

Old Luce Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held in Glenluce Public Hall at 7.45 pm on Monday 1st July 2024

Present

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

Gordon McKinstry
Marion Muir
Jocelyn Vance

Member of the Public:
Robert Fleming

In attendance: Jane McDowall, Minute Secretary

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

1. Apologies

Mick Bird, Mike Lane, Joan Miskimmins, Councillors Hagmann and Marsh.

2. Police Business

The Police Report stated that no incidents had been recorded in the Old Luce Community Council area in the past month.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (3rd June 2024)

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

4. Matters Arising not covered on Agenda

None.

5. Finance and Micro Grant Applications

Micro grant applications - none received.

Glenluce Initiative 100 Club bank account - Robert Copeland had given Ian a bank statement from 2014, which showed a balance of £1,216.71. Ian will go to the bank.

Ian

6. Local Issues - Updates and Any New Issues

- **Flower tubs (March 2024)** - Additional plants had been received from Dumfries & Galloway Council. The plants had been added to tubs at Dunragit and Glenluce. Marion commented that the tubs on Main Street were looking well. Jane to send a note of thanks to Stuart McCredie. *Jane*
- **Drain at Chalkwell House (February 2024)** - There had been no further works on the blocked drain. Jane to follow up with D&GC. *Jane*
- **Drain at Lady Stair Park gates (June 2024)** - now fixed.
- **Wooden Railings beside Bowling Club - School Road (February 2024)** - now replaced, by D&G Council.
- **EV Charging Points (November 2023)** - Cllr Hagmann has still not received any update. She advised contacting Cllr Inglis. *Jane*
- **Former Glenluce Hotel Site (November 2023)** - Not yet through planning. Once through planning, OLCC to enquire how long boards likely to be in place. Concerns about weeds and unkempt site noted. Secretary to contact Wheatley Group and request that weeds be treated to avoid polluting neighbouring areas. *Jane*
- **Speed Monitoring / Detection (November 2023)** - Temporary Traffic Data Survey has been installed at west end of Main Street.

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

- **Possible Dangerous Driving Incident (June 2024)** - Reported to Police, who were unable to investigate without more details.
- **St Helena Way - Bridge (February 2024)** - D&G Council has requested design details and until these are approved, the repairs are unable to be completed.
- **Japanese Knotweed - Back Burn (June 2024)** - Reported to Council, who will arrange for it to be treated.
- **Japanese Knotweed - Balkail Glen (June 2024)** - Reported to Council, who advised not on ground they manage. Reported to Trust, who passed on to Galloway Fisheries Trust. GFT will treat in the autumn.
- **Control of Non Native Species - Training (July 2024)** - Galloway Fisheries Trust is organising training for volunteers willing to help control non-native species. Gordon volunteered to attend the training. Jane to contact Project Officer at GFT. *Jane*
- **Lady Stair Park (June 2024)** - Hole in wall now repaired.
- **Lady Stair Park (June 2024)** - Double gates into play area from park - hinges on gate now repaired.

7. Paths and Core Paths Maintenance

Stairhaven - Auchenmalg Coastal Path (March 2022) - Grant application for duckboards had been submitted. Outcome awaited. Grass and scrub cutting to take place week commencing 15th July.

Robert Fleming highlighted another area, next to a stile, that was wet and deep during the winter months. Robert will send photos, plus location plan. Jane will pass on to D&G Council. *Jane*

The Trust had requested volunteers to cut back the vegetation on the Dunragit to Glenluce Railway Line path, and this had now been cut. The Trust advised that volunteers had also cut back the path in the Glen and the Dunragit to Droughdool Mote path.

8. Lady Stair Park

Grant application for additional length of path had been approved. Fred will contact Slavin Plant. *Fred*

Changing Accommodation - This has been closed by D&G Council, due to it being deemed unsafe. Fred will contact D&G Council as they will have to consult with OLCC. *Fred*

9. Community Council Ordinary Elections - Thursday 3rd October 2024

Information to be circulated on local notice boards, FB, and by community Councillors. *Jane ALL*

10. Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company (KCBC)

The June board meeting was postponed until August, with AGM in September/October.

11. Old Luce Development Trust - Update

No one present to give an update.

12. Old Luce Community Benefit Fund - Update

The meeting was held on 24th June. The grant to the Boccia group was passed.

13. Councillors Update

None present.

14. Correspondence

Knock Fell Peatland Restoration - The response from Bidwells had been circulated to OLCC. A request for a presentation had received no response to date.

Secretary to contact NatureScot, organisation responsible for the Peatland Restoration Grant, highlighting concerns about the lack of evidence provided for a need for restoration work to be carried out.

Jane

15. Any Other Competent Business

Stairhaven Toilets - An enquiry was made about whether these were open to the public and if so, hours and days of opening. Was there an outside tap and Elsan storage for camper vans? Jane to contact D&G Council.

Jane

Glenluce Primary School - Robert Fleming, on behalf of the Parent Teacher Association, flagged up the reduction in Support for Learning hours from thirty hours, down to twenty, which was to be further reduced to 2½ hours after the summer. This information, along with the concerns from OLCC, to be sent to Councillors.

Jane

Glenluce School Car Park - A request from the PTA was made for this area to be tidied up - parking spaces re-lined, weeds dealt with and a general tidy of the area. To be passed on to D&G Council.

Jane

OLCC Barbeque - Ian requested that Robert ask members of the PTA if they still had the community's barbeque, which had been loaned to Laura Stirling and Joyce Stewart last year.

Robert

16. Date of Next Community Council Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 2nd September 2024 in Glenluce Public Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Ian thanked everyone for their attendance and input.

Future meetings: 7th October, 4th November ([different venue - TBC](#)) and 2nd December 2024.

2025 - 3rd February, 3rd March, 7th April, 5th May, 2nd June, 7th July, 1st September, 6th October, 3rd November and 1st December.