

INVERESK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 18th October 2021 via Zoom.

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

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

Apologies: Dick Robertson and Kate Skene

The minutes of the last meeting were approved (proposed by Ann 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

See Attachment 1.

Items 1 and 2 need no comment from ICC. Judith noted that Item 3 had been withdrawn.

There was a discussion regarding Item 4. Gus will look at the application and if required Gus, Ken and Judith will consider a site visit and comment to the Planning if required. **Action: Gus**

Aberdeenshire

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

Cairngorm National Park

No meetings of the AoCC notified.

Mr Campbell Adamson (Stracathro Estates) had very kindly allowed members of the ICC to visit the new builds at Inchbare. The homes are finished to a high standard and the new residents will move into the houses in November.

Treasurer's Report

There had been no transaction in September

Opening bank balance	£1492.28
Secretarial Fees (September and October)	- £100.00
Donation to Men's Shed	- £50.00
Donation to The Cottage, Edzell	- £50.00

Closing bank balance **£1292.28**

Cllr Myles has spoken to EVIS, and they are happy to accept monies from the donation by Guild Homes. Alan will contact EVIS to organise payment. **Action: Alan**

The Mother and Toddler Group had been contacted re: donation to their funds. Their funds were adequate at the moment, so they asked that the donation be given instead to The Cottage, Edzell.

Police Report

No report from the Police despite Claire contacting Sgt Mustard.

Recurring items

Speeding within Edzell

Gus has written to Angus Council Roads department re: additional street furniture and traffic calming measures and is awaiting a reply.

The meeting due for the 2nd July with MSP, Police Scotland and Cllr Braes has not been rescheduled.

Gus has enquired again about a rearranged date and will keep pressing.

Action: Gus

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

Inglis Court

The proposed planning application for redevelopment is to go to a full Council meeting on 4th November with full review and costings to be submitted. It isn't known whether this report will be made public ahead of the meeting.

Edzell School Crossing Patrol

The Council have agreed to extend the school crossing patrol for 1 year until November 2022. Cllr Myles had spoken to the Director of Education to plead the case for extension of the crossing patrol.

Power washing of Plant equipment

Gus has received no update from the Police. The Roads Department had inspected the drains and ditches around the business and had found no issues. SEPA would need to be involved if there is concern regarding chemicals going into the drain. Gus has written to SEPA and will check if he has had a reply.

Action: Gus

Judith also stated that trailing hoses and power washing equipment were an obstruction on the pavement and spray from the equipment was an issue for pedestrians as they have to walk on the road to avoid the obstruction/spray. There is not another pavement on the opposite side of the road. It is hoped that this issue can be rectified as the business is a new venture to the village which should be encouraged.

Right of Way up Edzell Hill

Scotway has now been in contact and although the route through the Mains of Edzell Farm is not a right of way Scotway has noted that it is a popular route for walkers and they should be contacted if any planning is submitted for this area.

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 asked Cllr Braes if this had been discussed at the Working Group. Cllr Braes stated that it was not discussed, and the main topic had been the Winter Maintenance Programme. There are notices posted on the signposts in Little Brechin which are thought to be the notices informing the public re: change in speed limit.

Speeding in Inchbare

Residents report no change. The vehicle activation signs remain in situ. Cllr Braes will request the data from the signs for the ICC.

Action: Cllr Braes

There were concerns voiced at the last meeting that there was no boundary fence/hedge between the new builds and the main road. As the houses are allocated to young families there could be a

risk that children will run into the road after a ball etc. It is noted at the meeting that there is a border now in place which is assumed will have shrubs planted in it to form a barrier with the road.

Margie Bridge Signage

The signage remains in place and has been appreciated by cyclists.

Blind Corner Signage at Blairno

The Council have assessed the area and state no action is required. However, they will keep the situation under review.

Ward Councillors' Report

Cllr Nicol has been involved in meetings regarding Tayside Contracts. There is risk of disruption to services due to industrial action by ancillary staff (school meals, crossing patrols and cleaner etc). There was a discussion with Cllr Nicol and Cllr Myles regarding improving school meals and adopting a farm to fork approach which will hopefully see more local produce being used for school meals. There is an event planned in November/December for the local suppliers/producers to show them what standards will be required to meet the criteria to supply the schools.

An Employment Ability Scheme is in progress to allow young adults to spend some time with a department in Tayside Contracts to establish if they wish to pursue a career in this area.

Cllr Myles spoke about the National Care Service consultation currently in progress. This is an attempt to standardise care throughout Scotland. Pamela stated that the consultation has not considered young people and children.

Cllr Myles stated that there is low morale and lack of police officers in the local area. This is thought to be due to unifying all the local police forces into one (Police Scotland) and has meant that a lot of the funding has been pulled to the Central Belt area.

Cllr Myles was asked about the closure of the Stroke Unit at Stracathro. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the reduction of facilities of Stracathro by NHS Tayside. Ann suggested that the ICC and other local Community Councils should be drawing attention to the removal of services. It has been voiced that patients were being sent to Whitehills Hospital, Forfar and Arbroath Infirmary rather than Stracathro so the numbers in the Unit were low and therefore unsustainable giving NHS Tayside reason to close the specialist ward. Cllr Myles stated that he was not aware of that being the case. Ken suggested requesting a freedom of information request on the situation.

