

INVERESK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 16th August 2021 via Zoom.

Present: Gus Leighton (Chairperson), Claire Wilson (Minute Secretary), Ken Goddard (Planning Liaison), Alan Budge (Treasurer), Judith Gallacher, Dick Robertson, Ann Johnston, Kate Skene and 2 members of the public

In attendance: Cllr Braes and Cllr Myles.

Apologies: Pamela Cottam and Cllr Nicol

The minutes of the last meeting were approved (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

Mast erection at Greenburn, Glenesk – already discussed at previous meeting – no comment needed.

Tarfside mast is in the process of being erected.

Erection of garage at Milton Cottage, Glenesk – no comment needed.

Witton Farm, Lethnot – comments submitted by the ICC has been acknowledged - proposed materials will match the existing materials of the house.

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

No meetings of the AoCC notified.

Treasurer's Report

Opening bank balance	£1192.28
Secretarial Fees	- £100.00
Angus Council Grant	+£400.00

Closing bank balance	<u>£1492.28</u>
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(£1259.60 is DNA Money and Guild Donation)

Alan will speak to Emily (former ICC treasurer) to discuss how to note a negative balance on the accounts as before the Angus Council Grant was received payments had been made using the DNA/donation monies.

Action: Alan

Gus has contacted EVIS to check if they wish to accept part of the donation given by Guild Homes. He has received no reply. Cllr Myles will speak to EVIS.

Action: Cllr Myles

Police Report

Sgt Mustard is now in post however there had been no official Police Report submitted to the ICC. Gus will contact him to ask for the monthly reports to recommence.

Action: Gus

Recurring items

Speeding within Edzell

No update.

Cllr Myles thought people had slowed down but the Edzell residents on the Community Council disagreed. There had been a couple incidents of the Police being noted in the village going over the 20mph limit (with no blue lights or sirens on). The meeting due for the 2nd July with MSP, Police Scotland and Cllr Braes has not been rescheduled. Gus will enquire about a rearranged date.

Action: Gus

Wishop Bridge

The application for the Walk/Cycle/Safer Routes Grant has not been successful. Judith stated that Angus Council had not made contact to inform her, but she had looked online. Judith said that feedback from Angus Council would have been helpful. Cllr Braes was surprised there had not been any feedback from Angus Council and he will investigate this.

Action:

Cllr Braes

Defibrillator Insurance

There was no update available at the meeting.

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

Action: Alan

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 contacted Angus Council and the paperwork is sitting with the Legal Department. The signs cannot be sited until the paperwork is complete. Gus asked Cllr Braes if he could expediate the process. Cllr Braes explained that he could not ask the Legal Department to prioritise the work of the ICC over other Community Council areas within Angus. This practice would go against the Councillors Code of Conduct. Dick asked if Cllr Braes could ask for an estimation of when the signs may be erected. Cllr Braes agreed to find out a timeline but reminded the Community Council that this would be an estimation. Gus explained that there was a family who had moved into Little Brechin with small children and at present their home sat within a 60mph zone however when the signs and boundaries are revised the road outside their house will be 30mph, so he is keen for this to be pushed forward.

Action: Cllr Braes

Afternote: Cllr Braes hopes the 30mph signs will be in place mid November.

Pathway Little Brechin

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Action:

Cllr Braes

Speeding in Inchbare

Residents report no change. The vehicle activation signs remain insitu. There has been 1 incident of Police monitoring vehicle speeds since the June meeting. Gus will chase up the meeting with Police and MSP.

Action: Gus

Geddes Quarry Liaison Group meeting

Ann reported that the meeting was very successful but only a few Inchbare residents had attended. This may mean that the residents do not have an issue with the Geddes lorries now. The Inchbare

resident agreed that the Geddes lorries were now travelling through Inchbare at an appropriate speed however small contractors who were collecting products from the quarry were now the vehicles who appeared to be exceeding the speed limit. Ann agreed that this would be discussed at the next Liaison meeting.

Westside to Inchbare path

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Action:

Cllr Braes

Tarfside Bins

Cllr Braes had met with the Waste Department within Angus Council regarding the Caterthuns, Pirner's Brig and Tarfside bins.

The waste Department will look into the legalities and practicalities of installing a camera at Caterthuns and Pirner's Brig to deter fly tipping.

The Waste Department are contacting Dalhousie Estates to try to negotiate a solution to the lack of bin facilities at Tarfside. As the wild camping site is on private property it would be expected that they would provide their own bins and emptying of same. Ken stated that the Cairngorm National Park did have grant money which may be available but were awaiting contact by Angus Council. Cllr Braes stated that the Waste Department were going to put signs and stickers in Glenesk to encourage visitors to take their rubbish home.

Afternote: Cllr Braes has contacted Dalhousie Estates and believes he has made some progress.

