

**Old Luce Community Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held in Glenluce Public Hall at 7.45 pm on Monday 5th September 2022**

**Present**

Fred Murray - Chairman	Diane Lowe	Councillor David Inglis
Ian Paterson - Vice Chairman	Susan Maxwell	
Kenny McKinstry - Treasurer	Marion Muir	PC Gary McCutcheon
Elizabeth Innes	Derek Sloan	(part meeting)
Mike Lane		

In attendance: Jane McDowall, Minute Secretary

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. A minute's silence was held to mark the loss of Jane Dodds, who had passed away in August. The secretary was asked to notify D&G Council about the loss of Community Councillor Dodds.

**1. Apologies**

Mick Bird, Joan Miskimmins, Gordon McKinstry and Councillor McCamon.

**Absent:** Ean Stewart.

**2. Police Business**

**Reported Crime:** 20/7/22 - neighbour dispute, Police attended and one female issued with a Recorded Police Warning.

1/9/22 - Female cautioned and charged with Section 57 Civic Government Act offence (being in or on a building with the intent to commit theft).

There is a witness appeal following a serious road crash south of Ballantrae last week - anyone with any information to contact Police Scotland.

**Information** - Increase in scam attempts, particularly relating to electricity costs.

Ian raised the lack of and poor standard of cutting roadsides and the issue of road safety with drivers moving out from verge to avoid overgrown vegetation. PC McCutcheon will raise with Road and Councillor Inglis will follow up with Council.

*PC  
McCut-  
cheon  
Cllr  
Inglis*

The Chairman thanked PC McCutcheon for his input and attendance. PC McCutcheon left meeting.

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (4th July 2022)**

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

**4. Matters Arising not covered on Agenda**

None.

**5. Finance**

Kenny reported that there was £29.97 in the account. Fred will contact Foundation Scotland to arrange for a draw-down of £5,000. (**Note 3/10/22** - £2,619.47 in the account. Misquoted amount due to bank statements not being with current treasurer and calculating from cheque stubs.)

*Fred*

Kenny advised that the update to bank signatories was almost complete.

*Derek  
Kenny*

Derek kindly agreed to assist Kenny with the year-end accounts.

## 6. Updates on Local Issues raised at Previous Meetings

- **Community Asset Transfer - Lorry Park - (February 2022)** - No update from Councillor Hagmann's communication with D&G Council's legal department after June meeting. *Cllr Hagmann*
- **Underpass lights at Stairhaven junction (July 2020)** - The underpass lights have now been replaced and are on 24/7. The lights outside the underpass are still on 24/7. Councillor Inglis will contact the relevant team at the Council. *Cllr Inglis*
- **Disabled Parking Bays (March and June 2021).** The paint has now been removed.
- **Crumbling Wall next to Back Burn (December 2020)** - D&G Council has now made the necessary repairs.
- **Dunragit Notice Board (March 2022)** - Ordered. Delays due to issues with supply of materials.
- **Defibrillator Sign (April 2022)** - Ian gave permission for the sign to be affixed on the wall above defibrillator. *Jane*
- **Summer Seat on back road to be repaired / replaced (May 2022)** - Fred had measured the potential replacement seat and advised that it was too large for space - it would be too close to edge of road. It was agreed that the wooden seat in place would be checked to see if it could be repaired. *Fred*
- **Public Toilets - Cleaning (June 2022)** - Mike advised that the cleaning of the Public Toilets was now covered by a combination of a contractor plus two employees. The cost has increased dramatically. Fred requested that OLDT submit an application on behalf of OLCC. Mike / Diane will bring costs of cleaning to the October meeting. *Mike Diane*

## 7. Paths and Core Paths Maintenance

The chairman reported that the Railway Path is very good and well maintained.

Information on the Dunragit paths had been received from Jocelyn Vance which had been added to the outline plan for maintenance of core paths.

