

**Old Luce Community Council - Community Council and Resilience Sub Committee meeting  
7.45 pm on Monday 7th December 2020.**

**Present**

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| Fred Murray - Chairman      | Elizabeth Innes                        | Stephen Ogston - Chair of Old Luce Resilience Committee |
| Ian Paterson, Vice Chairman | Mike Lane                              |   |
| Derek Sloan, Treasurer      | Joan Miskimmins                        |   |
| Jane Dodds                  | Councillor David Inglis (part meeting) | PC Gayle Allison (part meeting)                         |

In attendance: Jane McDowall, Minute Secretary

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

**1. Apologies**

Pamela Marshall, Mick Bird, Susan Maxwell, Gordon McKinstry and Councillor Katie Hagmann.

**Absent:** Diane Lowe and Ean Stewart.

**2. Police Business**

**GLENLUCE**

05/11 – x 1 female charged with driving without insurance. Vehicle recovered.

**DUNRAGIT**

Between 20 & 22/11 – Theft House Break in at Kirminnoch Farm, Dunragit. Cottage broken into and copper piping stolen.

30/11 - Vehicle stopped on A75 near to Dunragit. x 1 male found in possession of cannabis.

PC Allison advised that scammers are still in action and the PPI scam has been active again although this scheme is no longer open for claims.

Fred reported that there were problems with the traffic lights on Glenluce Main Street close to the Judge's Keep due to parked cars in the evenings. The people who set up the traffic lights would have been unaware of any potential issues while cars were away during the day. PC Allison would pass on to her supervisor and send Fred an e-mail with update.

*PC  
Allison*

Ian reported a diesel theft at Breedon quarry near Dunragit.

The chairman thanked PC Allison for all her work and her attendance.

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (2nd November 2020)**

Proposed for adoption by Ian Paterson and seconded by Derek Sloan.

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

None.

**5. Councillors Update**

- A75 signage at junction of C55W - blocking view of drivers of LGVs, tractors, etc. Ian advised that he has been contacted but there has been no action to date.
- Underpass lights at Stairhaven junction - still not repaired. Councillor Hagmann has reported to Council and AMEY. Councillor Inglis will follow up.
- Glass Recycling Bins - It was confirmed that both bins had been placed in Glenluce School Car Park and it was suggested that it would be better to have one at North Street lorry park, as previously requested.

*Cllr  
Inglis*

## 5. Councillors Update (continued)

- Glass Recycling Bins (continued) - Mike said that as ownership of the lorry park was in the process of being transferred to Old Luce Development Trust the Community Council should communicate with the Trust about location of bins.

It was agreed to leave the request to move a glass recycling bin at this time.

- **Grass and Path Cutting / Redundant DGC Equipment** - This matter has been discussed at several meetings without any resolution. It was again debated at length with concerns raised about insurance and Health and Safety.

The following was agreed:

1. Councillor Inglis would find out if there were any mowers and strimmers available for local communities. *Cllr Inglis*
  2. Ian would contact Derek McDowall to enquire if he would lead a group that was going to take charge of cutting paths, etc. *Ian*
- Whitefield Loch sign - It had been agreed at the September meeting that Councillor McColm would contact D&G Council to request removal of the redundant sign and it had been confirmed at the November meeting that this was on the Council's Jobs List. The sign is still in place. Councillor Inglis will follow up to find out when the sign will be removed. *Cllr Inglis*
  - Ian reported a hole at the Back Burn footpath, Glenluce. Fred advised that it had already been reported and will follow up. *Fred*

Councillor Inglis gave an update on the following matters.

**Covid Vaccine** - due to be rolled out from tomorrow (8th December). There are no freezer facilities in the west of the Region able to store the vaccine at the required minus 70°C. NHS staff in the west of the region will be transported via bus during their working hours to Dumfries to be vaccinated.

**Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee** - A very low percentage of the population in D&G had completed the Roads survey.

