

Old Luce Community Council meeting - held in Glenluce Public Hall at 7.45 pm on Monday 5th July 2021

Present

Fred Murray - Chairman

Ian Paterson, Vice Chairman

Mick Bird

Elizabeth Innes

Mike Lane

Gordon McKinstry

Kenny McKinstry

Marion Muir

PC Gary McCutcheon (part meeting)

In attendance: Jane McDowall, Minute Secretary

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

1. Apologies

Derek Sloan, Jane Dodds, Ean Stewart and Pamela Marshall.

Absent: Diane Lowe, Susan Maxwell and Joan Miskimmins

It was agreed that the secretary should contact Diane Lowe to enquire about her intentions due to not having attended any meetings since March 2020.

Jane

2. Police Business

PC McCutcheon gave the following update.

Glenluce - On the 18th June 2021 Police received a report of an Assault involving youths on the school bus from Douglas Ewart High School. 1 male youth cautioned and charged with Assault and reported to Youth Justice.

Incident reported on the 24th June 2021 that a property in Church Street was broken into. There were gouge marks around the door, however nothing appears to be missing from the property. No suspects have been identified yet and enquiries are ongoing.

The chairman thanked PC McCutcheon for his attendance and input. Gary left the meeting.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (7th June 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 Kenny McKinstry.

4. Matters Arising not covered on Agenda

Ian Paterson raised the matter of lack of Councillors attendance once again as well as the lack of complete responses and action on matters raised by the Community Council.

It was agreed that the secretary should write to the Councillors and D&GC's Chief Executive to find out if the problem lay with lack of information and action from D&G Council staff, Councillors or both.

Jane

5. Updates on Local Issues raised at Previous Meetings

- **Back Burn footpath, Glenluce (December 2020)**. No update from Cllr McCamon.
- **Pavement adjacent to Lady Stair Park (September 2019)** - No updates from Councillors McCamon or McColm.
- **Underpass lights at Stairhaven junction (July 2020)** - still not repaired. Councillors Hagmann and McColm had given reports after June meeting and the issue appears to be who is responsible for ongoing maintenance. Discussions between Transport Scotland and D&G Council have established that D&G Council is responsible but technical issues have prevented the Council from carrying out this maintenance.

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

- **Underpass lights at Stairhaven junction (July 2020)** (continued) - Transport Scotland has asked Amey to arrange for the work to allow isolation of the electricity supply and modernisation of fittings. A meeting was due to be held last week (CHECK) and we await an update from Councillor Hagmann on timescale.
- **A75 signage at junction of C55W (first raised July 2020)** - Ian is still awaiting follow up call from AMEY. Jane has twice contacted MSP Emma Harper's office with no reply to date.

Unfortunately both the foregoing items have been stuck with Amey / Transport Scotland / Dumfries & Galloway Council / MSP Emma Harper's office for a year now without anyone able or willing to resolve.

- **Path Link - tarmac path close to skate park to the top of new gravel path that runs through Glen (March 2021)** - Fred has advised Slavin's that their quote was accepted by the Community Council and work will commence towards the end of the year.

It is unknown if Derek has submitted the grant application.

Derek

- **Biodegradable dog waste bags and dispensers (March 2020)** - At the June meeting it had been agreed to purchase two dispensers. This has not yet happened but the Treasurer has now been instructed to purchase the dispensers. It was agreed that one dispenser will be located in Lady Stair Park and the other close to the dog waste bin towards the Viaduct.

Stairhaven - human and dog excrement (May 2021) - Councillor McCamon had not provided any updates but it was believed that the water pipe had been repaired or replaced and the toilet block at Stairhaven was now open.

It was unknown if signage had been installed or where the black / grey waste collection containers were located.

- **OLDT - Local History Project (May 2021)** - Mike confirmed that work was ongoing.

After the June meeting Joyce Stewart had advised that she had not been given slides from Glenluce Primary School for safekeeping (as stated at May meeting). Mike believed that the slides may be in a box in the Trust's office.

Mike

Ian enquired where Glenluce School's minute books were now stored. No one knew.

- **Disabled Parking Bays (March and June 2021)** - Main Street and Motehill. Councillor McCamon had agreed to follow up at June meeting. No information to date.
- **Japanese Knotweed growing beside burn near bridge at Freemasons - (June 2021)** - still growing. The secretary was requested to report.

Jane

6. Core Paths Maintenance

This issue has been ongoing since October 2019 and it was agreed that the chairman and Kenny McKinstry would liaise over which paths required urgent maintenance and appoint a contractor to carry out the necessary works. This would be reviewed prior to the 2022 season.

- **Stairhaven Coastal Path** - Councillor Hagmann had advised that it has been added to the list of maintenance for 2021. It was believed that work had started at the Stairhaven end.

7. Planters

Marion has planted up two of the new planters at Glen of Luce Hall, Auchenmalg and filled with flowers courtesy of Fred / D&GC and compost courtesy of H Thomson & Son Ltd. The remaining 28 new planters are in storage at Derek's. The secretary was asked to write and thank Kippy for the donation of compost. Ian Duffy is looking after the planters at Dunragit.

Jane

7. Planters (continued)

Fred had again undertaken watering of the containers in Glenluce on at least a dozen occasions. Fred put forward a suggestion for local residents to "Adopt a Container" in 2022 and OLCC would contribute £10 towards plant purchase. Adopters would be responsible for planting and watering the containers and there would be prizes awarded later in the summer for the best kept, etc.

All agreed that this was a good suggestion. Everyone was asked to consider the proposal and come up with additional ideas for the next meeting.

Agenda

8. Councillors Update

None - no Councillors present.

9. Correspondence

Kerren Walker, Ward Officer currently on secondment to role, is returning to her original job and Melinda Dolan will be in post from 8th July.

10. Finances and Micro Grant Application

OLCC bank account balance is currently £6,834 with cheques totalling £610 to be paid out leaving a balance of £6,224.

A micro grant application had been received from Glenluce Primary School for resources. The Community Councillors wished to support but there were some omissions on the form. It was agreed that the secretary would contact the applicant to request the missing information.

Jane

It was also agreed that the secretary should draft amendments to the micro grant application form and guidance and pass to the chairman for approval.

Jane

Fred confirmed that Foundation Scotland had amended the Old Luce Community Fund proposal in line with OLCC's wishes as per discussion in February and Mike agreed that the final details were being agreed.

11. A.O.C.B.

Ian advised that the defibrillator was currently stored in the hall. It was agreed that it would be located on the wall at 51 Main Street, Glenluce. An electrician will be required to install. Marion advised that it would require someone to check and maintain every year or two.

Fred suggested arranging a demonstration on how to use a defibrillator and it was agreed to open this to the public.

Fred

12. Date of Next Meeting

7.45 pm on Monday 6th September 2021 in Glenluce Public Hall. The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Fred thanked everyone for their participation and attendance.

Future meetings: 4th October, 1st November, 6th December 2021 and 7th February 2022.