

Old Luce Community Council meeting - Online at 7.45 pm on Monday 7th June 2021

Present

Fred Murray - Chairman	Elizabeth Innes	Gordon McKinstry
Ian Paterson, Vice Chairman	Mike Lane	Marion Muir
Mick Bird	Susan Maxwell	Kenny McKinstry
Jane Dodds	Cllr Jackie McCamon via phone	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

Ean Stewart, Joan Miskimmins and Councillor Inglis.

Absent: Derek Sloan, Diane Lowe and Pamela Marshall.

2. Police Business

PC Gary McCutcheon introduced himself and advised that he has taken over from PC Gayle Allison.

Glenluce - There was a Breach of the Peace reported to the Police on 20th April 2021 in Motehill. 1 male was cautioned and charged and reported to the PF.

Incident reported on the 27th May 2021 that the Glenluce Sub Station on North Street has been broken into. Entry to the site has been gained, however no items have been reported missing so it appears that nothing has been stolen. No suspects identified at present however enquiries are ongoing.

Members of the public should be aware of another rise is Amazon Scams whereby members of the public are being asked to purchase Amazon vouchers between £200/£300 and send the codes to the scammers. They are contacting people by social media and email.

Joint Patrolling is being carried out by Stranraer Community Officer and the Community Safety Team throughout the coming months.

Responsible Dog Owners Toolkit - to be circulated.

Jane

Kenny advised that Scottish Power had installed sensors and security at the sub-station.

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

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (3rd May 2021)

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 Gordon McKinstry.

4. Matters Arising not covered on Agenda

None.

5. Updates on Local Issues raised at Previous Meetings

- **Back Burn footpath, Glenluce** (first raised December 2020). Fred apologised for erroneously reporting at May meeting that Slavin Construction had been repairing path - they had been carrying out other works. Both Fred and Derek McDowall have again reported this to Council but it has not been repaired. Councillor McCamon will follow up. *Cllr McCamon*
- **Pavement adjacent to Lady Stair Park** (first raised September 2019) - Councillor McCalm had been going to follow up after May meeting but no reply to date. Councillor McCamon will make enquiries. *Cllr McCamon*

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

- **Underpass lights at Stairhaven junction** (first raised July 2020) - still not repaired. Councillor Hagmann followed up again after May meeting and requested that Derek Crichton look into the issue as the D&G Council Director responsible for roads. It may be that D&GC is not responsible but Cllr Hagmann has asked how this matter can be finally resolved. *Cllr Hagmann*

- **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. *Jane*

- **Grass and Path Cutting** (first raised October 2019) - Awaiting update from Ian who had agreed to speak to Derek McDowall and the other potential volunteers to enquire if they wished equipment to carry out maintenance and report response at next meeting. *Ian Paterson*

- **Stairhaven Coastal Path** - Councillor Hagmann advised that it has been added to the list of maintenance for 2021. The contracts are in the final stages of the procurement process and will be out for tender imminently. The path is likely to be done in the next 6-8 weeks. The contract is to cut and clear 1 m the entire length (approximately 4 km) of the path and it was acknowledged that it has been at least 4 years since any work was carried out.

- **Path Link - tarmac path close to skate park to the top of new gravel path that runs through Glen** (first raised March 2021) - Two additional quotations had been requested at the May meeting. Ian advised that Luce Bay had not wished to quote and Ean had not provided any information about a quote from H Thomson and Son for this meeting.

Fred advised that the quotation from D&G Council was £5,400 and £2,250 from Slavin's. It was unanimously agreed to accept the quote from Slavin's and for the work to take place after the school holidays to ensure least disruption. *Fred*

Derek Sloan to prepare a funding application to cover the costs of installing path. *Derek Sloan*

- **Biodegradable dog waste bags and dispensers** (first raised March 2020) - It was agreed to purchase two dispensers with one to be located in the park and another location still to be agreed. *Agenda*

Planters (first raised September 2020) - Following the May meeting we were advised that planters would not be delivered until mid-June. The volunteers went ahead last week and planted up the old planters which the chairman is currently watering regularly to ensure the new plants survive and thrive. The new planters were delivered to Derek for storage on Friday 4th June. Two of the new planters will be filled with compost (Marion will contact H Thomson and Son about compost) and located at Glen of Luce Hall, Auchenalg. Fred will be receiving a delivery of plants courtesy of D&G Council in the next week. *Marion Fred*

- **Stairhaven - human and dog excrement** (May 2021) - Cllr Hagmann had followed up on this report and provided the under-noted information:

"Robert Lowther has confirmed the following: "Colleagues in the property repairs team are pursuing a solution to get these toilets open as soon as possible, budgets are available to make this happen. The main issue is identifying where the leak is compounded by the water pipe running through a number of properties. The team are making one final attempt to identify the location of the leak and if unsuccessful will put in a new water pipe. In the meantime signage will be going up advising where the nearest public toilets are."

"Black/grey waste (chemical portaloos) - There is also work ongoing to feed into the national map of where grey/black waste can be deposited and once complete this will be advertised locally via DGC's communications plan. I have also been told that identified hot spots are being looked at and this point is high up on the list of those."

- **OLDT - Local History Project** (May 2021) - Mike advised that Trust representatives are due to meet with the lady who raised the subject at the AGM at the end of June along with someone from the Biosphere.

Ean not present and had not provided an update on the location of the slides given to Joyce Stewart by Glenluce Primary School for safekeeping.

6. Councillors Update

None.

7. Correspondence

Gary Pilling, Wigtown Bay Sailing Club - WBSC will be offering sailing, kayaking, canoeing, raft building and bushcraft sessions for youngsters during the summer. Anyone interested should contact Gary.

D&G Council - Events Re-start online meetings and Events Community Toolkit - Jane will circulate e-mail.

Jane

8. Finances

Treasurer not present. No update on Foundation Scotland funding proposal.

9. A.O.C.B.

Ian Paterson stated that the disabled parking bay on Main Street had still not been removed in spite of previous notification that it would be and added that there was another disabled bay in Motehill that should be removed. Councillor McCamon will follow up.

*Cllr
McCamon*

Jane Dodds enquired about who was responsible for the fence between school parking area and Bowling Club. It was agreed that it was likely to be Council but no one was likely to object to Bowling Club repairing fence.

*Jane
Dodds*

Susan Maxwell enquired about opening the toilet block in Lady Stair Park for the school pupils mini trip. Susan was advised to contact the Ryan Centre.

Susan

Marion enquired about the amount of compost required for planters - Jane to send size.

Jane McD

Kenny enquired if the Council would supply a portaloo at Stairhaven until the repairs were completed? Councillor McCamon will make enquiries.

*Cllr
McCamon*

Ian stated his disappointment about there being no Councillors in attendance and that at least one of the four should ensure that they attend.

Joan Miskimmins had asked that the CC be made aware of Japanese Knotweed growing on the banks of the burn at the bridge near Bowling Club, on ground belonging to the Freemasons. Fred agreed to speak to the Freemasons to request access to deal with plant.

Fred

Ian requested that the July meeting be held in Glenluce Public Hall. The majority were in agreement.

10. Date of Next Meeting

7.45 pm on Monday 5th July 2021 in Glenluce Public Hall. The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Fred thanked everyone for their participation.