

OLD LUCE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 5th October 2020 at 7.45 pm virtually via Zoom.

Present

Fred Murray - Chairman

Elizabeth Innes

Mike Lane

Councillor Kaite Hagmann

Susan Maxwell

Gordon McKinstry

Ian Paterson, Vice Chairman

Derek Sloan, Treasurer

Stephen Ogston - Chair of Old Luce Resilience Committee

Marion Muir - Glen of Luce Resilience Committee

In attendance: Jane McDowall, Minute Secretary

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

1. Apologies

Action

Councillor Jackie McCamon, Councillor Jim McColm and Mick Bird.

Absent: Diane Lowe, Joan Miskimmins, Pamela Marshall and Ean Stewart.

2. Police Business

PC Allison had submitted the under-noted report.

GLENLUCE

13/09/2020 – 1 vehicle road traffic collision C3w, Glenluce to Glassoch road, driver issued with a ticket for S3 Road Traffic Act 1988 for damaging a dry stone dyke.

17/09/2020 – 1 male arrested for S38 Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010, threatening and abusive behaviour.

19/09/2020 – Unknown male asked an elderly male for £1.00. Elderly male did not give him any money.

30/09/2020 – 1 vehicle road traffic collision A747, driver reported to the PF for S3 Road Traffic Act 1988.

DUNRAGIT

22/09/2020 – Police and ambulance in attendance to assist a resident.

Remembrance Sunday - PC William Boyce, Stranraer Police Station, had sent an e-mail enquiring if there were any Remembrance Sunday events planned.

The Chairman and Reverend Ogston had already discussed possible options for 8th November taking into account guidance from the Church of Scotland although they had not yet come to a final decision. Cllr Hagmann would forward the e-mail from Hazel Kerr at D&GC from Legion Scotland.

*Cllr
Hagmann*

Numbers must be kept to a minimum even though it would be in the open air at War Memorial. Further discussion required before final decision. Fred will order wreath.

*Stephen
Fred
Fred*

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (7th September 2020)

All agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of the business conducted and the adoption of the minutes was proposed by Mike and seconded by Elizabeth.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered on Agenda

None.

5. Update from Councillors

At the September meeting Councillors McColm and Inglis had agreed to deal with under-noted items - no updates had been received to date. Councillor Hagmann will follow up.

- Whitefield Loch sign - removal of redundant sign
- A75 underpass lights - not working
- A75 signage at junction of C55W - blocking view of drivers of LGVs, tractors, etc
- Lady Stair Park play equipment and pavement - broken item plus broken slabs

*Cllr
Hagmann*

Additional item for attention:

- Street light still not working at Vicar Hill, Church Street Glenluce.

*Cllr
Hagmann*

Cllr McColm had contacted the relevant person at D&G Council regarding Fineview Road at Viaduct and Fred had met with the Council employee from Roads Department and the farmer. The meeting had been positive and the Council employee was taking the proposal to the Council.

Community Asset Transfers - Cllr Hagmann advised that the applications for North Street Car Park and Woodside Industrial Estate were due to go to the Finance, Procurement and Transportation (FPT) Committee tomorrow (6th October). She also advised that the last community asset transfer had gone for more than £1 and this was within Council and Government guidelines. Cllr Hagmann advised that there may be State Aid implications. D&G Council is going to review all Industrial Estates across region.

Mike expressed his disappointment with the caveats now being added. D&G Council has carried out no capital improvements to either property for a decade and it is unknown if any are planned for the future. The assistance received from Council Officers has been poor and for Legal Services to now be talking about State Aid after discussions over past two years is not good. The cost is not just £1 - thousands of pounds have been spent on investigative work and a business plan.

Mike said that he was asking for elected members to support our community. All endorsed Mike's comments.

Cllr Hagmann said that D&G Council's policy on asset transfers had changed in December. Mike stated that he had requested documents which had still not been received. Due process had not been followed at the Area Committee meeting - the recording stops dead at the point the discussion on community asset transfer of industrial estate is about to commence.

Reverend Ogston was concerned that an obstacle had been put in the path at the last minute - the Council has always asked for £1 - until now, when they're asking for more money, out of the blue.

