

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

**Present**

Ian Paterson - Chairman  
Fred Murray - Vice Chairman  
Mick Bird  
Elizabeth Innes  
Diane Lowe

Gordon McKinstry  
Joan Miskimmins  
Marion Muir  
Susan Maxwell

Members of the Public:  
Jocelyn Vance  
Ian Gibson

In attendance: Jane McDowall, Minute Secretary

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

**1. Apologies**

Kenny McKinstry, Mike Lane, PC Gary McCutcheon, Councillor McCamon and Robert Wallace.

**Absent:** Ean Stewart.

**2. Police Business**

**3rd and 5th October, 2022** - The same male was found in possession of an offensive weapon within the village of Glenluce. The male was cautioned and charged and reported to the PF.

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (3rd October 2022)**

All agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting and the adoption of the minutes was proposed by Marion Muir and seconded by Fred Murray.

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

None.

**5. Finance**

Discussion took place around the role of the Treasurer and the requirements for record-keeping. Both the Dumfries & Galloway Council Ward Officer and Foundation Scotland manager had been contacted to enquire if they had any objections or concerns about Old Luce Community Council paying for someone to deal with OLCC's finances and neither had raised any concerns.

It was agreed that someone would be sought to carry out the record-keeping tasks. Fred proposed a rate of £50 per monthly meeting (£500) per annum and this was unanimously agreed, subject to regular review of the amount of work involved.

Jane was tasked with contacting following up on the two grant forms for Dumfries & Galloway Council and contacting Derek Sloan to discuss paperwork required for year-end accounts by Gordon Reid, accountant.

*Jane*

Kilgallioch Report - Clare from Foundation Scotland had advised that she is waiting on some information before being able to complete report. It was agreed that once report had been circulated there should be an online meeting held to discuss.

*Jane*

Jubilee Face Painter - it was agreed to re-issue the cheque which the recipient had now requested be made out to a different person. The original cheque had been returned.

Biodegradable Dog Poop Bags - Mick had purchased these, as requested at previous meeting, at a cost of £76.02. Reimbursement of payment to Mick was approved.

Leah at Old Luce Development Trust had drafted the grant application for cleaning of public toilets. This was on hold until the accounts were produced.

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

- **Underpass lights at Stairhaven junction (July 2020)** - The lights outside the underpass are still on 24/7. It was agreed not to pursue this matter.
- **Dunragit Notice Board (March 2022)** - Diane advised that the Notice Board has now been delivered and is awaiting erection via Old Luce Development Trust.

- **Defibrillator Sign (April 2022)** - to be installed.

*Jane*

- **Summer Seat on back road to be repaired / replaced (May 2022)** - Fred and Ian will see if it can be repaired.

*Fred  
Ian*

- **Overgrown vegetation at Back Burn (October 2022)** - Joan reported overgrown vegetation just before bend on back burn. Jane to report to CCES.

*Jane*

Ian enquired about the payment for materials (cement and sand) to David Gracie. OLCC was awaiting information about cost and Ian agreed speak to David.

*Ian*

- **Street Lights not working (October 2022)** - Two locations - top of St John Street and Old Port William Road. To be reported to CCES. Fred will also report.

*Jane  
Fred*

- **Dog Waste Bags (October 2022)** - Mick had purchased and brought the bags with him to meeting to pass to Fred for filling dispensers.

- **Disabled Parking Spaces** - Ian raised concerns about the disabled parking bay on Main Street, which had taken two years for the Council to remove due to it no longer being required but had now been replaced. Jane to enquire about the process of installing disabled parking bays.

*Jane*

## 7. Paths and Core Paths Maintenance

**Stairhaven - Auchenmalg Coastal Path (March 2022)** - Response from Richard Masters (D&G Council) awaited. Jane to follow up again.

*Jane*

## 8. Glenluce Sports (April 2022)

The Royal Bank of Scotland has written to Joan to state that they no longer wish to operate the Glenluce Sports account.

