

Old Luce Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held in Glenluce Public Hall at 7.45 pm on Monday 7th March 2022

Present

Fred Murray - Chairman	Diane Lowe	Ean Stewart
Ian Paterson - Vice Chairman	Gordon McKinstry	Councillor Hagmann
Kenny McKinstry - Treasurer	Marion Muir	Member of the Public:
Elizabeth Innes	Derek Sloan	Michael Durrell

In attendance: Jane McDowall, Minute Secretary

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

1. Apologies

Jane Dodds, Mike Lane, PC Gary McCutcheon, Councillors McColm and Inglis.

Absent: Susan Maxwell, Mick Bird and Joan Miskimmins.

2. Police Business

No incidents from the Old Luce area reported to Police Scotland since the last CC meeting.

The following notices are forwarded for you attention.

Update regarding parking complaints on Main Street. There has been 1 phone call regarding the parking made to the Police on the 28th February. Police attended and spoke to the owner of the vehicle involved.

We continue to remind people of how best to keep themselves safe from telephone based Impersonation Fraud. The short video on the following link is well worth a watch: <https://biteable.com/watch/3449618/c01f1e13a725df1d4882e64fa00460c2>

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (7th February 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 Marion Muir.

4. Matters Arising not covered on Agenda

None.

5. Finance

Kenny reported that there was £3,873.84 in the current account. Work is ongoing on updating the account signatories.

*Kenny
Derek*

6. Updates on Local Issues raised at Previous Meetings

- **Community Asset Transfer - Lorry Park - (February 2022)** - Letters had been sent to Derek Crichton, Interim Chief Executive, D&G Council and MSP Finlay Carson.

No response from either. Notified that letter sent to Derek Crichton had been forwarded to Jamie Ferguson, Community Development and Empowerment Manager by his PA.

Councillor Hagmann advised that she had met with the Head of Legal Governance and Assurance - Vlad Valiente on 24th February. The Industrial Units are due to be transferred next week. The Lorry Park is a different matter - possibly 3 to 4 months to resolve.

It was agreed that Jane would send the correspondence to Councillor Hagmann and Vlad Valiente. Councillor Hagmann would follow up.

*Jane
Cllr
Hagmann*

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

- **Lady Stair Park - Path Link to make circuit - (November 2021)** - Add to April agenda. *Agenda*
- **Underpass lights at Stairhaven junction (July 2020)** - Update received on 22nd October from Calum Edgar, D&G Council Street Lighting Team Leader: "Amey contacted me 2 weeks ago to ask what colour temperature we want the LED's to be as they were in the process of ordering the light fittings. I requested warm white LED's as they are more welcoming.

Given that the light fittings take around 6-8 weeks to be manufactured I can safely say that the February timescale will not be met.

Although this work is out with my control please be assured that I will continue to ask for updates. There are 3 underpass locations in total across the region and they are all at the same stage."

- **Biodegradable dog waste bags and dispensers (March 2020)** - Dispensers had arrived. Fred advised that they would be installed in the next week - one in the Park and one towards Viaduct. *Fred*
- **Disabled Parking Bays (March and June 2021)**. Gus McCleary from the Newton Stewart depot had telephoned on 22nd February to advised that the paint lines were being removed on 23rd or 24th February. They had still not been removed. Jane to follow up. *Jane*
- **Crumbling Wall next to Back Burn** - Reported again - response due by 21st March.
- **Request for Dog Waste Bin at Dunragit end of Railway Line Walk** - The Council had acknowledged request but explained that the issue was with costs of emptying bins. They would investigate and come back with a decision in the next few weeks.
- **A75 diversion route along A747 Port William to Glenluce** - Letter sent to MSP Finlay Carson acknowledged. Mr Carson will contact AMEY.

Nothing further to report or raise at present.

7. Paths and Core Paths Maintenance

The allocation of the £7,000 per annum requires ratification by the Funding Panel.