Councillor Hagmann reiterated that the policy had changed in December, prior to submission of Community Asset Transfer request in February.

Everyone was thanked for their input.

Councillor Hagmann advised that there is finally a full Senior Management Team in Education. The number of coronavirus infections is rising and there is a challenging time ahead. Many staff members and volunteers are tired after the last seven months.

6. Notice of AGM

The chairman advised that the AGM is normally held in October. All agreed that the AGM would be held on 2nd November 2020.

7. Correspondence

Emails:

- Dumfries & Galloway Council - Challenge Poverty Week. Information will be shared via Old Luce CC's Facebook page, as appropriate.
- D&G Council - at a Special Meeting held on 24th September 2020, Dumfries and Galloway Council in exercise of the powers conferred upon it under Section 53 (3) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 agreed to amend the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils and that this would come into effect on 1st October 2020. A copy of the amended Scheme can be found at: www.dumgal.gov.uk/communitycouncils. Jane to circulate document to Old Luce Community Council members. *Jane*
- Scottish Government Asset Transfer Request Survey (closes 23rd October). Jane to circulate e-mail. *Jane*

8. Resilience Teams - Updates

Stephen advised that the public had been very generous with donations to the Rhins Churches Basics Bank.

Marion advised that there was nothing to report from Auchenmalg at this time. Everyone appeared to be self-reliant at present.

9. Wind Farms

Wood of Dervaird - Scoping Request submitted earlier in year for erection of two wind turbines up to 150 metres by Clean Earth Energy Ltd, Cornwall.

Jane had sent an e-mail to company and they are now are of contacts for Old Luce Community Council.

Marion enquired if this was the same site as the Barlockhart extension approved some years ago which had not gone ahead at the time. It was believed that this was not the same site.

Artfield Forest Wind Farm - Statkraft Limited.

John Wallace, Project Manager had sent an e-mail thanking Old Luce Community Council for feedback and information supplied to date. John updated on the consultation process during August and September. The online consultation website is still available at: www.artfield-forest.co.uk.

Airies II Wind Farm - A scoping opinion has been requested by BayWa-r.e. UK Ltd for a proposed windfarm comprising up to 9 wind turbines (maximum tip height 200 metres).

10. Update - Defibrillator

Derek had spoken to Ean, who had not been able to provide information on price and model at that time. Derek will contact Joyce Stewart for model and price. *Derek*

11. Any Other Competent Business

Marion enquired about funding for Hall Hire for Rural. Marion to complete Micro Grants application form - available from Fred or Old Luce Development Trust website.

Christmas Parties - Fred proposed that due to current restrictions these should be cancelled for 2020. Perhaps some monies could go to school for Christmas Parties? Susan advised that the Schools had not yet come to a decision about Christmas parties but once they do she will let Fred know. *Susan*

11. Any Other Competent Business (continued)

Christmas - Derek requested ideas for something to donate to certain households at Christmas (the old folks who attend Christmas meal) - perhaps a Christmas basket or voucher for £10 to spend in local shop?

Derek has ordered the Christmas trees. Date of switch on to be confirmed - end of November?

D&G Council Covid Emergency Fund - Fred advised that there were still some funds available for use. There had been a problem with automatic sanitisers in public toilets (now resolved).

Request for Loan of Hall Tables and Chairs - Fred had been approached for loan of tables and chair for 24th October for use at a wedding reception at the Crown. Fred had discussed this with the hall keeper and all agreed that subject to appropriate sanitising procedures and numbers kept within legal requirements this was acceptable.

Area Discretionary Funding - Fred advised that Louise McCulloch from Development Trust had contacted him to enquire if Community Council was applying for these funds and he had confirmed that Old Luce CC would submit the application.

Ian enquired if the next meeting could be in the Hall - advised not until guidance changes.

15. Date of Next Meeting, including Annual General Meeting

7.45 pm on Monday 2nd November 2020.

Future Meetings (Monday): 7th December, 1st February and 1st March.

Fred thanked everyone for a constructive meeting. Fred thanked the elected member for their input and everyone for their contributions.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.