

## Old Luce Community Council

### Minutes of Meeting held in Glenluce Public Hall at 7.45 pm on Monday 3rd July 2023

#### Present

Ian Paterson - Chairman

Gordon McKinstry

Jocelyn Vance

Fred Murray - Vice Chairman

Marion Muir

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, Mick Bird, Mike Lane, Diane Lowe, Joan Miskimmins and PC Gary McCutcheon.

**Absent:** Ean Stewart and Susan Maxwell.

#### 2. Police Business

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

Crimes Reported since previous meeting: Two x assault and 1 x breach of the peace - no further details provided.

#### 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (5th June 2023)

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

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

Update on the benefits awareness-raising session on Tuesday 20th June conducted by Caroline Cameron, Citizens Advice Mid-Galloway Outreach Adviser (received 4th July): "Three clients were provided with information and advice on benefits. There will be another session in mid-August."

#### 5. Finance and Micro Grant Applications

£5,146.24 available in current account (excludes restricted Sports monies).

**D&G Council Area committee grant for Christmas events** - paperwork for award to Dunragit only sent to Kenny. D&G Council had been contacted for clarification.

##### MICRO GRANTS

Invoice received for admin and book-keeping service for sixteen month period (to bring in line with financial year). It was unanimously agreed to pay a portion of this invoice as a micro grant. The service was of community benefit to ensure a well-run community council.

**Eilidh Lowe** - Sailing Voyage for Tall Ships Festival. It was unanimously agreed to award £250 subject to agreement to give a short presentation to Old Luce Community Council.

**Glen of Luce SWI** - commemorative items to recognise 100 years of Glen of Luce Women's Institute. Marion Muir declared an interest and took no part in the discussion. It was unanimously agreed to award £450.

**Glenluce Nursery** - shelving, signage, waterproof jackets, trousers and wellies. It was unanimously agreed not to make any award after last month's agreement to make available an annual grant of £1,500.00 to Glenluce Primary School (amount to be reviewed after three years). Fred had spoken to the chair of New Luce Community Council who had advised that New Luce had previously made available an annual grant of £1,500.00 to Glenluce Primary School. The school had not yet submitted any grant applications.

Jane to write to Glenluce Primary School to provide information about grant award after discussion with Foundation Scotland.

*Jane*

## 6. Local Issues - Updates and Any New Issues

- **Dunragit Notice Board (March 2022)** - Notice board and 3 benches erected in June.
- **Summer Seat on back road to be repaired / replaced (May 2022)** - Ian had spoken to Allan Clark about removing old bench.
- **EV Charging Points (December 2022)** - Councillor Hagmann will follow up. *Cllr Hagmann*
- **Japanese knotweed (May 2023)** - D&G Council had confirmed that they would attend to the Japanese Knotweed growing at the side of the A75 near Mains of Park and beside the path at the Bents.
- **Defibrillator (May 2023)** - Laura had promptly provided information requested to allow unit to be added to national database. Laura had advised that pads had expired. Approximate cost of replacement is £85 - it was unanimously agreed to purchase. *Jane*
- **Training in use of defibrillator (May 2023)** - No one had shown any interest. It was agreed not to organise any training at this time due to lack of interest.
- **Litter Picking at sides of A75 (May 2023)** - Councillor Hagmann will following up with D&G Council. *Cllr Hagmann*
- **Litter bin for Village Square (May 2023)** - D&G Council had placed a new litter bin in the Village Square.
- **Glen Café Signage (June 2023)** - Ian had spoken to Julie, who had agreed to remove.

## 7. Paths and Core Paths Maintenance

**Path - Back Burn to Fineview Crescent (July 2023)** - it had been reported on "Glenluce What's Going On" Facebook page that the path was overgrown. Stephen McCallum volunteered to trim the vegetation, although unfortunately there were a number of irresponsible dog owners who did not lift the dog poop, which made it an unpleasant task. *Jane*

Fred recalled that the path had been built at the time of the construction of the bypass (opened 1989) by an organisation called Care for the Valley, which was no longer in existence.

**Stairhaven - Auchenmalg Coastal Path (March 2022)** - No update available.

**St Helena bridges (March 2023)** - It was confirmed that Derek McDowall had repaired the bridge, with timber supplied by Jimmy Huxtable. Grateful thanks to both.

## 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.

It was unanimously agreed to progress replacing the "boat" play structure, which was now unsafe. A funding application had been submitted. Jane to circulate options for replacement play structure for feedback from children who use the play park. Review option for other playpark equipment once replacement for "boat" in place. Jane to liaise with D&G Council. *Jane*

Seating - add to September agenda. *Agenda*

## 9. Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company (KCBC)

Next meeting on 20th July. *Jane*

## 10. Old Luce Development Trust - Update

No one present to provide an update.

## 11. Old Luce Community Benefit Fund - Update

The next meeting is on 17th July.

## 12. Flower Planters

It was noted that the tubs were looking well and Stewart Kiltie was to be commended.

Fred had received a donation of plants from D&G Council which had been used to fill gaps in the planters as well as refill the planters at Dunragit. Unfortunately the first batch of plants at Dunragit had been pulled out and thrown away. The second batch of plants was doing well - so far.

Fred thanked Gary Shaw for his invaluable assistance in watering the planters. The assistance of volunteers in watering all the planters around the parish was appreciated.

## 13. Councillors Update

Councillor Hagmann gave an update on Council business.

Councillor Hagmann will follow up the £48,000 remediation money held by the Council for Glenluce Primary School. This was money (£50,000) given by Artfield Windfarm, via OLCC, for a one off project. OLCC had awarded the money to Glenluce PS, which the Council had used to purchase and install the wind turbines, which had not been a success.

*Cllr  
Hagmann*

## 14. Correspondence

**Royal Burgh of Whithorn & District Community Council** - requesting volunteer for a Stage 2 complaint.

**Online Stakeholder Focus Groups about Burials in D&G** - to be circulated.

*Jane*

**Torrs Warren Land Management Plan** - Forestry and Land Scotland - to be circulated.

*Jane*

**D&G Council - Development Plan Scheme - LDP3** - to be circulated.

*Jane*

**D&G Council - Webinars in June for Community Councils** - circulated to CCs in June.

## 15. Any Other Competent Business

**Ward 2 Federation of Community Councils** - Old Luce CC will not be joining the Federation at this time.

## 16. Date of Next Community Council Meeting

7.45 pm on Monday 4th September 2023 in Glenluce Public Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Ian thanked everyone for their participation and Councillor Hagmann for attendance and input.

**Future meetings:** 2nd October, 6th November and 4th December 2023. 5th February, 4th March, 1st April, 6th May, 3rd June, 1st July, 2nd September, 7th October, 4th November and 2nd December 2024.