

Old Luce Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held in Glenluce Public Hall at 7.45 pm on Monday 6th June 2022

Present

Ian Paterson - Vice Chairman
- in the chair
Mick Bird
Elizabeth Innes
Mike Lane

Diane Lowe
Joan Miskimmins
Marion Muir

Councillor Katie Hagmann
PC Gary McCutcheon (part meeting)

Member of the Public:

John Johnstone (part meeting)

In attendance: Jane McDowall, Minute Secretary

It was unanimously agreed that Ian take the chair in the absence of Fred. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. Ian welcomed Councillor Hagmann back to the meeting and congratulated her on her re-election.

1. Apologies

Fred Murray, Gordon McKinstry and Jane Dodds.

Absent: Susan Maxwell, Kenny McKinstry, Derek Sloan and Ean Stewart.

2. Police Business

Reported Crimes - 26th May 2022 – incident reported to Police of the beach between Torrs Warren Woods and the Wigtownshire Golf Club being ploughed. This area is owned by the Crown Estates Scotland. All local farmers spoken to and no persons identified. The area is an SSSI site however it has been recognised that there is inappropriate signage in the area. Crown Estates made aware and will update signage at the earliest opportunity.

30th May 2022- fraud reported to Police by a resident from Glenluce, small amount of money exchanged via Facebook for a car part however no part has been received by the buyer.

4th June 2022- neighbour dispute reported on Main Street, argument appears to have been over scaffolding erected on each other's land. Police have attended and spoke to both parties, incident has been resolved without further issue.

PC McCutcheon was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.

Sergeant Ronnie Boyce, who had recently taken over in the area, had written to all Community Councils. The concerns about obstruction caused by vehicles parking on a narrow part of Main Street had been raised with him and he had instructed that regular patrols be carried out and any offences identified dealt with. The option of contacting the roads department about double yellow lines was raised. It was agreed that parking was already restricted and not to go down this route at present.

Issues raised by Member of the Public

John raised concerns about the St Helena path, which was badly overgrown, a broken sign on path and the crumbling wall on the Back Burn.

Councillor Hagmann agreed to take up the lack of maintenance on a core path.

*Cllr
Hagmann*

The Council had promised on several occasions to repair the wall and had indeed promised to have it repaired by the end of May. Jane to raise again with Council.

Jane

John left the meeting.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (2nd May 2022)

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

4. Matters Arising not covered on Agenda

None.

5. Finance

It was proposed by Mike Lane that Kenny McKinstry be added as a signatory to Old Luce Community Council bank accounts and to receive the bank statements and this was seconded by Ian Paterson. Kenny to progress with bank.

Kenny

6. Updates on Local Issues raised at Previous Meetings

- **Community Asset Transfer - Lorry Park - (February 2022)** - Mike gave an update from Old Luce Development Trust - the Trust is at an impasse with the Council and at the present they are continuing to work on their other projects. Councillor Hagmann agreed to follow up with the Legal Team at D&G Council - again. *Cllr Hagmann*
- **Lady Stair Park - Path Link to make circuit (November 2021)** - Add to July agenda. *Agenda*
- **Underpass lights at Stairhaven junction (July 2020)** - No further update - Jane to follow up. *Jane*
- **Biodegradable dog waste bags and dispensers (March 2020)** - Now installed - one outside public hall and one in park. The one in the park has disappointingly already been covered in graffiti.
- **Disabled Parking Bays (March and June 2021)**. To be raised with CCES again. *Jane*
- **Crumbling Wall next to Back Burn (December 2020)** - Repairs still not completed. To be raised with CCES again. *Jane*
- **Dunragit Notice Board (March 2022)** - Diane advised that it had been ordered.
- **Defibrillator Sign (April 2022)** - Jane to provide examples for consideration. *Jane*
- **Summer Seat on back road to be repaired /replaced (May 2022)** - no update.

Councillor Hagmann requested a list of outstanding issues which CCES kept closing down before the matters were fully resolved. Jane to provide.

Jane

7. Paths and Core Paths Maintenance

New grant application required for path maintenance.

Agenda

St Helena Core Path (420) - overgrown vegetation reported by John Johnstone. There was also a sign post which had rusted and collapsed (before bridge on to golf course?). Cllr Hagmann following up *Cllr Hagmann*

Stairhaven - Auchenmalg Coastal Path (March 2022) - Derek had agreed that he and Mick would photograph the areas of concern and provide details of location for submission to D&G Council. Mick advised that this would be done. *Derek Mick*

Additional Signpost (April 2022) - Derek requested an additional signpost and will send a plan with exact location to Jane to send to D&G Council Access team. Information awaited from Derek. *Derek*

Railway Path (June 2022) - Mick suggested a sign showing the route of the path. Mike agreed to take suggestion to the Trust. *Mike*

Way markers (June 2022) - Mick offered to re-paint the white markings and adjust gates to allow them to open/close better. All were grateful to Mick for offering to carry out this work. *Mick*

8. Planters

After the last meeting it had been discovered that sourcing plants was working out more expensive than the services of Stuart Kiltie. It had been agreed to engage Stuart and he was paid £450 for supply of plants and planting up the planters. Location of planters was confirmed.

9. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Ian advised that the day had gone exceptionally well and the weather had been fantastic. Assistance to take down the bunting on Tuesday evening was requested.

Mike advised that the Face Painting group had thanked OLCC for the donation, which was very much appreciated.

Fred had sent a message from abroad where he was on holiday - he wished to pass on his gratitude to everyone who had helped to make the day such a success.

Mike said that everyone was in a super positive mood and three people had already approached him to do something similar again.

The donation buckets had raised £93.05 for UNICEF - Ukraine children's fund. OLCC members agreed to make the amount up to £100 and donate this to UNICEF.

Jane

10. Glenluce Sports

Disappointingly neither Neil nor Julie Ann had contacted Joan after the May meeting, although they had both been contacted. Ian had spoken to Tony Miskimmins who advised that no meeting has been arranged.

It was recommended that a small deposit was made into the account to keep it active. Joan agreed to contact Neil to try to keep the account active.

Joan

11. Councillors Update

Councillor Hagmann gave an update on the new Council administration.

12. Correspondence

None.

13. A.O.C.B.

Mike gave an update on the difficulties in securing a cleaner for the public toilets. The Council is currently providing the service but this is due to finish in July. Katie will look into the Council continuing to provide the service as a contractor.

*Cllr
Hagmann*

Marion advised that some people had commented on an article in the Trust's Newsletter which appeared to state that the Trust was selling off pieces of land in the Glen. Mike confirmed that it was parts of the old railway line and if anyone had any queries they should contact the Trust office.

14. Date of Next Meeting

7.45 pm on Monday 4th July 2022 in Glenluce Public Hall. The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Mike gave his apologies for the July meeting.

Ian thanked everyone for their participation and Councillor Hagmann for attendance.

Future meetings: 5th September, 3rd October, 7th November and 5th December 2022.