

Old Luce Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held in Glenluce Public Hall at 7.45 pm on Monday 3rd April 2023

Present

Ian Paterson - Chairman

Fred Murray - Vice Chairman

Mick Bird

Diane Lowe

Gordon McKinstry

Joan Miskimmins

Marion Muir

PC Gary McCutcheon

(part meeting)

Councillor Katie Hagmann

In attendance: Jane McDowall, Minute Secretary

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

1. Apologies

Kenny McKinstry, Ean Stewart, Jocelyn Vance and Councillor McCamon.

Absent: Mike Lane and Susan Maxwell.

2. Police Business

Crimes Reported since previous meeting:

On the 26th March 2023 a disturbance was reported to the Police in the village of Glenluce, 1 male has been cautioned and charged with threatening behaviour.

On the 2nd April 2023 on Old Military Road, Glenluce 1 male was cautioned and charged for being in possession of a controlled substance.

On the 2nd April 2023 a quad bike was stolen from South Boreland Farm, Dunragit. Enquiries ongoing.

Gordon reiterated the dangers caused by vehicles parking on the faded double yellow lines in front of old bank at foot of Church Street causing obstruction of view of drivers exiting from Church Street on to Main Street. PC McCutcheon will follow up.

*PC
McCut-
cheon*

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

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

4. Matters Arising not covered on Agenda

None.

5. Finance and Micro Grant Applications

The report had now been submitted to Foundation Scotland.

It was unanimously agreed that the monies received from Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company should be transferred to Foundation Scotland.

Jane

The bank balance is £1,405.60 plus £3,026.10 in restricted funds (monies held from Glenluce Sports). Bank signatories have been updated with bank statements being sent to Fred.

Ian had received £385 cash from Julia Ann Copeland from the Glenluce Sports BBQ. These monies will be paid into the OLCC bank account and held as restricted funds for use by a future similar event.

Micro Grant Applications - None had been received for this meeting.

6. Local Issues - Updates and Any New Issues

- **Dunragit Notice Board (March 2022)** - Due to be erected in May.
- **Defibrillator Sign (April 2022)** - Sign has now been erected.
- **Summer Seat on back road to be repaired / replaced (May 2022)** - Colin Heron had contacted Fred recently to offer to replace the summer seat along with a plaque in memory of his mother. This kind offer was gratefully accepted.
- **Street Lights not working (October 2022)** - Unknown if light at top of St John Street had been fixed.
- **Faded Double Yellow Lines at old Bank (November 2022)** - Reported to CCES. Response was that it had been added to schedule of work. Councillor McCamon had advised that re-painting had been scheduled for w/c 13th March - still not re-painted.
- **Overgrown Hedge at Tennis Steps (November 2022)** - Still overgrown. Letter to be sent to owner.
- **Bottle Bank at North Street Car Park (March 2023)** - Council had removed due to mis-use.
- **EV Charging Points (December 2022)** - No update from Councillors.
- **Potholes at west end of Main Street, Glenluce - (March 2023)** - Reported.
- **Glenluce Abbey (April 2023)** - Historic Scotland is still carrying out high level masonry inspections and repairs across their properties. Sites will be re-opened on a rolling basis with no date set so far for re-opening of Glenluce Abbey.
- **Gravel at foot of Church Street (April 2023)** - Gordon advised that an amount of gravel had been washed down Church Street and requested that it be cleared. Councillor Hagmann agreed to follow up.

Jane

*Cllr
Hagmann*

7. Paths and Core Paths Maintenance

Stairhaven - Auchenmalg Coastal Path (March 2022) - Correspondence had been received in connection with the "No Dogs" signs on the path. The landowner had contacted Dumfries & Galloway Council's Access Officer and agreement had been reached for the Council to erect farm livestock advisory signs.

St Helena bridges (March 2023) - It was noted that additional boards had now been damaged and required repair. Jane to update report.

Jane

8. Lady Stair Park

The children's designs and ideas for Play Park equipment were not available. Jane to contact school to request information on designs.

Jane

Fred advised that he had spoken to Stuart McCredie of Dumfries and Galloway Council. Stuart will ensure that the current play equipment is maintained in the meantime.

9. Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company (KCBC)

There were no volunteers amongst Old Luce Community Councillors to take over from Fred. Fred will continue for one more year. There is a board meeting later this week.

10. Old Luce Development Trust - Update

Councillor McCamon had reported the concerns raised at March meeting about drain blockages. The local Clerk of Works had visited and reported that it appears the drains coming from the public toilets are blocked, and that this may be an ongoing issue with paper towels blocking the drains. The Council will arrange for the drains to be jetted and a camera survey carried out to check the drains, in case of any potential issues, and provide an update once this has been completed. This information had been passed to OLDLT in March.

11. Old Luce Community Benefit Fund - Update

The next meeting is in mid-April.

12. Flower Planters

It was unanimously agreed to request that Stuart Kiltie supply the flowers and plant up the tubs again this year. The cost is £450, with £200 to be paid now as a deposit. It was also proposed that some perennial plants should be included, if possible, to give more variety.

It was also agreed to purchase an additional 40 bags of compost to top up the tubs. Ian will organise. *Ian*

Fred and June were thanked for clearing and tidying the planters ready for planting.

13. King's Coronation

View the Coronation on the Big Screen on Saturday 6th May. Official timings not yet available. Save the Date poster to be issued. Grant application has been submitted. *Jane*

Jane to contact Reverend Ogston to ensure he is willing and available to operate projection equipment. *Jane*

Old Luce Development Trust providing Public Hall.

14. Councillors Update

Councillor Hagmann updated on the change of administration and advised that Ward events could be organised for particular issues. Councillor Hagmann congratulated the community on the Civic Trust nomination for the Village Square project and reaching the finals.

15. Correspondence

Information previously circulated to Old Luce Community Councillors:

Review Of Licensing Policy Statement And Assessment Of Overprovision - Sections 6 & 7 Of The Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 - Formal Consultation: 1st April To 15th June 2023.

Improving the Cancer Journey in D&G - Stranraer session.

Caroline Cameron - Dumfries & Galloway Citizens Advice Service recently obtained funding from the Killgallioch Community Fund (via Foundation Scotland) to enable delivery of face-to-face clinics in Mid- Galloway for three days/21 hours per week (10 am to 4 pm) for two years.

Caroline to be invited to attend meeting to discuss the project and services offered. *Jane*

16. Any Other Competent Business

Mick enquired if anyone knew a person with a chainsaw licence who would be willing to carve benches and tables in the Glen for use by children. *ALL*

17. Date of Next Community Council Meeting

7.45 pm on Monday 1st May 2023 in Glenluce Public Hall. The meeting closed at 9 pm.

Ian thanked everyone for their attendance and input.

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