**Stairhaven - Auchenalg Coastal Path (March 2022)** - Richard Masters (D&G Council) had thanked Mick Bird for producing the report. Richard was going to discuss which of the remedial works identified in the report could be undertaken by the Council and reply to OLCC.

**High Glen Fencing** - Ian and Boyd McIntosh had visited the area where cattle were getting through the day after July meeting. It was believed that the issue was resolved at present.

## 8. Glenluce Sports (April 2022)

It was unknown if Robert Wallace had spoken to Tony Miskimmins, or if the bank account was frozen or if the cash held by Julie Ann Copeland had been paid into the Sports account. *Agenda*

## 9. Lady Stair Park

**Lady Stair Park - Path Link to make circuit (November 2021)** - Fred had obtained two quotes. The Council quote is £17,000 and Andrew Slavin's quote is £9,500. It was agreed that an application should be submitted for the next round of funding with the works scheduled to be undertaken by Andrew Slavin in the spring/summer of 2023. *Agenda*

**Benches in Play Park (September 2022)** - A Council Officer had advised Fred that the wooden benches were rotten and required replacement. The Council could replace with picnic benches which cost £2,500 each. It was agreed that a mix of benches and picnic benches would be better and should be made from recycled plastic. *Agenda*

## 9. Lady Stair Park (continued)

**Play Park Equipment** (July 2022) - Fred advised that the Council will be fencing off the boat to allow for repairs - some of which were required due to vandalism. Discussion took place around people taking dogs into the fenced off play park area, which had signs requesting that people did not take dogs into the area where children were playing. It was suggested that a separate fenced off area could be created specifically for dogs to be let off the lead. Fred would speak to the dog owner to request that they did not take the dog into the fenced off area.

*Fred*

## 10. Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company (KCBC)

Kenny will speak to a potential new director again. Diane will speak to a potential new director.

*Kenny  
Diane*

## 11. Old Luce Development Trust - Update

Covered under previous agenda items.

## 12. Old Luce Community Benefit Fund - Update

The chairman reported that at the last meeting there were three applications. Two for the Education Grant and one for the Golf Club, which is moving forward with its plans. All agreed that the plans for the Golf Club were very good for the area.

Promotion of Fund - the chairman advised that there is a poster in the hall window and dates for applications are on the website.

## 13. Councillors Update

Councillor Inglis reported that the Council budget is extremely tight and that they are also struggling to keep staff. There is a shortage of houses, particularly for those who are made homeless. Cllr Inglis gave an update on the SW Bureau Gateway and sustainable renewable energy. Verge cutting and pothole fixing are also frequently-raised issues. The potential loss of 50 jobs at Rowan Glen is a major concern. Area Committees are under review. Cllr Inglis would like to reinstate the Community Councils Federation. The Council is considering providing warm spaces for the winter. CC to discuss.

*Agenda*

Councillor Whitelaw is to be contacted and invited to the next meeting.

*Jane*

## 14. Correspondence

None.

## 15. A.O.C.B.

**Christmas Parties** - October agenda. It was agreed that OLCC and OLDLT would co-ordinate the Christmas Lights switch on with the School Council, which was planning to organise a Christmas Fair. Susan will organise singing by the Primary schoolchildren. Derek will order the Christmas trees for Glenluce and Dunragit.

*Agenda*

*Susan  
Derek*

Derek tendered his apologies for the October meeting and advised that he would be standing down as a Community Councillor at the AGM. Mike thanked Derek for all that he has done during his time on the Community Council and said that he had been a major contributor to the development of the community.

Fred advised that more supplies of dog poop bags were required and he would speak to Mick.

*Fred*

## 15. Date of Annual General Meeting and Next Community Council Meeting

7.45 pm on Monday 3rd October 2022 in Glenluce Public Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Fred thanked everyone for their attendance and input.

**Future meetings:** 7th November and 5th December 2022. 8th February and 8th March 2022.