

Old Luce Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held in Glenluce Public Hall at 7.45 pm on Monday 6th November 2023

Present

Ian Paterson - Chairman	Diane Lowe	Sergeant William Boyce (part mtg)
Fred Murray - Vice Chairman	Gordon McKinstry	
Kenny McKinstry - Treasurer	Joan Miskimmins	Councillor Katie Hagmann
Mick Bird	Marion Muir	Councillor Richard Marsh
Mike Lane (joined mtg 8 pm)	Jocelyn Vance	

In attendance: Jane McDowall, Minute Secretary

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

1. Apologies

None received. All present.

2. Police Business

Sergeant Boyce stated that there had been one fraud and one vandalism reported in the Old Luce area in the past month.

Sergeant Boyce gave an update on upcoming events including checking child car seats at Sainsbury's, Newton Stewart on Wednesday 8th November and the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers Shoebox Appeal for Christmas to give to local elderly residents in Stranraer and the surrounding area.

Ian proposed that a donation of £200 (Morrisons gift card) be made to the appeal for the benefit of elderly residents of Old Luce and this was seconded by Kenny. Jane to purchase the gift card and deliver to Stranraer Police Station for attention of Sergeant Boyce.

Jane

The stranded pickup vehicle in the water close to golf course was raised. Sergeant Boyce advised that this was a matter for the Council. Jane to notify D&G Council.

Jane

Sergeant Boyce was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (20th December 2021 and 2nd October 2023)

20th December 2021 (online) - Approval of these minutes had been omitted at the February 2022 meeting of the Community Council. All in attendance agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting and the adoption of the minutes were approved by Mike and seconded by Gordon.

2nd October 2023 - All agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting and the adoption of the minutes was proposed by Fred and seconded by Diane.

4. Matters Arising not covered on Agenda

None.

5. Finance and Micro Grant Applications

Paperwork for year ending 31st August 2023 with accountant.

MICRO GRANT of £200 awarded to Police Scotland Youth Volunteers Shoebox Appeal for Christmas for the benefit of elderly residents of Old Luce. The award was proposed by Ian and was seconded by Kenny.

6. Remembrance Sunday

Fred has purchased the wreath, and been reimbursed for the cost of £49.60.

The wreath will be laid at 12.15 pm at Old Luce War Memorial, Lady Stair Park, after the Church Service, on Sunday 12th November. Everyone is welcome to attend.

7. Christmas Lights Switch On

Saturday 25th November - Glenluce - Glenluce Primary School Christmas Fayre, will take place in Glenluce Public Hall in the afternoon, followed by the lights switch on at 5 pm.

Fred will organise tea/coffee, mincemeat pies, sweets and mulled wine. Jocelyn agreed to help Fred. *Fred*

Mike will speak to Richard Rankin about the stands for tree. *Mike*

Trees due to be delivered week commencing 20th November. Cherry picker, or similar required, to put lights on tree.

Sunday 26th November - Dunragit at 6 pm. Diane enquired if the usual £150 would be given for the purchase of mulled wine, sweets for children, etc and this was unanimously agreed.

8. Local Issues - Updates and Any New Issues

- **Japanese knotweed (May 2023)** - Japanese knotweed growing at the Bents and up the Back Burn had been reported to D&G Council. Gordon agreed to check. *Gordon*
- **Defibrillator (May 2023)** - Replacement pads delivered and fitted.
- **Overgrown path and summer seat at top of Back Burn (September 2023)** - D&G Council had reported that this area had been cut at the beginning of October.
- **Subsidence of pavement alongside road to Viaduct (October 2023)** - Reported to D&G Council for repair.
- **Glenluce Abbey (November 2023)** - Apology from Historic Environment Scotland for confusion caused by press release. Only grounds and shop had been open this year. Survey due to take place in December / early next year.
- **Former Glenbay Hotel Site (November 2023)** - Wheatley Group has not secured necessary funding to proceed. They are currently reviewing their options for site. Councillor Hagmann will raise site with them at their meeting on 27th November. *Cllr Hagmann*

9. Local Planning

It was unanimously agreed to send a letter of support for the application to install dormer windows at 41 Main Street, Glenluce. *Jane*

Mick advised that the planning application for a glamping lodge at Auchenmalg beach had been turned down due to concerns about flooding.

10. Paths and Core Paths Maintenance

Stairhaven - Auchenmalg Coastal Path (March 2022) - Mick has spoken to Brian Scott at D&G Council, who is covering after Richard Masters retiral. It is hoped that Brian will be able to meet Mick on site in the near future to discuss the bridge and signage.

11. Lady Stair Park

Concrete bases have been installed by Council, ready for installation of picnic benches.

Ian had spoken to Richard Rankin about removal of slide from old boat. It was noted that the old boat had been removed. Information on installation date for new playpark equipment awaited.

12. Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company (KCBC)

Board meeting in person at end of October. Grant decision meeting in December.

13. Old Luce Development Trust - Update

Mike advised that they were working with architects and surveyors at the Dunragit Hub site, and were conscious of the 1st April 2024 deadline.

Brambles - plans to re-purpose being developed.

13. Old Luce Development Trust - Update (continued)

Doctors Surgery - positive meetings held.

Industrial Estate - meetings with prospective business tenants lined up. Electrical work almost finished. Re-cladding to be undertaken.

Annual Accounts - should be ready for end of the month.

12. Old Luce Community Benefit Fund - Update

Next meeting scheduled for January. In person meetings preferred.

13. Councillors Update

Cllr Marsh advised that the school strikes have been suspended while unions put offer to members. On 1st November D&GC, NHS, etc, launched the Macmillan Improving Cancer Journey Service. Winter Warm Clothes events in the near future. Help with Heating Scheme. New fund - National Resilience Centre.

Cllr Hagmann gave an update on the West Area committee meeting, North Channel Partnership, Youth Council Elections and Outdoor Access Strategy.

16. Correspondence

Thank you card from Glen of Luce Rural for micro grant to purchase commemorative items.

17. Any Other Competent Business

Mike raised the issues with external fabric of the Public Hall with the Councillors. Roof, slates, water going into neighbour's garden amongst other problems. The Councillors requested that Mike send the information to them, who will take the matter up with appropriate team at D&G Council.

Mike

Kenny enquired about electric charging points for Glenluce. Cllr Hagmann will make enquiries.

*Cllr
Hag-
mann*

18. Date of Next Community Council Meeting

Community Council meeting on Monday 4th December 2023 in Glenluce Public Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Ian thanked everyone for their attendance and participation and Councillors for their input.

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