

Old Luce Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held in Glenluce Public Hall at 7.45 pm on Monday 2nd October 2023

Present

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

Diane Lowe
Gordon McKinstry
Marion Muir
Jocelyn Vance

Member of the Public:
Jim McClung

Part Meeting:
Eilidh Lowe

In attendance: Jane McDowall, Minute Secretary

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

1. Apologies

Joan Miskimmins, Mick Bird and Councillor Jackie McCamon.

2. Police Business

The Police report did not record any incidents in the past month.

3. Ocean Youth Trust Scotland Presentation by Eilidh Lowe

Eilidh gave a presentation on her sailing trip on the Alba Explorer from Lerwick to Oban as a young ambassador for Ocean Youth Trust Scotland. Eilidh thanked the Community Council for the micro grant to assist with funding the trip.

Ian thanked Eilidh for her excellent presentation.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting (4th September 2023)

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

5. Matters Arising not covered on Agenda

None.

6. Finance and Micro Grant Applications

£6,422.44 in the bank account, including restricted funds for Sports. £3,011.34 available.

MICRO GRANT application from Glenluce Baby and Toddler Group - request for £500 towards insurance, equipment and parties. This was unanimously approved.

Glenluce Primary School - re-allocation of grant from failed wind turbines - Mike had supplied copies of the historic e-mails and minutes from early 2018. It had been agreed at that time that the money be spent on a play / environmental project at the School. Everyone approved the re-allocation of the grant for improving the playing fields.

7. Local Issues - Updates and Any New Issues

- **Japanese knotweed (May 2023)** - Japanese knotweed growing at the Bents and also up the Back Burn had been reported to D&G Council.
- **Defibrillator (May 2023)** - Replacement pads ordered.
- **Glen Café Signage (June 2023)** - Signs now removed.
- **Overgrown path and summer seat at top of Back Burn (September 2023)** - Mike requested that the strimming request be passed back to D&G Council.
- **Speed check (September 2023)** - Likely to be set up in November.

Jane

8. Paths and Core Paths Maintenance

Stairhaven - Auchenmalg Coastal Path (March 2022) - Mick not present to provide an update on the bridges and signs.

Pavement between Viaduct and New Luce Junction - Kenny reported subsidence and overgrown trees obstructing path. Jane to report.

Jane

9. Lady Stair Park

Ian, Fred and Jane had met with Robert Lowther and Stuart McCredie of D&G Council last week to progress the purchase of replacement play park equipment and picnic tables and bench. It was unanimously agreed to purchase another picnic table and bench to be located beside the skate park. Jane to accept the grant award from Old Luce Community Fund to allow the funds to be drawn down.

Jane

10. Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company (KCBC)

Nothing new since last meeting.

11. Old Luce Development Trust - Update

Mike advised that the AGM had been held last week - Jim McClung and Drew Sloan had stood down. Two new young directors had been appointed - Euan Cameron and Neil Douglas. Work continues at the Industrial Estate, the architect is working on Brambles and Dunragit's Community Hub space is progressing.

12. Old Luce Community Benefit Fund - Update

Nothing new to report at present. Fred raised concerns about the recent administration of the Fund.

13. Councillors Update

None present.

14. Correspondence

Dumfries and Galloway Regional Parking Strategy - online survey available.

15. Any Other Competent Business

Christmas - Jane to order two trees. Kenny and Mike will visit the Village Square to work out how best to secure the tree. Christmas Light switch on will be on Saturday 25th November. Mike will enquire if the School will organise a Christmas Fair, as per last year, which had been very successful.

Jane

Mike

Fred reported on concerns from the owner of a property neighbouring the Public Hall which had water cascading on to their building. Mike advised that it was D&G Council's responsibility to maintain the external areas of the Hall.

Members to consider if they knew anyone who would be willing to join the Community Council to fill the vacancies.

ALL

16. Date of Next Community Council Meeting

Community Council meeting on Monday 6th November 2023 in Glenluce Public Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Ian thanked everyone for their attendance and participation.

Future meetings: 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.