defibrillator - Derek advised that this had been purchased and delivered. The Development Trust will erect and the Community Council will pay for installation.

Planters - Grant application outcome should be known by mid-April. The Development Trust will purchase (Community Council to under-write in full). Jane to send information to Tracy and Louise plus copy to Mike. Lead time is six weeks.

Jane

Solway Recycling has offered engraved plaques for the 30 planters free of charge. Wording agreed: "Old Luce Community Council". Two planters to be sited at Glen of Luce Hall, Auchenmalg - Marion Muir agreed to tend. Unfortunately no one offered to look after new planters at Dunragit.

Ian will contact Stuart Kiltie at Dumfries for a quotation to fill tubs. Agreed price is final. The Community Council will pay for compost and plants.

Ian

11. Local Area and Amenities (continued)

Tourism - A recent press release from MSP Emma Harper announced several million pounds being allocated by the Scottish Government to support the tourism sector. Funds to go to promote tourism as well as the provision of seasonal rangers, temporary toilets, car parking and camper van facilities. No one had any details. Jane to contact Emma Harper for more information. *Jane*

Path Link - tarmac path close to skate park to the top of new gravel path that runs through Glen - Fred will contact Robert Lowther at D&G Council for a price for the work and bring to next meeting. *Fred*

Biodegradable dog waste bags and dispensers - Mick had priced heavy duty metal dispensers with all the fittings, including 800 bags at £180 each. It was agreed to purchase two dispensers (Mick and Derek to liaise). Exact locations to be agreed at next meeting. Fred will contact Council about provision of biodegradable dog waste bags. *Mick
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Fred*

Memorial Bench - Susan was not present to provide an update. *Susan*

12. A.O.C.B.

Gordon raised an issue of overgrown foliage at the tennis steps. Fred will contact DGHP. *Fred*

Mike reminded everyone about the Trust's AGM being held online on 28th April. There was a director's vacancy.

Ian raised concerns from local residents about vandalism at Da Prato's corner and installing security cameras. Mike advised that the Trust had discussed security and possible vandalism and cameras would not be installed at this time.

Kenny advised that the pavement adjacent to Lady Stair Park had still not been repaired. Fred will follow up. *Fred*

Fred proposed that Marion Muir become an Associate Community Councillor. All agreed. Jane to progress. *Jane*

Foundation Scotland's latest draft proposal (issued 5/4/21) for Old Luce Community Council Fund had been circulated to OLCC members earlier today. Fred to report comments back to Foundation Scotland. *Fred*

13. Date of Next Meeting

7.45 pm on Monday 3rd May 2021 - online.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

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