Ian had not been able to speak to Tony Miskimmins. It was agreed that Ian would speak to as many of the previous Sports Council committee members as possible to agree the transfer of funds from the Glenluce Sports bank account to prevent them being put into a dormant account. Once the monies were transferred they would be held as restricted funds by OLCC and be available for use for the local community in the future. The cash held by Julie Ann Copeland would also be added to the funds.

Ian will speak to Neil Douglas and Fred will speak to Tony.

*Ian  
Fred*

## 9. Lady Stair Park

**Lady Stair Park - Path Link to make circuit (November 2021)** - Grant application still to be submitted.

**Benches in Play Park (September 2022)** - Fred had spoken to Stewart McCreadie at D&G Council. It was not clear if the benches had to be on concrete bases.

It was agreed to draw down money to purchase and install. Fred will speak to Stewart McCreadie at D&G Council. Finalise at November meeting.

## 10. Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company (KCBC)

Jane had been appointed as a director at the meeting held on 31st October 2022.

## 11. Old Luce Development Trust - Update

Diane advised that she had not attended the most recent Trust meeting so was unable to provide an update in Mike's absence.

The Trust had recently circulated an Autumn newsletter which had included an update on Brambles.

Mick advised that Friends of the Glen would be tree planting in the coming weeks and volunteers were welcome to join and assist.

Jane had been unable to contact RES to enquire if residents were reminded about how to apply for the money as she had no contact details. To be followed up.

*Jane*

## 12. Old Luce Community Benefit Fund - Update

The October meeting had been cancelled due to no grant applications for consideration.

## 13. Councillors Update

None present.

## 14. Correspondence

Sinking of the MV Princess Victoria - 70th Anniversary Commemorations Exhibition - information to be circulated.

*Jane*

Strannoch Wind Farm - notification of some road closures.

Forestry development at Knock of Luce - initial contact from company on behalf of client. Further information awaited.

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

Gordon enquired about renewing the double yellow lines in front of old Bank due to them having worn away. Vehicles were parking close to the crossroads causing an obstruction.

*CCES*

**New Age and Boccia group** - Monday morning and Thursday afternoon. Money for Hall rent had been paid prior to lockdown. Fred will enquire about credit for hours unused. Micro grant to be submitted for future hall rental.

**Overgrown Hedge at Tennis steps** - Gordon raised this issue. Ian will follow up.

**Christmas Trees** - The Children's Fayre is on Saturday 26th November. Ian had spoken to John Mitchell who had raised concerns about the cost of electricity for lights. Ian will speak to Tanya and enquire about covering cost of electricity. Ian will speak to Derek Sloan about delivery date for trees. Fred will purchase mince pies, shortbread, sweets and mulled wine for Glenluce and Dunragit.

*Ian  
Ian  
Fred*

Susan advised that the children will sing at 4 pm. The switch on is scheduled for 5 pm. Fred will ask Clare if she and her ladies would sing. Susan kindly agreed to decorate the hall prior to the Fayre. Christmas decorations and lights are stored in the Hall.

*Fred*

**Senior Citizens Party** - Not this year. It was suggested that perhaps Glenluce Social Welfare could do something for the old folks.

**Remembrance Sunday** - Fred has purchased the wreath at a cost of £48.00. It was agreed that OLCC would reimburse Fred for the wreath. Susan advised that the School would be at the War Memorial on Friday 11th November at 11 am and all were welcome to join them.

Elizabeth will lay the wreath on behalf of OLCC on Sunday 13th November.

**A by-election** will be held in Ward 2 on 8th December 2022.

## 15. Date of Next Community Council Meeting

7.45 pm on Monday 5th December 2022 in Glenluce Public Hall. The meeting closed at 9 pm.

Ian thanked everyone for their attendance and input.

**Future meetings:** 5th December 2022. 6th February and 6th March 2022.