

Minutes of Meeting of Old Luce Community Council held in Glenluce Public Hall at 7.45 pm on Monday 6th October 2025.

Present

Ian Paterson - Chairman
Fred Murray - Vice Chairman
Allan Clark

Neil Douglas
Diane Lowe
Gordon McKinstry

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

Joan Miskimmins, Kenny McKinstry and Councillor David Inglis.

2. Police Business

Three x breach of the peace and one x fraud reported this month. Information about signing up to Neighbourhood Watch Scotland.

Stranraer Police Scotland Youth Volunteers request to collect Christmas shoe box items for Christmas Hampers.

Inspector Lyndsey Nicolson had requested feedback on the reports sent to Community Councils. Jane to provide some suggestions.

The next online meeting is on 14th October, which Fred plans to attend.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (1st September 2025)

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 Gordon.

4. Matters Arising not covered on Agenda

None.

5. Finance and Micro Grant Applications

Bank account balance = £13,195.67, which includes grant award for work on Stairhaven coastal Path and Sports Fund monies.

Micro grant applications for Christmas gift bags for children of Dunragit and Glenluce Primary School of £500 and purchase of tree guards for Whitefield Loch woodland of up to £400 unanimously approved.

Jane

Jane

Leah at Old Luce Development Trust had advised that they are holding £10.75 for Glenluce Gentle Exercise Group and not £2.25 as previously advised.

Glenluce Initiative Bank Account - Ian will arrange to meet Robert Copeland to complete form.

Ian

6. Local Issues - Updates and Any New Issues

- **North Street Lorry Park (April 2025)** - The Council Officer had been very disappointed to hear that the car park is suffering misuse again. The car park will be temporarily closed while maintaining access for residents and the abandoned items will be lettered and signed to indicate that they are to be removed.

6. Local Issues - Updates and Any New Issues

- **Japanese Knotweed (May 2025)** - Still growing up back burn. To be reported again. *Jane*
- **Water Supply at Old Luce Cemetery (June 2025)** - Plumber due to install tap.
- **Potholes at North Street and Church Street (September 2025)** - Reported to D&GC.
- **Fineview Path (September 2025)** - Still trying to establish who owns land to report that it is overgrown and requires attention. *Jane*
- **Closure of The Cock Inn (September 2025)** - The Friends of The Cock Inn group had recently held another meeting. It had been unanimously agreed to set up a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation to register an interest under the Land Reform Act's Community Rights to Buy.

Old Luce Community Council confirmed that the group has their support to continue with their investigations and requested that they be kept informed about progress. *Jane*
- **Trailer in parking space at Balkail Avenue, off Main Street (October 2025)** - An old trailer is taking up a car parking space - to be reported to D&G Council. *Jane*
- **Back Burn Wall (October 2025)** - It was reported that another part of the wall had fallen. Jane to report to D&G Council. *Jane*
- **Whitefield Loch Road (October 2025)** - Sections of the road and cattle grids had been badly damaged during works by Scottish Water in 2021-22. Dumfries & Galloway Council staff had partially overseen the Council restrictions on contractors imposed by Dumfries & Galloway Council but had not followed through on the requirement to return the road and cattle grids to the condition they were in prior to works commencing. It was agreed to report this again to D&G Council and to the Councillors. *Jane*

7. Paths and Core Paths Maintenance

Stairhaven - Auchenmalg Coastal Path (March 2022) - The boardwalk is due to be installed this month.

The signposts and new signage were due to be fixed - they had not been correctly installed.

Neil had contacted Claire Fleming who had advised that the contractors attending to cut the path had been asked to inform them when they were coming to allow the landowner to remove the cattle to give the contractors access. This had not happened and was the reason why the path was not cut this year. Jane to report back to D&G Council Access Officer. *Jane*

8. Lady Stair Park

Changing Accommodation - The Council Officer confirmed that the rental fee was £50 or it would have to go to Committee. Old Luce Community Councillors unanimously agreed to offer £1 per annum and for it go to Committee. Secretary to advise D&GC Officer. *Jane*

9. Whitefield Loch - Woodland

An arborist is due to visit the site next week. *Jane*

Ian advised that the meeting with the Angling Club to discuss format of the new ownership organisation will take place before the November meeting. *Ian*

10. Christmas Lights Switch On

Saturday 29th November in Glenluce Public Hall and Sunday 30th November in Dunragit Community Hub.

It was unknown at this stage if Glenluce Primary School were holding a Christmas Fayre.

10. Christmas Lights Switch On (continued)

The Trust has the installation of lights and Christmas trees organised and this will be done around 15th November.

