

INVERESK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 17th May 2021 via Zoom.

Present: Gus Leighton (Chairperson), Claire Wilson (Minute Secretary), Judith Gallacher, Dick Robertson, Ann Johnston, Ken Goddard (Planning Liaison), Alan Budge (Treasurer) left after recurring items, Pamela Cottam and 2 members of the public

In attendance: Cllr Nicol, Cllr Braes and Cllr Myles.

Apologies: Kate Skene.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved following correction of a spelling mistake in the AOCB report of the Retreat (proposed by Gus and seconded by Ken) and will now be posted on the website and sent to Angus Council and the NHW co-ordinator. **Action: Claire**

Planning and CNP Report

New applications

There were no new applications submitted since the March report. Ken had received notification via Stracathro Estates regarding their long-term forestry plan. It was agreed it warranted no comment by the ICC.

Previous applications requiring comment from the ICC.

There is to be a virtual meeting of Angus Council tomorrow regarding the demolition of Inglis Court, Edzell – Judith will attend and report back. **Action: Judith**

Gus asked the Ward Councillors if the questions on an e-mail from Walter Wyllie had been answered regarding Inglis Court. None of the Councillors were aware of the e-mail although it had been quoted in the press. Gus will forward the e-mail to Cllr Nicol who is chairing the meeting tomorrow.

Action: Gus

There is also a virtual planning committee meeting to approve the development adjacent to Elm Cottage, Tarfside for a new build. The ICC objected to this application. Ken will attend the meeting.

Action: Ken

Aberdeenshire

Glendye Windfarm proposal: see www.energyconsents.scot/ApplicationDetails.aspx. No recent movement on this but a watching brief should be kept.

Cairngorm National Park

One new CNP application call-in for the ICC area notified. An agricultural building being converted to accommodation. No meetings of the AoCC notified.

Treasurer's Report

Opening bank balance	£392.28
Secretarial Fees	- £50.00
Donation from Guild Homes	£900.00

Closing bank balance **£1242.28**

(£359.60 is DNA Money)

Alan will submit the end of year financial report to Angus Council shortly with a copy of the Chairman's Report (from AGM) and Claire has sent a copy of the GDPR training certificate she has completed.

Action: Alan

Police Report

Sgt Renilson has now retired, and his replacement is yet to be appointed. There had been no official Police Report submitted to the ICC.

Recurring items

Speeding within Edzell

Gus has been in correspondence with the Roads Department at Angus Council again with research results carried out by the Dept of Transport and Queen's University, Belfast regarding the requirement to use street furniture and enforcement of speed restrictions to ensure that the correct speed is maintained within built up areas. Cllr Myles said that he was not in agreement with more street furniture in Edzell as it can be problematic for farm vehicles to negotiate. There was an agreement within the Community Councillors that Edzell would benefit from having a similar road set up near the Panmure Hotel at the "Tweedie" with road narrowing and island in the middle to allow people to cross over safely. This should also have the added benefit of slowing the traffic. Cllr Braes confirmed that Angus Council would gather lots of data from the 20mph pilot sites (Edzell being one) but there has been a delay in gathering this data due to the pandemic. Judith suggested that bigger signs at end of Dunlappie Road would help the speeding there. Gus will contact Edzell Golf Club to request they remind their members that the whole village is 20 mph. **Action: Gus** After lengthy discussion it was agreed that the best way forward for Edzell and Inchbare was enforcement by the Police and education of offenders (ICC has posted on Social Media regarding the speed restrictions and via the extensive Inveresk Neighbourhood Watch scheme so locals were fully aware of the speed restrictions). It was agreed that the system of traffic lights in Coupar Angus worked very well however that had needed the death of a child to get this system in place. It was agreed that this is not something that the area wanted to happen so the ICC should continue to pursue Angus Council and Police Scotland to try to control the speeding in the area.

Afternote: Gus is to have a meeting with the Service Leader of Angus Council Roads Department on 24th May 2021 to discuss various local road issues.

Wishop Bridge

The bridge crossing the burn beside The Glebe in Edzell has become unstable (wooden sleepers are loose). Angus Council engineer has attended and given an estimated quote (£5,000-£10,000). Judith has applied for grant funding by Transport Scotland Cycling, Walking and Safer Route programme for help with the repairs. Judith stated that she had received no confirmation from Angus Council that the application has been received. Gus suggested resending the application requesting acknowledgement of receipt.

Action: Judith

Defibrillator Insurance

There was no update available at the meeting.

Afternote: It is now understood EVIS were to take ownership of the defibrillator and insure it, as ICC cannot own property. Alan to check this.

Action: Alan

Cable over River in Edzell

The BT cable has been changed to a single cable which is less conspicuous and has been “hoisted” well above the river level so no longer at risk when the river is in spate. This item will be removed from the outstanding items and Agenda.

Speeding in Little Brechin

Speed restriction signs (30mph) and extension of the speed limit boundaries at Little Brechin have been agreed but signage still needs to be sited. Judith has applied for grant funding by Transport Scotland Cycling, Walking and Safer Route programme regarding a pavement/pathway being installed on the Cattle Rake.

Flooding in Little Brechin

Dick confirmed that the drainage ditches in Little Brechin have been coping well with the higher than average rainfall recently

Speeding in Inchbare

This item was discussed along with the Edzell speeding item. A speed survey has been carried out by Angus Council. The results sent to a resident state that although there are some vehicles travelling over the speed limit it is in keeping with all the other villages/towns in Angus. The resident has contacted the MP and MSP for the area and has yet to receive a response. Gus has also contacted the MP in regard of speeding in Edzell and lack of enforcement. He is still awaiting a response.

