

**INVERESK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021 via Zoom.**

**Present:** Gus Leighton (Chairperson), Claire Wilson (Minute Secretary), Judith Gallacher, Dick Robertson, Ann Johnston, Kate Skene, Pamela Cottam and 1 members of the public

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

**Apologies:** Ken Goddard (Planning Liaison) and Alan Budge (Treasurer).

**The minutes** of the last meeting were approved (proposed by Gus and seconded by Ann) 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 was one new application submitted since the May report. The application was for a mast at Hunthill. It was unknown if this was a mast that had already been discussed by the ICC and had required no comment. Gus will discuss with Ken to ensure it is the same mast.

**Action: Gus and Ken**

#### Afternote

This is the mast at Auchowrie which has previously been discussed. No comment needed.

#### *Previous applications requiring comment from the ICC.*

#### Inglis Court

There was a short discussion on Cllr Nicol being asked to step down from chairing the Angus Council meeting to discuss the demolition of Inglis Court as he had already made clear that he was not in favour of this option. That meeting's decision was to proceed with the demolition of the current building and replace with new builds. Cllr Nicol does not believe the housing being proposed was ideal for a small village like Edzell.

Cllr Braes commented that it was appropriate that Cllr Nicol stepped down from chairing the meeting due to him publicly voicing his opinion on the demolition proposal.

The proposal for demolition and new builds will go to a full Council meeting in September.

Mark Guild has now offered £400,000 for the purchase of Inglis Court. This offer is to be discussed at a meeting of the Council on Thursday.

#### Afternote

The full Council meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> June did not debate Inglis Court. It is thought that Mark Guild's improved offer will be considered in September.

#### *Aberdeenshire*

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

#### *Cairngorm National Park*

No new CNP application call-in for the ICC area notified. No meetings of the AoCC notified.

## **Treasurer's Report**

<b>Opening bank balance</b>	£1242.28
Secretarial Fees for May	- £50.00
<b>Closing bank balance</b>	<b><u>£1192.28</u></b>

(£359.60 is DNA Money)

Alan will submit the end of year financial report to Angus Council.

**Action: Alan**

## **Police Report**

Sgt Mustard is now in post however there had been no official Police Report submitted to the ICC.

## **Recurring items**

### Speeding within Edzell

Gus has been in correspondence with MSP Mairi Gougeon who is to organise a meeting with the Community Council, Police Scotland and Cllr Braes. There is no date for this currently.

Gus has met with Angus Council Road Department to discuss additional street furniture in Edzell to help slow traffic, but it was agreed that enforcement of the speed limit is crucial.

Cllr Braes stated that he has been unable to locate the A90 cameras which were replaced by the average speed cameras although the removed cameras would belong to Bear Scotland and not Angus Council.

### Afternote

The meeting was called for the 2<sup>nd</sup> July but later postponed as the Police could not attend. No alternative date has been set, as yet.

### Wishop Bridge

No update although it is thought that the grant application has not been successful according to a Facebook post on Angus Council page.

### Defibrillator Insurance

There was no update available at the meeting.

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**

### Lethnot Road, Edzell Business Issues

Business spoken to by Angus Council, and it is now believed that the business is washing their vehicles elsewhere. This item will now be removed from the 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. Gus has e-mailed for an update.

### Afternote

Gus has been informed that Angus Council Legal Department are yet to raise the paperwork to make the change of speed limit effective, legally. So no change to the signage yet.

One of the 40mph signs had recently been knocked down by an agricultural vehicle and implement. The sign had been temporarily re-erected by the farmer responsible for knocking it down. Dick expressed his concern if there had been a cyclist/pedestrian in the area at the time then they would have been seriously injured and voiced concern in general due to the large vehicles using the road as there is no pathway. Judith had applied for funding for a path but although she has received no

correspondence from Angus Council there is a post on Angus Council's Facebook Page suggesting that the application has not been successful. Cllr Braes suggested that the residents of Little Brechin and the Community Council should submit request and concerns to the Council. Cllr Braes can then help take it forward. It was suggested that Dick help take it forward.

**Action: Dick**

#### Speeding in Inchbare

Gus had discussed Inchbare in his meeting with the Roads Department and it was agreed that a path from Westside to Inchbare was a good idea and traffic lights on the bridge at Inchbare may be helpful. Cllr Myles stated that there was no funding for the path and as with the Wishop Bridge/Little Brechin it is thought that the application submitted for a grant has been unsuccessful. Ann updated the meeting that the Police had attended to monitor the traffic speed in the last few weeks. Ann also updated the ICC that due to Stracathro School being upgraded a minibus will be transporting the pupils to Edzell School departing from Stracathro Hall.