Ian is organising Christmas trees for Glenluce and Dunragit. Dunragit Community Hub has secured the £300 award from D&G Council for community events for a Christmas party for the children which previously paid for the tree and refreshments.

Ian

Fred and Jocelyn will organise tea / coffee / squash and sweets for 29th November. Donations received will be given to Glenluce Primary and Nursery PTA, as usual.

*Fred
Jocelyn*

11. Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company (KCBC)

The Annual General Meeting had been held at Glentroll Hive on Monday 29th September. Fred had hoped to retire. Kenny had been unable to step in so far due to always being on standby.

12. Old Luce Development Trust - Update

Leah advised that she had informed Scottish Power Energy Networks about the suggestion of a generator. SPEN has flagged both Glenluce Public Hall and Dunragit Hub as potential warm hubs.

Diane advised that the Trust had met with Old Luce Panel, Doctors and Contractors in recent weeks. It is hoped that works are able to commence eight weeks after planning approval. Work on Brambles is due to commence in October.

13. Old Luce Community Benefit Fund - Update

Ian reported on the meeting with the Trust at Dunragit Hub last month. The Panel had been pleased to see that both Brambles and the Doctors Surgery were progressing.

14. Councillors Update

None present.

15. Correspondence

D&G Council - new bus services survey - circulated.

NHS D&G - promote Autumn 'Flu Vaccination information - circulated.

Police Scotland D&G - Invite to Sign Up to Community Alerts - circulated.

D&G Council - Community Resilience Policy Public Engagement - circulated.

D&G Council - Community Resilience Group Meetings - circulated.

Statkraft - Artfield Forest Wind Farm Consultation Summary - circulated.

NHS D&G - Help to highlight campaign promoting range of roles in GP practice - circulated.

Gillespies - Artfield Forest New Connection Project - circulated. Public information to be available for consultation at the end of October.

Envy Cheerleading Parents Committee - Letter sent requesting financial support for group of children and young people to attend the Allstar World Championships in Florida next year. Jane to send information about potential funders.

Jane

Letter from Main Street (East) Residents Group - raising concerns about speed of traffic along Main Street. After discussion it was agreed that Jane would acknowledge receipt and pass the letter on to D&G Councillors.

Jane

16. Any Other Competent Business

Remembrance Sunday - 9th November - Jane to reply to D&G Council e-mail.

Jane

Stranoch Wind Farm Meeting - Fred had attended the meeting on 24th September at the Millennium Centre. Two additional communities were now included (Castle Kennedy and Kirkcowan).

16. Any Other Competent Business (continued)

Storm Amy - Provision of Catering Van - The areas without power for two days had been rural and outwith Glenluce. The Council had advised SPEN to locate the catering van in Glenluce. It was agreed that Jane should contact SPEN and D&GC with local information.

Jane

SirTN Toys, Ballingclach Industrial Estate - The owners had contacted Ian and Fred with concerns about being approached by a person who had stated they were representing the Community Council and the Development Trust and told them they were not allowed to hold their planned Pumpkin Parade.

Ian and Fred had arranged to visit them as the person who had approached them purporting to be from the Community Council was neither a Community Councillor nor representing the Community Council.

Neil agreed to take this matter to the Trust.

Neil

The other issue they had was with a neighbour wishing vehicular access at all times when it was pedestrian access only.

17. Date of Next Community Council Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 3rd November 2025 in Glenluce Public Hall at 7.45 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm. Ian thanked everyone for their attendance and input.

Future meetings: 2025 - 1st December. 2026 2nd February, 2nd March, 6th April, 4th May, 1st June, 6th July, 7th September, 5th October, 2nd November and 7th December.

Old Luce Community Fund Meeting Summary – September 2025

Who Was There

The advisory panel met with all 7 members present and 1 new member who was attending their first meeting. Foundation Scotland also attended to support the meeting.

What Was Discussed

Two applications to the Education and Training fund were considered by the panel. Both applications were successful and provided awards for residents:

- To support the costs of travel, accommodation and PPE whilst studying for a Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery degree
- To support the accommodation costs incurred while studying for a BSc (Hons) Cell Biology

The panel discussed the Glenluce Healthy Living Campus as representatives from the panel had met with the Old Luce Development Trust, who are leading this project, which is expected to be completed by 2029.

The panel also considered the Community Action Plan (2025 – 2035), noting the priorities of the community that were identified in the plan.

Next Meeting: March 2026 (deadline for applications 2nd February)

The panel can consider applications out of cycle. Applicants are asked to contact Foundation Scotland by phone on 0131 524 0336 or by email at katie@foundationscotland.org.uk with any application queries.

For more information about applying for grants or getting involved please see the Foundation Scotland website:

<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/apply-for-funding/funding-available/old-luce>