**Budget Setting Time** - There is a shortfall of £8-9 million and more savings will be required.

**Brexit Briefing** - It had been noted that there may be an increase in freight traffic through Cairnryan.

The chairman thanked Councillor Inglis for his update.

## 6. Correspondence

Fred advised that Roy Campbell had sent an e-mail advising that the Coast to Coast Rally had been re-scheduled for 8th May 2021 and was seeking the support of the Community Council. All present confirmed their support for the Rally. Susan Maxwell had contacted Fred about the concerned resident and now that the Community Council had confirmed their support for the Rally, Fred would contact the individual. *Fred*

***Councillor Inglis left the meeting.***

James Ferguson had sent an e-mail of thanks for the micro grant to purchase Christmas decorations for the schools. David's e-mail of thanks had been circulated to Old Luce Community Councillors.

Fred advised that Susan Maxwell had purchased 104 selection boxes (as agreed at November meeting) to give to all the children at Glenluce and Castle Kennedy Primary Schools. Susan had placed a sticker on each box stating that it was a gift from Old Luce Community Council. Fred thanked Susan for organising the selection boxes for the children.

## **7. Resilience Teams - Updates**

Stephen advised that he had nothing to add to previous reports.

Derek advised that he had submitted the completion report to Dumfries & Galloway Council and would not be applying for the second grant of £552.

Fred asked everyone present to let him or Stephen know if they were aware of anyone who needed assistance. All agreed.

## **8. Christmas**

The Christmas lights in Glenluce and Dunragit had been switched on recently. Thanks are due to Kippy Thomson for supplying machine to erect tree. It was agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent from Community Council.

*Jane*

Mike commented that there was an issue with a few of the new lights in Dunragit and a couple in Glenluce. He explained the difficulties in securing the services of a Council approved electrician.

## **9. Old Luce Development Trust - Update**

Mike gave a brief update.

The Trust has been awarded £261,250 from the Scottish Land Fund towards the new Surgery. The total costs to date are £312,000.

The Community Asset Transfers are with the Solicitors and should be finalised in the New Year. Part of the grant funding will be used for a housing survey.

Da Prato's corner - work is being undertaken on the retaining wall, which was not originally planned.

These are exciting times for the community.

## **10. Community Council - Finances**

Derek had contacted Susie at Foundation Scotland to discuss drawing down funds. Susie had confirmed that FS had no issue with OLCC drawing down funds as and when required. The payment for secretarial services and other expenses would require to be recorded separately.

Discussion took place around improving a short section of the woodland walk path. Mike raised concerns about a perceived potential conflict of interest. All were in agreement that the improvement to track would improve the woodland walk. Mike offered to carry out all the work himself - fill the worst holes now and finish in the spring in better weather. The Community Council agreed to pay for the tar planings to fix the track (approximate cost £200).

Mike suggested raising awareness of grants available for community benefit. Stephen recommended promoting what the money had been spent on and celebrating the benefits to the community.

A spirited exchange of views took place which reached no conclusion.

It was agreed that this item would be added to the agenda with Old Luce Community Fund's Constitution circulated to members prior to the meeting to allow for an informed discussion.

*Agenda*

## **11. Defibrillator Update**

Derek advised that the value of the defibrillator was around £2,500 and he was looking into how best to insure. The addition of the insurance requirement clause imposed by Foundation Scotland had held up the project.

## **12. Artfield Forest Wind Farm Update**

Statkraft Limited would like to invite representatives from Old Luce, New Luce, Kirkcowan and Cree Valley Community Councils to an online presentation during week commencing 14th December. The presentation is about community ownership with input from Local Energy Scotland and broadband provision.

It was agreed that Fred, Ian, Mike and Jane would join from OLCC.

## **13. A.O.C.B.**

None.

## **14. Date of Next Meeting**

7.45 pm on Monday 1st February 2021 - online.

The chairman wished everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.