Ann stated that there was to be a meeting with the Inchbare resident and Geddes Quarry in July, and she would update the ICC at our next meeting. She hoped a representative of Dalhousie Estates would attend. It is thought that the quarry lorries are travelling slower.

There have been incidences reported re: vigilantes stopping traffic and berating the drivers for speeding. This practice should be advised against.

#### Westside to Inchbare path

As above. Application not thought to be successful although no official confirmation from Angus Council.

#### Glenesk Campsite

Ken had sent e-mail with update/issues.

There is thought to be a shoot scheduled in the Tarfside field on 25<sup>th</sup> July. There is no notice at the field and apart from a Facebook post on the Glenesk Gun Club page there were no other notices posted. It was felt that there was not enough publicity regarding the shoot to prevent people camping at the same time. Claire suggested that putting the post on the Edzell Facebook page may get more coverage. Gus will speak to Mr Brymer who he believes to be responsible for the Gun Club to ask that they get a post on the Edzell Facebook Page.

**Action: Gus**

To Gus's knowledge Ken has not been contacted by Police Scotland with the concerns re: sharing of the field with campers and shooters.

The campsite requires better bins either additional general waste bin or recycling bins reinstated.

Cllr Braes will look into this.

**Action: Cllr Braes**

There has been an incident of a sheep and lamb being attacked by a dog. Police Scotland are aware of the incident.

There is a meeting of the Retreat on Tuesday, and a Curator is now in post.

There had been an incident of campers leaving a lot of mess at Dalbog. There has also been a lot of litter left at the Blue Door walk.

#### **Ward Councillors' Report**

Cllr Myles spoke about a discussion with Guild Homes to provide extra parking at the new development and Durie Place.

NHS Tayside is busy with Covid testing and vaccinations. There had been a large breakout of Covid in Kirriemuir, but this was being kept under control.

Edzell School cleaners have been nominated for the best cleaners in the Tayside Contract Awards.

The Council are also looking to get better take up of school meals. A survey has been completed by parents and pupils.

Cllr Nicol had attending a meeting of the Tayside Valuation Board which had decided that there would be no review of rates until 2023.

Cllr Braes has been busy with casework and meetings. He had received correspondence regarding the large number of dead fish in the North Esk River. On investigation with various authorities this is due to a fungal infection (common at this time of year) and the low river level.

Cllr Braes spoke about a successful volunteer initiative to provide extra dog fouling bins in Brechin which the volunteers empty at regular intervals this has helped control the dog fouling on Brechin Pathways.

Cllr Braes also spoke about Edzell toilets only being open at the weekend due to the lack of volunteer.

### **Correspondence**

Claire has received a hardcopy of CNPA Development plan.

### **Brechin Healthcare Group**

Dick gave an update on the Brechin Healthcare Group.

The Jenner Centre has been extremely busy with many of the organisations now returning to face to face working. As a result, they have recruited 3 new volunteers to assist with the increased pressure on the centre.

Peter Kinghorn (retired lawyer) is now actively involved with a number of the clients offering legal advice, representation and assisting people who require help with benefits etc. Peter intends training up to 2/3 people to assist him with various aspects of his help for the community.

Their CAT application is due for consideration by NHS Tayside on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June. Everything is crossed that the request goes through.

#### Afternote

BHG's CAT application to purchase Brechin Infirmary has been unsuccessful.

### **AOCB**

#### Lindsay Place

EVIS has applied to buy the Lindsay Place area (where the skips were formally housed). The area would potentially house polytunnels and planters. Also allowing extra space for the Men's Shed. The ICC support the application and Gus will send an e-mail to voice their support. **Action: Gus**

#### Edzell Hill

There is a new road built from Lethnot Road to the new steadings at Mains of Edzell. It was thought that this would mean walkers would no longer need to walk through the old farmyard which may be beneficial if the area was to be developed. An eye will be kept out for any building applications.

#### Edzell Straight

The pathway at the side of the Edzell Straight is overgrown in places. Cllr Myles advised that the wood/bushes etc is on Dalhousie land. Ann will contact them to see if they would trim back the foliage or if they would mind if she trimmed them back. **Action: Ann**

Gus thanked everyone for attending.

**Next Meeting: No meeting in July  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021 @ 1930hrs via Zoom**

### **Issues unable to be resolved fully by ICC – 2021**

<b><u>Issue</u></b>	<b><u>Action Taken</u></b>	<b><u>Date Removed from Agenda</u></b>
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.