

**Old Luce Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held in Glenluce Public Hall at 7.45 pm on Monday 5th June 2023**

Present

Ian Paterson - Chairman

Mick Bird

Gordon McKinstry

Fred Murray - Vice Chairman

Mike Lane

Joan Miskimmins

Kenny McKinstry - Treasurer

Diane Lowe

In attendance: Jane McDowall, Minute Secretary

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

1. Apologies

Marion Muir, Jocelyn Vance, Susan Maxwell, Councillor Haggman and PC Gary McCutcheon.

Absent: Ean Stewart.

2. Police Business

Police officers are unable to attend community council meetings at present due to staffing issues.

Crimes Reported since previous meeting:

2/5/23 - attempted theft of a motor vehicle at Balmesh Farm - enquiries ongoing.

Youth spoken to by Police regarding vandalism reported at local playpark.

Mike advised that he had re-reported the issues with otter holt at Auchenmalg.

Fred reported contact from a local resident about break-ins which did not appear in Police report. Jane to follow up with PC McCutcheon. (**Update 9/6/23:** PC McCutcheon had fully investigated this matter and confirmed that no burglaries had been reported.)

Jane

No update on vehicles continuing to park on double yellow lines at Church Street / Main Street crossroads.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (1st May 2023)

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 Joan Miskimmins.

4. Matters Arising not covered on Agenda

Further to the presentation from Caroline Cameron, Citizens Advice Mid-Galloway Outreach Adviser at the May meeting, Caroline has organised a benefits awareness-raising session in Glenluce Public Hall on Tuesday 20th June - 9.30 am - 12.30 pm. A request was made for Leah to ask the shop to display a poster.

Jane

5. Finance and Micro Grant Applications

The micro grants top up award had been received from Foundation Scotland.

The cost of £30 to supply and fit defibrillator sign was approved for payment.

The Wigtown Area Committee Discretionary Budget application for Christmas decorations and community events was unanimously approved and signed by chairman and treasurer.

Jane

Micro Grant Application from Glenluce Primary School for £500 to purchase kitchen wooden kitchen set and toy dolls house was unanimously approved.

Jane

Discussion took place around approaching the Funding Panel to make an annual award to Glenluce Primary School. It was agreed to discuss £1,500.00 per annum, with the option to review. Fred will contact New Luce Community Council.

Fred

6. Local Issues - Updates and Any New Issues

- **Dunragit Notice Board (March 2022)** - Due to be erected in June.
- **Summer Seat on back road to be repaired / replaced (May 2022)** - Colin Heron has installed a lovely new bench. Ian will make enquiries about removing old bench. *Ian*
- **EV Charging Points (December 2022)** - No update from Councillors. Follow up. *Jane*
- **Japanese knotweed (May 2023)** - beside burn. D&G Council had advised that this was on private ground. Mike advised that he had sprayed.

Another patch of Japanese Knotweed was growing at the side of the A75 near Mains of Park. To be reported to Council. *Jane*

It was reported that there was a considerable amount of Japanese Knotweed growing beside the path at the Bents. It was unknown who owned the land. Jane to investigate. *Jane*

A request was made for purchase of weedkiller to deal with weeds. It was noted that there were a number of legal requirements in place and safe working practices and it was agreed that this should be left to those with appropriate certification.

- **Defibrillator (May 2023)** - To be added to national database. Jane to contact Laura for required information. *Jane*
- **Training in use of defibrillator (May 2023)** - Training could be organised in use of defibrillator along with CPR which would take approximately an hour for up to sixteen people. It was agreed that whilst this was a great idea it was unknown what the take up would be, or even if anyone would come forward. To discuss again in July. *Agenda*
- **Litter Picking at sides of A75 (May 2023)** - This had been reported to AMEY, who had promptly advised that it was the responsibility of D&G Council. D&G Council had advised that this was due to happen but after safety training.

- **Litter bin for Village Square (May 2023)** - Requested. To be located within Village Square area, but not too obtrusive. *Jane*
- **Fly tipping at railway line path (May 2023)** - Fred had visited site and confirmed no rubbish at site.
- **Toddlers Group (May 2023)** - Jocelyn Vance had set up the first date, which had been very successful and the group was up and running. Diane enquired if the group would still be able to apply for funding to cover hall rental fees and it was confirmed that the group would be able to apply for a micro grant.

