

Old Luce Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held in Glenluce Public Hall at 7.45 pm on Monday 5th February 2024

Present

Ian Paterson - Chairman

Fred Murray - Vice Chairman

Mike Lane

Diane Lowe

Kenny McKinstry

Gordon McKinstry

Joan Miskimmins

Marion Muir

Jocelyn Vance

Councillor David Inglis

Councillor Richard Marsh

Member of the Public:

Euan Sheriffs (from 8.25 pm)

In attendance: Jane McDowall, Minute Secretary

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2024 and wished them all a Happy New Year. Ian looked forward to a productive and harmonious year.

1. Apologies

Mick Bird, Councillors McCamon and Hagmann.

2. Police Business

The Police Report stated that there had been one breach of the peace and one theft in the Old Luce Community Council area in the past month. Information supplied about Police Recruitment event on 27th February in Stranraer, livestock attacks and worrying plus van security tips. Jane to circulate on FB page.

Jane

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (4th December 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 Jocelyn.

4. Matters Arising not covered on Agenda

None.

5. Finance and Micro Grant Application

£5,705.92 in the bank account, which includes £3,411.10 restricted funds for Sports. £2,294.82 available.

The grant awarded for replacement of play park equipment plus new picnic benches was the amount advised by Dumfries & Galloway Council. Dumfries & Galloway Council had charged a lesser amount after installation of equipment. It was agreed that £3,891.35 would be repaid to Old Luce Community Benefit Fund, once confirmed not to be paid out. Confirm in March.

Agenda

Kilgallioch Community Benefit Fund annual payment received. Unanimously agreed to make payment of same to Foundation Scotland.

Jane

The payment had been made for the purchase of Christmas trees for Dunragit and Glenluce.

Christmas viaduct lights - Mike advised that £9.73 is due for cost of electricity to neighbouring house. It was agreed that £20 should be paid.

Jane

6. Local Issues - Updates and Any New Issues

- **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. Jane to contact Cllr Hagmann for update on re-arranged meeting.

Jane

It was reported that some of the fencing panels had fallen over and damaged vehicles, which could have caused injury to pedestrians. Jane to contact Wheatley Housing to raise concerns about danger from Heras fencing panels, unsecured site with live electric cable and untidy site on main street of village.

Jane

6. Local Issues - Updates and Any New Issues (continued)

- **Overgrown path and summer seat at top of Back Burn (September 2023)** - Reported again to D&G Council as shrubs obscuring view from bench.
- **EV Charging Points (November 2023)** - Cllr Hagmann to be asked to put this forward. Jane to follow up with Cllr Hagmann. *Jane*
- **Speed Monitoring / Detection (November 2023)** - D&G Council has now installed.
- **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. Councillors have also reported.
- **St Helena Way - Bridge (February 2024)** - It had been reported to Ian that the two main beams on the bridge were rotten and two new steel beams were required. To be reported to D&G Council. *Jane*
- **Back Burn (February 2024)** - It had been reported to Fred that the repairs undertaken had now been undermined by water and it was likely that the wall will collapse again. Fred will investigate and pass on information to Jane to report to D&G Council. *Fred
Jane*
- **Dunragit, Orchard Road, south side - faulty street lights (February 2024)** - Diane requested that these be reported. Four lights have not been working since November. Previously reported by residents but still not working. *Jane*
- **Drain at Chalkwell House (February 2024)** - Joan reported that this was still blocked and regularly flooded roadway whenever it rained. *Jane*
- **Glenluce Public Hall - clock (February 2024)** - Mike asked Jane to report that the clock and light in tower was not working. *Jane*

7. Paths and Core Paths Maintenance

Stairhaven - Auchenalg Coastal Path (March 2022) - Mick had advised that he was waiting for a date to meet Brian Scott from D&G Council.

Cllr Inglis advised that the Council is undertaking a complete review of the core paths in Dumfries and Galloway.

8. Lady Stair Park

Several members reported that the grassy area beside old filling station into park had become muddy and would benefit from adding hard core and/or tar. Site visit to be undertaken and decide on what works required. *Fred*

9. Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company (KCBC)

There had been an online board meeting in January. It had been noted that the recruitment of board members was becoming increasingly difficult.

10. Old Luce Development Trust - Update

Mike gave an update on the industrial estate where the building has undergone a full refit. There is a new tenant for the two front units plus another tenant due to sign the agreement for the two rear units.

The Dunragit Hub has received planning permission and work is moving forward.

The plans for Brambles are being re-drawn by the architects.

The Glen - Boyd McIntosh has been very helpful with the new boundary fence. A surveyor has been engaged to ensure that it is all in order. A number of trees have fallen due to strong winds.

Ian enquired, on behalf of a new resident in the area, if they could cut fallen timber for fire wood. Mike advised that the Glen was managed and some fallen timber is left in place for a variety of reasons. If there is chopped and blocked wood left then this can be taken for personal use.

10. Old Luce Development Trust - Update (continued)

Mike advised that the Trust had submitted a grant application to Old Luce Community Benefit Fund for funding to conduct a new Community Action Plan / Place Plan. The last one was completed in 2015.

Christmas Trees - Mike requested that a date be set for removal in early 2025.

11. Old Luce Community Benefit Fund - Update

Concerns were raised about the lack of information and length of time since there had been a meeting of the Panel.

Jane was instructed to contact Foundation Scotland to raise Old Luce Community Council's concerns about the lack of any meetings - either in person or online - for such a long period of time. The members wanted a firm date set for a meeting as there were grant applications to be considered and business to discuss.

Jane

12. Councillors Update

Councillors Marsh and Inglis gave a comprehensive update on matters at Dumfries & Galloway Council including report from Accounts Commission, Scottish Secretary Alister Jack's statement about opportunities of new agreement for Northern Ireland and D&G Council's decision to approve, in principle, support for formation of Galloway National Park.

Councillor Inglis advised that since all the Royal Burgh of Whithorn and District Community Council councillors have resigned the Ward 2 Federation is now without a chair. Cllr Inglis encouraged members of Old Luce Community Council to engage with the Federation as it is useful source of information.

13. Correspondence

Craig Nab Wind Farm - notification of upcoming planning application.

Douglas Gunn - request for assistance with survey on understanding and perception of the Scottish rainforest impacts the conservation of this special habitat. To be circulated.

Jane

Torrs Warren LMP - circulated to community councillors. No comments to be sent from OLCC.

Glenluce Bowling Club - request to replace fence on the School Road and boundary of the Bowling Green. It was unanimously agreed that Old Luce Community Council had not erected the fence and believed that it was likely to have been Dumfries & Galloway Council. Jane to reply.

Jane

14. Any Other Competent Business

Cllr Marsh enquired if the Public Hall's roof and leaks had been repaired. Mike advised that D&G Council now had this in hand.

Ian enquired about a contact for AMEY for hedge cutting. Cllr Inglis passed on a phone number.

15. Date of Next Community Council Meeting

Community Council meeting on Monday 4th March 2024 in Glenluce Public Hall.

The meeting closed at 9 pm.

Ian thanked everyone for their attendance and participation.

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