Lorries from Geddes Struan Quarry

A successful meeting has been held with Inchbare residents and Struan Quarry Transport Manager with Ann Johnston (ICC) in attendance. Struan Quarry appreciate the concerns expressed by the Inchbare residents and have spoken to other local firms regarding monitoring the speed of their lorries. The Group will meet regularly.

It was also voiced that there are more heavy vehicles (from the Edzell Wood area) using the Edzell to A90 road as they do not like using the Northwaterbridge junction. The ICC has already flagged this issue to Mearns CC and the local MP and MSP with no progress. There is concern regarding the safety of the bridge at Inchbare with all this heavy traffic travelling over it. This has been flagged to Angus Council.

Westside to Inchbare path

Judith has applied for grant funding by Transport Scotland Cycling, Walking and Safer Route programme.

Margie Bridge

No update however the proposed signage has still not been erected. Removed from Agenda unless further progress/update.

Glenesk Campsite

No issue with the campers at present. All the campers have been respectful of the local residents and left the campsite clean and tidy.

Fly tipping in Glenesk

There had been an incident of Fly Tipping reported on Social Media. Ken reported that a Ranger was being employed for the CNP in Glenesk so hopefully this should help with this issue and potentially any Campsite issues.

Ward Councillors' Report

Cllr Myles stated that a meeting had been held with Mark Guild regarding the Duriehill Development to provide more parking at Durie Place. It is also hoped that some trees in the wood can be felled to provide better access to the build and cause less traffic issues within Edzell during construction. The trees are due to be felled anyway.

The vaccination programme in Tayside is going well. Gus asked Cllr Myles if there was any Indian variant of Covid in Angus. Cllr Myles was not aware of any.

Cllr Nicol stated that it had been quieter over the election period although he has been busy with constituent work. He had also been to view a prototype JCB pothole machine.

Cllr Braes has been busy with casework which has been very varied recently (issues with housing, potholes and speeding). He has also been attending meetings of the Road Safety Committee and the Winter Maintenance Group.

Correspondence

The bi-annual meeting between the Community Councils and Angus Council will be held on 27th May 2021. It was general felt that the meeting was led by an Angus Council Agenda and the Community Council were only given a limited time to voice any concerns. There was a 15 minute slot allocated at the end of the last face to face meeting which was cut to 5 minutes as Angus Council had over run on their items. Cllr Braes will write to voice this concern.

Actions: Cllr Braes

Brechin Healthcare Group

Dick gave an update on the Brechin Healthcare Group.

The Jenner Centre is getting busy now that face to face meetings are coming back. They have advertised for additional volunteers to cover the increased usage and have had some people come forward.

The groups using the Centre previously are returning along with new groups requesting their services. Insight Counselling will be returning for one-to-one meetings and also hope to be offering workshops for adults. The Centre is offering new iPads to people who are isolated with training being arranged at the Jenner Centre or at home.

They are offering hearing aid repairs as well as supplying batteries (4 of the volunteers have been trained).

Ann stated that her father had used the Jenner Centre and had nothing but praise for the service.

Overeaters Anonymous have started meeting on a weekly basis and Criminal Justice have increased their usage to 3 to 4 sessions per week. There is now a solicitor in place to help the Criminal Justice Team but also to assist generally with issues such as housing.

NHS Tayside have appointed a new director (John Patterson) to look after the CAT transfer. There is no confirmation on a date to discuss the transfer taking place. The water damage to the building is getting more serious by the day so a speedy decision would help.

AOCB

Blue Door Walk

There had been communication with the Bursar of The Burn regarding the inappropriate parking and problems due to the increased usage during lock down and "staycations". The Blue Door Walk is sited in Aberdeenshire and the Bursar was directed to Mearns CC to deal with the parking issue. The ICC directed The Bursar to Angus Council regarding their Visit Angus internet site to ask them to remove the Blue Door Walk to reduce footfall.

Retreat

Cllr Myles informed the ICC that the Retreat AGM will be held virtually tomorrow.

Donations

Following their successful planning application for Duriehill Development Guild homes have donated £900 for the ICC to distribute between themselves and other local causes. Gus will contact EVIS to offer some of the monies to them.

Lethnot Road, Edzell Business Issues

There has been issues with a business power washing their muddy vehicles on the road potentially causing a risk to the drains and the vehicles “chewing up” the pavements and obstructing the pavement whilst being cleaned. They had also been seen dumping mud into the drainage ditches at The Muir which has had flooding issues in the past. The Council were made aware and may have spoken to the business. If this continues to be an issue it may require SEPA to be involved. Cllr Myles will investigate and take this forward.

Action: Cllr Myles

Gus thanked everyone for attending.

Next Meeting: Monday 21st June 2021 @ 1930hrs via Zoom

Issues unable to be resolved fully by ICC – 2021

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>	<u>Date Removed from Agenda</u>
Margie Bridge, Lethnot	Bridge has got several uneven areas on it which has caused accidents to at least 2 cyclists. The Council have assessed the bridge and state the road condition is acceptable. January 2021 - Gus has received a quote for repair of road from Breedons – sent to Roads Dept. February 2021 – Council still maintain surface is adequate and the work unnecessary. Letter sent from MSP to Council in March 2021 – Council maintains road surface adequate.	October 2020. Returned to Agenda January 2021 with quote. Removed from Agenda-February 2021.