7. Paths and Core Paths Maintenance

Stairhaven - Auchenmalg Coastal Path (March 2022) - Possibly due to absence of Access Officer the dog signs had not yet been replaced, nor had there been any progress on installing the bridge over ditches. *Jane*

St Helena bridges (March 2023) - After a bit of toing and froing with D&G Council it was discovered that Leah and Ken Chynoweth-Tidy, as Southern Upland Way volunteers, had been asked by a D&G Council Southern Upland Way Officer to repair the bridge but they had discovered on arrival that the boards had been replaced by an unknown volunteer. Leah and Ken will install the non-slip footplates. Thanks to the unknown volunteer and to Leah and Ken.

8. Lady Stair Park

Play park equipment - the "boat" had been fenced off and was due to be removed by D&G Council for safety reasons.

8. Lady Stair Park (continued)

Mike circulated the ideas for playpark equipment from the schoolchildren. OLCC will work with D&G Council to progress, although it was noted that this will take months and not weeks. It was agreed to progress with replacing the "boat" as soon as possible and look at the overall playpark as a slightly longer term project.

Jane

9. Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company (KCBC)

The AGM is being held on Wednesday 7th June, in the McMillan Hall, Newton Stewart.

Kenny McKinstry was unanimously proposed as a member of KCBC. Jane to notify FS.

Jane

10. Old Luce Development Trust - Update

No update on drainage - Jane to re-contact Leah.

Jane

Mike advised that the hall roof requires work but this was with D&G Council, whose contractors had let them down. The Trust had renewed the maintenance contract with D&G Council.

All other Trust projects are currently in a holding pattern.

11. Old Luce Community Benefit Fund - Update

The next meeting is on 17th July.

12. Flower Planters

The planters had been topped up with compost and the flowers planted. Fred had been watering the tubs regularly again this year. Gary Shaw had offered to assist with watering the planters on the Main Street and it was agreed to the purchase of two large water containers at a cost of £35. Fred and Gary were thanked very much for their assistance.

The planters at Dunragit are being looked after by John Rennie. There had been a request on the Glenluce What's Going on FB page for planters at the old factory at Dunragit.

The planters at Glen of Luce Hall, Auchenmalg are looked after by Marion Muir and planters at Mote Hill by Tracy Davis. Richard Rankin cuts the grass at either end of Glenluce - thank you to everyone.

The spare planter which was not planted up was to be removed.

Fred

13. King's Coronation

The chairman reported on the viewing of the Coronation on the big screen in the Public Hall on Saturday 6th May followed by afternoon tea, which had been enjoyed by the 35 people who attended. Ian thanked everyone who had helped to organise and assist on the day.

A grant had been awarded and expenditure incurred was £1,467.

14. Councillors Update

None present.

15. Correspondence

South of Scotland Enterprise - 2023 Summer Tour .

D&G Council - Webinars in June for Community Councils - forwarded to Old Luce Community Councillors.

Machars Federation of Community Councils - Further e-mails sent from D&G Council. AGM held on 30th May.

15. Correspondence (continued)

Scottish Government Review Community Empowerment Act - Community Asset Transfer - Invitation to attend in-person event in Dumfries - E-mail and information circulated to Old Luce Community councillors.

Volunteers Week - promoting volunteers on FB.

Glenluce Nursery - concerns about dog fouling in the Glen plus a request for equipment. Jane to reply and send micro grant application form.

Jane

16. Any Other Competent Business

Kenny advised that the pavement between village and Viaduct was showing signs of subsidence. Kenny will send photos and details to Jane for reporting to Council.

*Kenny
Jane*

Glen Café Signage - Visitors had commented about not finding any Café after seeing signage. It was agreed that Ian would contact Julie.

Ian

17. Date of Next Community Council Meeting

7.45 pm on Monday 3rd July 2023 in Glenluce Public Hall. The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Diane tendered her apologies for the July meeting.

Ian thanked everyone for their attendance and input.

Future meetings: 4th September, 2nd October, 6th November and 4th December 2023.