

## Old Luce Community Council

### Minutes of Meeting held in Glenluce Public Hall at 7.45 pm on Monday 4th September 2023

#### Present

Ian Paterson - Chairman  
Fred Murray - Vice Chairman  
Kenny McKinstry - Treasurer  
Mick Bird  
Mike Lane

Diane Lowe  
Gordon McKinstry  
Joan Miskimmins  
Marion Muir

#### Part Meeting:

Sergeant Ronnie Boyce  
Stephen Stables - Forestry &  
Land Scotland

In attendance: Jane McDowall, Minute Secretary

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

#### 1. Apologies

Jocelyn Vance.

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

#### 2. Police Business

Sergeant Boyce reported one breach of the peace in Glenluce and gave an update on the monthly report which included a Hate Crime campaign. Report to be circulated to community with feedback to Police welcomed. *Jane*

An unlicensed and untaxed vehicle was reported for action by Police. Car parking in Stranraer was discussed. *Police*

#### 3. Torrs Warren Land Management Plan

Stephen Stables, Planning Forester, Forestry and Land Scotland, South Region gave an overview of the plans for Torrs Warren. Community Councillors had the opportunity to ask questions. Copies of the plans are available online and members of the public may comment on the plan. Jane to share link. *Jane*

#### 4. Minutes of Previous Meeting (3rd July 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 Marion Muir.

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

None.

#### 6. Finance and Micro Grant Applications

No update on bank balance as no statements received. Jane to go into branch again. *Jane*

**D&G Council Area committee grant for Community Council expenses** - form to be signed by chairman and treasurer and returned to DGC. *Jane*

**Glenluce Primary School - re-allocation of grant towards renewable energy project** - Councillor Hagmann had followed up after last meeting. Mike Lane recalled that there had been discussion at an OLCC meeting a few years ago which had agreed to use of monies for sports field. It was agreed that Jane would check minutes and report back. *Jane*

#### MICRO GRANTS

**Eilidh Lowe** - Sailing Voyage for Tall Ships Festival. Thank you card received and read out. Eilidh Lowe will give a presentation at the October meeting. Jane to contact Reverend Ogston to set up projector equipment. *Jane*

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

- **Summer Seat on back road to be repaired / replaced (May 2022)** - Allan Clark has removed old bench.
- **EV Charging Points (December 2022)** - Councillor Hagmann will follow up. *Cllr Hagmann*
- **Japanese knotweed (May 2023)** - Report Japanese knotweed still growing at the Bents and also up the Back Burn. Plants at side of A75 dealt with for now. *Jane*
- **Defibrillator (May 2023)** - Pads still to be purchased. *Jane*
- **Litter Picking at sides of A75 (May 2023)** - Councillor Hagmann had followed up with D&G Council and response had been received with no real progress.
- **Glen Café Signage (June 2023)** - Signs will be removed.
- **The Glen - Vandalism of young trees, rubbish and dog mess (July 2023)** - Mick gave an update on the damage caused a couple of months ago and reported that it appears to have been a one off incident. Mick, Ken and Leah had done their best to save the young trees.
- **Notice Board at top of village near entrance to Glen (July 2023)** - Reported that notice board not weatherproof. Agreed not to renew at this time.
- **Overgrown path and summer seat at top of Back Burn (September 2023)** - A local volunteer had been strimming the path but after being showered in dog mess due to irresponsible and lazy dog owners was no longer undertaking this task. Mike advised that the Trust would look into strimming the path. *Mike*

## 8. Paths and Core Paths Maintenance

**Stairhaven - Auchenmalg Coastal Path (March 2022)** - Mick advised that the vegetation had been cut back in early August and the Council had a contract in place for regular maintenance. Mick will follow up the bridges and signs. *Mick*

## 9. Lady Stair Park

The Survey on options for replacement play park equipment made available during July and August had received eighty responses. There was a clear winner - the Playdale Play Galleon Plus. It was agreed that Jane would progress the replacement with D&G Council and ScotPlay. It was agreed that two picnic benches and one bench would also be purchased. *Jane*

## 10. Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company (KCBC)

Two funding allocation meetings held in August.

## 11. Old Luce Development Trust - Update

Mike gave an update on the Industrial Estate, Glen, Brambles and Doctor's Surgery. The Trust's AGM is on 27th September 2023.

## 12. Old Luce Community Benefit Fund - Update

The meeting had been postponed but decisions on grant funding had been agreed online.

## 13. Councillors Update

None present.

## 14. Correspondence

**Local Resident** - requesting replacement of "no dumping" signs at top of village. The Trust will organise replacement. *Mike*

#### 14. Correspondence (continued)

- Community Assets Team- In person meetings.
- Community Safety Team - Main Street, Glenluce (1.30 - 2.30 pm) on Thursday 7th September. Dog fouling, littering, fly tipping, abandoned vehicles, etc.
- Community Safety Survey - The Community Safety Survey 2023 can be accessed online until 6th October at <https://forms.office.com/e/3uaAknyu8v>
- Local Place Plans - Online TEAMS webinars - 4th October and 5th October.
- S&A Homes - request for funding towards Aird Unit Sensory Room. It was agreed not to award any funding. Jane to reply to letter. *Jane*

#### 15. Any Other Competent Business

**Weeds growing on pavements along Main Street** - Jane to report to Council. *Jane*

**Roadsides not cut back** - ongoing issue.

**Boccia Group - Hall hire** - Fred and Mike discussed meeting room hire.

#### 16. Date of Next Community Council Meeting

AGM at 7.45 pm, followed by Community Council meeting on Monday 2nd October 2023 in Glenluce Public Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Ian thanked everyone for their attendance and participation.

**Future meetings:** 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.