Ward Councillors' Report

Cllr Myles spoke about recent break ins around the Menmuir area. He also spoke about an incident at the Gannochy Bridge near Edzell where 2 swimmers had got into difficulties. Thankfully both swimmers were rescued safely.

There had been an incident of flash floods at Menmuir and a lightning strike had killed some animals.

Cllr Myles then discussed some NHS items:

The vaccination programme in Tayside is going well and the numbers of youngsters being vaccinated in Tayside is higher than the national average.

Cllr Myles is keen that the Chief Executive of NHS Tayside and Brechin Healthcare Group meet regarding their CAT application appeal.

The Care Commission within Scotland is changing. There is a consultation in progress. Cllr Myles will forward the details and is keen that the Community Council complete the survey. **Action: Cllr Myles**

There then followed a lengthy discussion regarding the proposed demolition of Inglis Court in Edzell. A demonstration has been held at Inglis Court and a petition sent to Angus Council with over 750 signatures opposing the demolition.

Cllr Myles has met with various officers, convenors, and Chief Executive of Angus Council. The proposed demolition will be discussed at the Policy and Resource Committee meeting and the offer made by Mark Guild to buy the property will be discussed and a decision made if the building should be offered on the open market or not.

Cllr Myles stated that the request for Sheltered Housing has decreased as most people wish to stay in their own home with care being delivered there. Gus stated that the removal of the full time warden caused the decline in Inglis Court residents. Cllr Myles stated that there was no proof of this. There have been no applications over the last few years but 246 people looking for affordable

housing hence why it was felt that demolition and rebuilding of affordable housing was the best option for the Council.

Cllr Myles stated that due to the energy efficiency of the proposed builds and recycling of some of the materials the resident's e-mail regarding the carbon footprint was not an issue.

Cllr Myles stated that he would prefer for a public meeting to be held to discuss all the questions/concerns the local residents have. However, Angus Council were not keen to have a meeting.

Cllr Braes stated that Inglis Court proposed demolition needed to be reviewed. He stated that a valuation of the property as it stands needs to be performed. He then gave some monetary figure in relation to selling the property on the open market and the planned demolition and rebuilding plans.

Gus stated that there was a direct correlation between removing the warden and reduction in residents. He also commented that the planned builds were not fit for purpose and were not suitable for 21 century living (outside stairs/shared gardens/no room for sheds/buildings too close and windows looking onto other windows or gable ends). Cllr Myles denied this. The Scrutiny and Audit Committee will discuss the Inglis Court Petition on 24th August and is open to the public. Cllr Myles declined to declare his decision regarding Inglis Court publicly despite Dick asking him directly.

Cllr Braes has been busy with social work issues along with the Inglis Court issues.

Correspondence

Claire has received an email regarding Angus Council setting up a working group for participatory budgets within Angus. Gus asked anyone interested to contact Claire to express their interest.

Brechin Healthcare Group

Dick gave an update on the Brechin Healthcare Group.

The BHG have now submitted their appeal to the Scottish Government and await the response. This decision could take between 18 / 24 months to be made. They have been advised that they have a very strong case. The details of their appeal (36 pages + 30 appendices) will be posted as soon as the Scottish Government give permission. They have also requested a site visit/discussion to enhance their case.

Cllr Myles is trying to arrange a meeting with Grant Archibald CEO of NHS Tayside.

The BHG have had a very useful meeting with Michael Marra MSP for Dundee who knows Grant Archibald and he will try to arrange a meeting to plead their case.

Meantime the Jenner Centre is bursting at the seams, and they are at risk of turning professionals and patients away due to shortage of space. The VAA locality worker has based herself at the Centre 2 days a week, and in the last few weeks they have added:

Penumbra - mental health support

Dundee Carers Centre (advising on Self Directed Support - SDS)

Alternatives - Counselling for 12 - 24 year olds

Angus Independent Advocacy

HearMe Counselling - for those who have experienced sexual abuse

Hearing Aid Repairs

AOCB

Face to Face meetings of the ICC

Although Covid restrictions have been relaxed recently it was agreed to continue holding the ICC meeting for September via Zoom.

Improvement Service

An e-mail has been received from Angus Council encouraging the Community Councils to engage with the Improvement Service which is an independent service which can assist Community Councils

engaging with the public. Gus had sent an e-mail to the Improvement Service on 3rd August to ask for some examples of their engagement with other Community Councils and asking how they thought they could help Inveresk Community Council, who he believes already have a close relationship with the local community. To date Gus has not received a reply.

Signage at the Inchbare affordable housing

An Inchbare resident voiced concerns that the signage at the new development in Inchbare was prejudiced. It states that applications to live there should come from young families. It is thought that the grant that the landlord (Stracathro Estates) received from the Scottish Government was to build affordable housing for young families. Gus will contact Stracathro Estates with the concern.

Action: Gus

Gus thanked everyone for attending.

Next Meeting: Monday 20th September 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.