Advice from Dumfries & Galloway Council was that any maintenance on core paths would require notification to Council about what was being planned or carried out. The Council has no issue with these works being carried out by the CC or a contractor working on the CC's instruction.

Public liability insurance would be required and the landowner(s) would have to be consulted to ensure that they agreed to the work being carried out on their land. Contractors should have their own public liability insurance.

It was agreed that the first step was to arrange for ratification of the funding. *Fred*

Stairhaven - Auchenmalg Coastal Path - The Council plans to cut the path again in June, with possibly another trim in August. Derek highlighted areas on the path that required repair and/or possible security fencing. Derek agreed that he and Mick would photograph the areas of concern and provide details of location for submission to D&G Council. *Derek Mick*

8. Planters

The barrels will be cleared away on Sunday 13th March - volunteers to meet opposite park at 11 am. Marion has arranged for tractor and trailer, Ian will bring tractor and loader and Derek will bring a trailer to take away old wood. Any whole planters will be donated to Glenluce Primary School.

Fred will contact Mike about delivery of soil. *Fred*

The new planters are larger and heavier and will require to be on flat bases to avoid warping.

8. Planters (continued)

Kenny offered the use of a whacker plate. It was agreed that the planters would be half-filled with fresh soil and topped up with good quality compost before planting in May.

It was agreed that the Community Councillors, along with assistance from Michael Durrell would plant the flowers this year. Ian to advise Stuart Kiltie that they would not be requiring his services this year. Plants to be purchased locally this year.

Ian

9. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

The sub-committee had met on 28th February full of ideas for the event.

Fred had received a visit after meeting from Ken McKie, Chairman of Glenluce Vintage Tractor Rally, enquiring if the Street Party could be held on the Sunday in the Park along with the Vintage Tractor Rally. It was unanimously agreed that it should be a street party held in the area around the Public Hall and new Village Square on Saturday 4th June.

The next meeting of the sub-committee is at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 15th March in the Church Hall. Anyone interest is welcome to attend. (Apologies from Marion.)

The possibilities of a hog roast on the day to be investigated. Jane will contact Sally Hair and Caroline McCornick.

Jane

It was suggested that Foundation Scotland could be invited to the Street Party to have a stand to let people know about the grants available.

Fred will contact the chair of the Funding Panel to discuss the application.

Fred

10. Councillors Update

Councillor Hagmann gave an update on the Council's budget agreed on the 22nd February with an increase of 3% on Council Tax. It is hoped that a new Chief Executive will be appointed in April. Consultations are taking place on the UNESCO Biosphere.

Fred thanked Katie for all the work she done for Old Luce Community Council.

11. Correspondence

DG& Health and Social Care consultation - to be circulated.

Jane

Artfield Fell - Digital Connectivity Feasibility Study - to be circulated.

Jane

12. A.O.C.B.

It was agreed that a new laptop would be purchased for the Minute Secretary (micro grant).

Derek advised that it was Old Luce's turn to host the Turbine trophy. It was agreed that Fred would speak to the chairmen of New Luce and Kirkcowan Community Councils.

Fred

Ean advised that the problems of rubbish and excrement were re-occurring at Stairhaven. Katie will take forward with Robert Lowther at D&G Council. It was noted that when the toilet block was open during the summer the issues did not arise.

Katie

Diane advised that the Dunragit Notice Board required renewing. Diane to speak to Russell Henry about a replacement and Derek would ask Charlie McNeill at Shennanton.

*Diane
Derek*

Derek reminded everyone that he was standing down as a director of KCBC at the AGM in April. A new director will be required.

The defibrillator is in place and fitted to the wall at 51 Main Street. It was agreed that a sign should be installed. WBS Signs at Culmore.

13. Date of Next Meeting

7.45 pm on Monday 4th April 2022 in Glenluce Public Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.55 pm.

Fred thanked everyone for their participation and assistance.

Councillor Hagmann intimated her apologies for the April meeting.

Future meetings: 2nd May, 6th June, 4th July and 5th September 2022.