

Old Luce Community Council

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

Present

Ian Paterson - Chairman
Fred Murray - Vice Chairman
Mick Bird

Gordon McKinstry
Joan Miskimmins

Marion Muir
Jocelyn Vance

In attendance: Jane McDowall, Minute Secretary

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

1. Apologies

Mike Lane and Councillor Hagmann.

Absent: Diane Lowe and Kenny McKinstry.

2. Police Business

The Police Report stated that there had been no incidents in past month. Information supplied about Operation Comet, Drink and Drug Driving Campaign, winter weather driving. Jane to circulate on FB page.

Jane

Police Scotland Youth Volunteers (PSYV) - Shoebox Appeal. PC Jackson had requested details of individuals in the OLCC area that would benefit from the Christmas packages by 11th December. Fred will contact Kirk Care. Fred will contact Diane Lowe to enquire about anyone in the Dunragit area. Jocelyn would also make enquiries.

*Fred
Jocelyn*

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (6th November 2023)

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

4. Matters Arising not covered on Agenda

None.

5. Finance and Micro Grant Application

Expenses reimbursements agreed for Fred for purchase of refreshments for Christmas Lights Switch On of £93.97 and £269.60 to Jane for purchase of gift card for Police Scotland Youth Volunteers Shoebox Appeal and defibrillator replacement pads.

It was agreed to pay the invoice for £19,456.75 from Dumfries and Galloway for purchase and installation of playpark equipment, picnic tables and benches.

MICRO GRANT of £102 awarded to Glen of Luce SWI for hall rental 2024. The award was proposed by Ian and seconded by Gordon.

6. Remembrance Sunday - 12th November 2023

Fred had laid the wreath on behalf of Old Luce Community Council and Gordon had laid the wreath on behalf of Dumfries & Galloway Council. There had been an excellent turnout of around fifty people.

7. Christmas Lights Switch On - Saturday 25th November

The Glenluce Primary School Christmas Fayre in the Public Hall had been very well attended with over £1,200.00 raised. The Old Luce CC table, with Fred and Jocelyn providing refreshments in return for donations, had raised over £200 of the total. The Primary School captains had switched on the lights.

Ian thanked Kippy Thomson for the loan of a cherry picker and driver to assist with erecting lights on the Christmas tree in the Village Square. A letter of thanks to be sent to Kippy.

Jane

No information available for the Dunragit Christmas Lights event on 27th November.

8. Local Issues - Updates and Any New Issues

- **Japanese knotweed (May 2023)** - Gordon reported that it had died back over the winter but was likely to grow again in the spring.
- **Overgrown path and summer seat at top of Back Burn (September 2023)** - Reported again to D&G Council as shrubs obscuring view from bench.
- **Subsidence of pavement alongside road to Viaduct (October 2023)** - D&G Council has undertaken repairs.
- **Former Glenbay Hotel Site (November 2023)** - Cllr Hagmann had sent a message advising that Wheatley Group had re-arranged the 27th November meeting. New date awaited.
- **EV Charging Points (November 2023)** - Councillor Hagmann provided link to original bid for funding (link to be circulated) and advised that the Council could consider Glenluce as a community looking for investment. Cllr Hagmann to be asked to put this forward.
- **Glenluce Public Hall - roof issues (November 2023)** - Councillors Hagmann and Marsh had followed up the repairs with D&G Council staff and progress on repairs was now being made.
- **Speed Monitoring / Detection (November 2023)** - D&G Council had previously advised that this was due to take place at the end of November. It has now been re-scheduled for the end of January 2024.
- **Request for pavement on grass verge at Viaduct (November 2023)** - A local resident had put forward this request. It was agreed that there was not a requirement for this at present.
- **Pickup in Piltanton Burn at Golf course (November 2023)** - Abandoned pickup had been reported to D&G Council. Cost of removal, along with concerns about recovery vehicle becoming stuck has held up removal.

Jane

9. Paths and Core Paths Maintenance

Stairhaven - Auchenmalg Coastal Path (March 2022) - Mick advised that there was no progress on installation of bridges but he hoped to meet Brian Scott of D&G Council early in 2024. It was noted that the replacement signage advice in relation to dogs being kept on a lead had not yet been installed.

10. Lady Stair Park

The new play galleon had been installed and was in use. The additional picnic tables and benches had also been installed, although there had been an error in instructions from D&G manager about layout of concrete bases. This had now been rectified.

11. Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company (KCBC)

Board meeting to discuss grant applications in mid-December. New board member has been appointed to bring numbers up to full complement.

12. Old Luce Development Trust - Update

No one present to give an update.

13. Old Luce Community Benefit Fund - Update

Foundation Scotland has appointed new staff and the next meeting is scheduled for January.

14. Councillors Update

A letter of congratulations to be sent to Councillor Hagmann, who had won the Scottish Local Politician of the Year Award at The Herald Scottish Politician of the Year Awards 2023.

Jane

15. Correspondence

Headstone inspections - D&G Council had sent notification about the Memorial/Headstone Safety Project which will be commencing at Old Luce Church Yard and Old Cemetery on 15th January 2024. 713 memorials / headstones due to be inspected. Signage giving notice erected end of November.

School Model Consultation Summary report - circulated to OLCC.

Briefing and how to take part in the NHS Consultation on Maternity Services in Wigtownshire - circulated to OLCC.

2nd Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries - circulated to OLCC.

Request to install a security camera - Friends of the Hall had requested funding to install a security camera in Community Shop to cover external area at bottom of access ramp. Members agreed that this was a matter for the Public Hall management committee.

Wigtownshire Public Health Improvement Team - Christmas Meals / Dinner kits for those in need. There were no plans for these to be provided.

Request for assistance to fund payment for cleaning of public toilets - This had previously been raised - Jane to check outcome of previous request. (**Update:** December 2022 - Trust advised to make application to Old Luce Community Benefit Fund as they managed the facilities.)

Jane

Drone Work Survey - Information from OLD T. To be circulated.

Jane

Community Ownership - Ian had received an e-mail from someone enquiring about ownership of land at Whitefield Loch. Jane to respond on behalf of OLCC.

Jane

Solway Coast and Marine Project (SCAMP) - information poster about events across the region. Jane to circulate poster.

Jane

16. Any Other Competent Business

None.

17. Date of Next Community Council Meeting

Community Council meeting on Monday 5th February 2024 in Glenluce Public Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Ian thanked everyone for their attendance and participation and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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