

**Old Luce Community Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held in Glenluce Public Hall at 7.45 pm on Monday 6th February 2023**

**Present**

Ian Paterson - Chairman

Fred Murray - Vice Chairman

Kenny McKinstry

Mick Bird

Mike Lane

Diane Lowe

Gordon McKinstry

Joan Miskimmins

Marion Muir

Ean Stewart

Jocelyn Vance

Members of the Public:

Adele Graham - part meeting

Jim McClung - part meeting

In attendance: Jane McDowall, Minute Secretary

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

**1. Apologies**

Ella Innes and PC Gary McCutcheon.

**2. Police Business**

Crimes Reported since previous meeting:

On the 16th December in Glenluce, a Domestic Incident was reported to the Police, however no charges were brought against any person.

On the 18th December in Glenluce, a Domestic Incident was reported to the Police, however no charges were brought against any person.

On the 21st December a Fraud was reported to the Police from a resident of Glenluce, no suspects identified yet, enquiries ongoing.

On the 3rd January, a resident from Dunragit reported a Fraud to the Police, no suspects identified yet, enquiries ongoing

On the 19th January, a fraud was reported from Whitecairn Holiday Park, enquiries ongoing.

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (5th December 2022)**

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

**4. Update on Glenluce GP Surgery - James McClung and Adele Graham**

Jim gave a comprehensive update on the current state of the project and the hurdles the volunteers of the Trust have had to overcome. The requirements put in place by the NHS have caused delays and uncertainty. The Trust volunteers have held numerous consultations and meetings to try to move forward. A final decision on the business case recommendations from the NHS is awaited in the coming months which will determine whether the project is able to progress.

Anyone willing to contact their MP, MSPs or Councillors is encouraged to do so.

The chairman thanked Jim for his report. The chairman thanked Jim, Adele and Old Luce Development Trust for all their assistance and support. Jim and Adele left the meeting.

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

The chairman advised that John Douglas, who had made the stand for the Christmas tree, had kindly agreed to donate it to the community. A letter of thanks to be sent to John.

*Jane*

## 6. Finance and Micro Grant Applications

It was unanimously agreed that bank signatories for the Old Luce Community Council bank account would be as follows:

Existing signatories - Ian Paterson and Fred Murray. Additional signatories - Kenny McKinstry and Jane McDowall. Signatory to be removed - Derek Sloan.

*Jane*

Bank statements to be sent to Jane McDowall.

Mike proposed that £80 be paid to the River House residents for use of electricity to power the Viaduct lights at Christmas. This was seconded by Gordon McKinstry.

*Jane*

### Micro Grant Application

**National Vintage Tractor Road Run** - application for £500 towards the costs of setting up and event and administration costs. It was unanimously agreed that unfortunately no award was able to be made - the application did not meet with the current grant criteria.

*Jane*

**Expenses** - Diane will supply receipts for up to £150 allocated for Dunragit Christmas celebrations.

*Diane*

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

- **Dunragit Notice Board (March 2022)** - Due to be erected in the spring via Old Luce Development Trust.
- **Defibrillator Sign (April 2022)** - still to be installed.
- **Summer Seat on back road to be repaired / replaced (May 2022)** - To be dealt with in the spring.
- **Overgrown vegetation at Back Burn (October 2022)** - Joan had checked and previously notified that this work had been undertaken.
- **Street Lights not working (October 2022)** - Two locations - top of St John Street and Old Port William Road. Previously reported to CCES - lights still not fixed. Kenny chased up and Jane to contact CCES again.
- **Faded Double Yellow Lines at old Bank (November)** - Reported to CCES. Response was that it had been added to schedule of work - still not re-painted.
- **Overgrown Hedge at Tennis Steps (November)** - Jane to send a letter to owner on behalf of Old Luce Community Council.

*Kenny  
Jane*

*Jane*

## 8. Paths and Core Paths Maintenance

**Stairhaven - Auchenmalg Coastal Path (March 2022)** - Mick had submitted a report to Richard Masters, D&G Council. Richard had organised some additional gorse cutting and was hoping to install some duck boards over the burn.

*Mick*

"No Dogs" sign - Richard had offered to replace with current approved signage and it was agreed to accept this offer.

*Jane*

## 9. Glenluce Sports (April 2022)

Joan and Fred had arranged for the transfer of £3,025.11 plus 99p interest to the Old Luce Community Council bank account. The monies to be shown separately in OLCC accounts. Possibility of opening a separate bank account to be discussed. Ian has still to collect the Sports cash (approximately £600) from Julie Ann Copeland which is also to be held in the OLCC account.

*Ian*

It was noted that there is likely to be around £1,000 held in an old Glenluce Initiative bank account. It was believed that Robert Copeland was a previous treasurer. Ian will speak to Robert.

*Ian*

**10. Lady Stair Park**

Discussion took place around replacement of play park equipment, benches and creating path link to make a circuit.

It was agreed that Mike and Ean would take a suggestion to the School PTA about involving the children in deciding what equipment they would like in the play park and report back at the March Community Council meeting.

*Mike  
Ean*

Fred will contact Stuart McCredie of Dumfries and Galloway Council to arrange for removal of old wooden benches.

**11. Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company (KCBC)**

Fred reported that there had been a round of grant awards in December. There is an increase in the annual award. There was a suggestion to look at increasing the money paid into the Endowment Fund.

**12. Old Luce Development Trust - Update**

Mike gave an update on the Industrial Park, Brambles Café and Doctors Surgery.

**13. Old Luce Community Benefit Fund - Update**

Marion advised that the next meeting is in April.

**14. Councillors Update**

None present.

**15. Correspondence**

The Scottish Tech Army is working with Councils and Community Councils across Scotland to build websites. It was agreed that the current arrangement on Trust's website should stand.

*Jane*

Information about upgrading the mast at Knockishee to 5G had been received.

Maternity Services in the west of the region - there are two online engagement sessions being held in February for Community Councillors. Jane to circulate information.

*Jane*

**16. Any Other Competent Business**

There was a brief discussion on the absence of EV charging points in Glenluce and Dunragit. To be taken up with Councillors.

*Jane*

**17. Date of Next Community Council Meeting**

7.45 pm on Monday 6th March 2023 2022 in Glenluce Public Hall. The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Ian thanked everyone for their attendance and input.

**Future meetings:** 3rd April, 1st May, 5th June, 3rd July, 4th September, 2nd October, 6th November and 4th December 2023.

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**Signed**

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**Date**