

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

Present

Ian Paterson - Chairman	Gordon McKinstry	PC Gary McCutcheon
Fred Murray - Vice Chairman	Joan Miskimmins	
Kenny McKinstry	Marion Muir	Councillor David Inglis
Mick Bird	Ean Stewart	Councillor Jackie McCamon
Mike Lane	Jocelyn Vance	Councillor Richard Marsh
Diane Lowe		

In attendance: Jane McDowall, Minute Secretary

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. The chairman gave a special welcome to the three Councillors who had joined this evening's meeting.

There was a minute's silence as a mark of respect for the loss of Councillor Elizabeth Innes.

1. Apologies

None received. **Absent:** Susan Maxwell.

2. Police Business

Crimes Reported since previous meeting:

On the 25/02/23 a neighbour dispute was reported to the Police, enquiries carried out and 2 persons were issued with Recorded Police Warnings.

On the 03/03/23 a Domestic Incident was reported to the Police, 1 male arrested and thereafter cautioned and charged with assault and threatening and abusive behaviour.

Gordon raised the danger of vehicles parking in front of old Bank on faded yellow lines blocking view of drivers exiting Church Street, particularly as this was the children's crossing area. PC McCutcheon will look into the matter.

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cheon*

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (6th February 2023)

Mick Bird request that his attendance be noted on the February minutes. After this amendment 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 Gordon McKinstry.

4. Matters Arising not covered on Agenda

None.

5. Finance and Micro Grant Applications

It was unanimously agreed that £5,000 was to be drawn down from Foundation Scotland. Jane to submit report.

Jane

Micro Grant Application - Boccia Group (New Age Curling for Over 60s) - Fred Murray declared an interest and left the meeting for the duration of the discussion. An application for £500 to cover hall rental costs for 2023 was unanimously approved for payment. Fred returned to the meeting.

An enquiry had been received from Old Luce Development Trust about whether more than once micro grant application per annum would be considered from an individual or group. It was agreed that more than one per annum would be considered and each application would be considered on its merits.

6. Updates on Local Issues raised at Previous Meetings

- **Dunragit Notice Board (March 2022)** - Due to be erected in April via Old Luce Development Trust.
- **Glenluce Notice Board** has now been erected. There was a query about how to add notices and Mike advised that this was under review. *Mike*
- **Defibrillator Sign (April 2022)** - Advised it would be erected in March 2023.
- **Summer Seat on back road to be repaired / replaced (May 2022)** - To be dealt with in the summer.
- **Street Lights not working (October 2022)** - Unknown if light at top of St John Street had been fixed although it was confirmed that the lights were now working at the Old Port William Road location.
- **Faded Double Yellow Lines at old Bank (November 2022)** - Reported to CCES. Response was that it had been added to schedule of work.
- **Overgrown Hedge at Tennis Steps (November 2022)** - Reported to Wheatley Housing who are contacting owner.
- **Bottle Bank at North Street Car Park (March 2023)** - Council had advised it was being misused. It was agreed to raise awareness of the bottle bank at the location. *Fred*
- **EV Charging Points (December 2022)** - Response from D&G Council: "There are currently no plans to install public EV chargers within Glenluce or any other part of the Region this year. However we are in discussions with Transport Scotland to agree a way forward regarding funding and resource to enable future development within this area." *Coun-*
cillors
The Councillors agreed to investigate and report back.
- **Dunragit - Defibrillator (December 2022)** - D&G Council response: Polling Station (portacabin) powered by generator.
- **Potholes at west end of Main Street, Glenluce - (March 2023)** - Jane to report.

8. Paths and Core Paths Maintenance

Stairhaven - Auchenalg Coastal Path (March 2022) - Nothing further to report for now.

St Helena bridges (March 2023) - Mick reported that the slatted bridge required repairs to a rotting board and a missing board. The main bridge has also been vandalised. Jane to report. *Jane*

Balkail Glen bridges - Mike reported that he had been carrying out some bridge repairs.

9. Glenluce Sports (April 2022)

Ian has collected the £300+ cash from Julia Ann, which will be paid into the OLCC bank account.

Ian reported that he had spoken to Robert Copeland (Treasurer) about the monies left in the Glenluce Initiative dormant bank account with a view to adding these monies to the OLCC account for community use.

10. Lady Stair Park

Mike reported that he had spoken to the Head Teacher about the children's designs and ideas for Play Park equipment and would bring these to the April meeting. *Mike*
Agenda

Fred advised that he had spoken to Stuart McCredie of Dumfries and Galloway Council to update on plans and confirm removal of park benches.

11. Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company (KCBC)

Fred reported that as a founder member he felt it was time he stood down as a director at the AGM in May and asked if there were any Old Luce Community Councillors willing to take his place. There were no immediate volunteers and it was agreed to ask again at the next meeting.

12. Old Luce Development Trust - Update

Mike gave an update on the installation of new Notice Board and plaque at Glenluce Village Square and that the project was on the short list of the Civic Design Award.

Remedial works are due to be carried out at the Industrial Estate, Brambles is ongoing and a response is awaited from the NHS in relation to the Doctors Surgery.

The cleaning contract is working well at Glenluce Public Hall. Fred wished it recorded and passed on that the toilets were kept exceptionally clean and were a credit to the village.

13. Old Luce Community Benefit Fund - Update

Marion advised that the next meeting is in April.

14. Councillors Update

The Councillors reported on the recent collapse of the administration during budget setting talks. The budget had been agreed last week. Strikes at schools were off for now.

Councillor Inglis gave an update on the Ward 2 Federation of Machars and wider area of Community Councils meeting which was attended by representatives of eight Community Councils. He said that only New Luce, Old Luce and Cree Valley did not send representatives.

Mike informed the Councillors about the inequity of the policies on schools across the region, particularly in relation to east and west.

15. Correspondence

Notification had been received about upgrading of the mast at the Barracks, Auchenmalg to 5G.

SEPA 2023 Opinion Survey - Jane to advise content.

Wigtownshire County Golf Club Survey - to be circulated via FB.

Jane

Final draft of the Model Scheme document for the establishment of community councils - circulated to all Community Councillors. No feedback at this time.

Jane

Kirkcowan Community Council request for a volunteer for the Stage 2 Review Panel - Mike agreed to volunteer. Jane to notify Kirkcowan CC.

16. Any Other Competent Business

King's Coronation on 6th May 2023 - After discussion it was agreed to look into the costs of viewing the Coronation on the big screen in Glenluce Public Hall on Saturday 6th May. Bunting, decorations and light refreshments (tea/coffee/soft drinks, cake and biscuits) to be offered and all welcome to attend. Based on 100-150 people. Official timings to be confirmed.

Jane

Councillors McCamon, Inglis and Marsh left the meeting. Ian thanked them for their attendance.

Councillor McCamon recommended adding "public forum" to the agenda.

17. Date of Next Community Council Meeting

7.45 pm on Monday 3rd April 2023 in Glenluce Public Hall. The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Ian thanked everyone for their attendance and input.

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