Gus will investigate the situation and make a case if required that can be taken forward. **Action: Gus**
Cllr Braes has been busy with constituent work. There have been a lot of complaints by council house tenants on the poor standard of work on their bathroom upgrades.

Correspondence

Angus Council Trust Fund financial management

An e-mail by a local resident to Angus Council was copied to the ICC pointing out that more money was being used to run the Angus Council Trusts than was being given out. Cllr Myles explained that there were several small trusts which were amalgamated a few years ago to try to reduce fees. He explained that especially the cost of maintaining the Inglis Hall was much higher than the Trust Fund ring fenced for that cause.

Gus asked if or how the Trusts were advertised so that people would know that fund was available. None of the Councillors were able to answer this question.

Cllr Braes stated that, at the last meeting of the Trust, the Head of Finance had been asked to look at the high cost of running the Trust and to look into a better way of investing the monies if possible. Cllr Myles explained that this was a complex situation due to the requirement to ring-fence funds per OSCR (Scottish Charity Regulator).

It was felt that the ICC was unable to assist in progressing this concern, but it should be minuted for future information.

Mobile Library Timetable

The mobile library has been re-instated. Gus will forward the timetable to Jan Lyde for distribution around the NHW co-ordinators.

Action: Gus

Brechin Healthcare Group

Claire read out an update Dick had sent prior to the meeting.

“Alternatives” a Counselling service for young people have booked a weekly slot at the Centre and the NHS Listening Service continues to see people around twice a month. AIDARS are booked in 3 times per week and Criminal Justice have up to 5 sessions per week. Other agencies continue as before.

Last month it was reported that Macmillan Cancer Support were visiting the Centre. They were looking for volunteers to cover their weekly session at Brechin Library.

The Jenner Footcare started last week with one of the trustees recently qualified to carry out toe nail cutting. Clients contact the trustee who will carry out an initial questionnaire to see if the client fits the criteria (they need to have a low foot score). This service is already in demand. The charge is £10 and includes the supply of clippers and emery boards which the client retains and brings with them for each visit. Clients are walking out with a spring in their step once they have been tended to.

The BHG have submitted their response to the Scottish Government regarding their CAT application and now have until 28th October to answer some questions from the Reporter. NHS Tayside have also been asked to answer some questions and then each side will get to see the other’s responses with another 10 days to respond to these. The Reporter agreed to the BHG’s request for a site visit, and this will take place on 16th November both at Brechin Infirmary and the Jenner Centre.

Gus thanked BHG for their great work for the local area.

AOCB

Face to Face meetings of the ICC

Although Covid restrictions have been relaxed recently it was agreed to continue holding the ICC meeting via Zoom until the end of the year. Claire has booked the Inglis Hall for the January, February, and March 2022 meetings. Claire will forward the bill for the hall hire to Alan to pay.

Action: Claire/Alan

Remembrance Wreaths

Alan will organise purchase of the wreaths.

Action: Alan

Self-help gritting in winter

Gus will send the usual posters to Claire to post in the Edzell shops.

Action Gus/Claire

Public Toilets

There was a misleading article in the Courier newspaper regarding Angus Council taking over running of the public toilets again. The Council wish more resident groups to take over the running of their local public toilets. This already occurs in Edzell, so no further action is required.

Potholes on Glenesk Road and Edzell Woods Road

Judith noted that there were large potholes on the lower part of the Glenesk Road and also the Edzell Woods Road. These have been reported and there are cones within the holes, but they are deteriorating quickly. The verges on the Glenesk road beside the Blue Door Walk have significantly deteriorated also. This has been raised before with Mearns CC. Gus will contact Aberdeenshire Councillor and Mearns CC again to ask them to pursue these issues.

Action: Gus

School Warning Lights

The Edzell School warning light sign have been flashing for 24 hours for the last 4-6 weeks. This has been reported to the AccessLine. Cllr Myles will contact the Roads Department to ask that the sign timings are reset.

Action: Cllr Myles

Gus thanked everyone for attending.

Next Meeting: Monday 15th November 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. September 2021 – Gus has paid from his own monies to have a sign sited on private land warning cyclists of dangerous road surfaces	October 2020. Returned to Agenda January 2021 with quote. Removed from Agenda-February 2021.
Wishop Burn Bridge/Pathway from Little Brechin to Brechin/Pathway from Westside to Inchbare	Applications sent for Safe Route Grant via Angus Council for repair of Wishop Bridge and creation of other 2 paths. All submissions unsuccessful. Judith to discuss with Cllr Braes and plan put in place to resubmit when another appropriate Grant available either via Angus Council or other means.	Removed from Agenda – September 2021

Attachment 1

Inveresk Community Council
INVERESK COMMUNITY COUNCIL PLANNING REPORT

Monday 18th October 2021.Submitted by Ken Goddard

This is the planning report for the Inveresk Community Council area, there have been 4 new applications to report.

Angus Council Planning Applications are given below.

- #1 21/00759/FULL.
Inchbare Cottages DD9 7QJ Application to construct a new drive.

- #2 21/00793/FULL.
Bonaly Dunlappie Rd, Edzell. Application to Extend and Alterations to House

- #3 21/00731/PPL.
Land SW of No2 North Cotton, Menmuir DD9 7RJ. Application to build a detached House, Garage and Ancillary's

- #4 21/00761/FULL
Whiteside Careston, DD9 6SA, Application for, Extension and Alterations to Dwelling and Re-configuration to form new accommodation

End of Report.