

INVERESK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 20th September 2021 via Zoom.

Present: Gus Leighton (Chairperson), Claire Wilson (Minute Secretary), Ken Goddard (Planning Liaison), Judith Gallacher, Dick Robertson, Kate Skene and 3 members of the public

In attendance: Cllr Braes.

Apologies: Alan Budge (Treasurer), Ann Johnston, Sgt Mustard and Cllr Nicol

The minutes of the last meeting were approved (proposed by Ken and seconded by Dick) 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. Ken has asked for more information regarding item 3.

Items 4-6 are sited in the Aberdeenshire Council area and needed no comment from ICC.

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

Alan was not at the meeting so no up to date figures available.

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

The police report sent by Sgt Mustard was forwarded to all Community Councillors and a condensed report was given at the meeting.

Three men have been arrested in connection with various crimes in the Angus and Dundee area.

They will appear in court shortly.

Mearns Plant Hire in Edzell have been washing their vehicles on the public highway leaving mud and debris on the road. The Police have visited the business and advised them of this concern, The Police will monitor this situation and any further issues should be reported accordingly.

There have been a number of concerns regarding motorists not adhering to the 20mph areas in Edzell. Local speed initiatives have been carried out and motorists warned regarding their use of speed. Police will continue to monitor the situation.

Gus has contacted Angus Council Roads Department to discuss traffic calming methods.

Recurring items

Speeding within Edzell

Gus has spoken to Angus Council Roads department re: additional street furniture and traffic calming measures. Cllr Braes stated that data received at the Transport Group he attends had

shown that the average speed recorded in Edzell was much higher than the limit of 20mph. Angus Council have been made aware of this. Cllr Braes will forward the data.

The Parent association of Edzell School has contacted ICC to express concern that the crossing patrol person is due to be removed from the school around December. The crossing was put in place during the extension work at the school and was agreed to remain in place for 1 year after. It is felt that the children have now got use to crossing with the patrol and it should be retained. Judith also commented that it shouldn't be removed at a time when it is dark when the school both started and finished. The ICC will support the Parent Association with any measures they make take to retain the crossing patrol. Cllr Braes said that the data he held could help support a crossing patrol at the school. The meeting due for the 2nd July with MSP, Police Scotland and Cllr Braes has not been rescheduled. Gus will enquire again about a rearranged date.

Action: Gus

Wishop Bridge

Cllr Braes had spoken to Angus Council re: lack of feedback to grant application. There had been a larger number of applications than expected so staff had been unable to report back to all the applicants. Cllr Braes asked Judith if she has had feedback since the last meeting which she has not. Gus asked what the Council were looking for to ensure items the ICC submitted would get the "best score" within the short time frame that is usually given. Cllr Braes and Judith to discuss. This item will be put on hold until another Grant is available and then be re-submitted.

Action: Judith and 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. Cllr Braes explained that the delay was due to staff shortages in the Legal Department of Angus Council. Dick noted that the application for the erection of the signs had been in the Courier newspaper at the weekend.

Pathway Little Brechin

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Action: Judith and Cllr Braes

Inglis Court

The proposed planning application for redevelopment is to go to a full Council meeting with full review and costings to be submitted.

Speeding in Inchbare

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

Action: Gus

A resident expressed concerns that at the moment there was no boundary wall/hedge between the new houses and the road. They have concerns that as the houses are allocated to young families there will be a high risk that children will run into the road after a ball etc. Some members of the ICC have accepted an invitation to visit the new builds and will enquire if a boundary wall/hedge is planned if there is not one in place by then. **Action: ICC members at new build visits**

Westside to Inchbare path

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Action: Judith and Cllr Braes

Signage at new builds at Inchbare

Gus had contacted Stracathro Estate regarding the concern about the wording of the signage. As the Grant which was obtained to build the houses was to provide housing for local young families there was no issue with the wording of the sign. The houses have had a large number of applicants and the families have now been chosen and will move in shortly.

Tarfside Campsite and Bins

Ken stated that there had been fewer issues this year with the campers. It is felt this is due to the recruitment of a Ranger who regularly went round the site reminding campers regarding campfires, noise etc. Angus Council has been in contact with Dalhousie Estates regarding the bin situation at the campsite. Hopefully the Estate and Angus Council can come to an arrangement.

Ward Councillors' Report

Cllr Braes gave attendees the chance to ask any questions. There were no questions aired.

Correspondence

Power washing vehicles

Residents in Edzell confirmed with photographs that Mearns Plant Hire continue to wash their vehicles on Lethnot Road, Edzell leaving mud and debris on the road and blocking the pavement with their equipment. Gus had contacted SEPA who will contact Mearns Plant Hire. Judith suggested that it may be an idea to contact HSE to report the situation as there would be chemicals being sprayed to wash the vehicles while people are passing, and the equipment (hoses etc) is a trip hazard. There is no pavement on the other side of the road for pedestrians to use. Cllr Braes will contact the Edzell resident to discuss. **Action: Cllr Braes**

Blind Corner at Lethnot

Residents of Lethnot are concerned re: a blind corner on the Menmuir to Bridgend road at Blairno. There have been several near misses and 1 collision at the corner. The collision was not reported to the police as the vehicle occupants dealt with the incident themselves. Gus has asked Angus Council to extend the edges of the tarmac and SLOW to be painted on the road. Angus Council Road Department have done a site visit and do not believe any action is required.

Edzell Castle Farm

The farmer of Edzell Castle Farm has contacted the ICC to confirm that there are no current plans to build houses at the farm site. The new road was put in purely to allow the large farm vehicles access to the new farm buildings. We are still awaiting a reply from Scotway regarding whether the road which goes through the farm to Edzell Hill is a right of way.

Brechin Healthcare Group

Dick gave an update on the Brechin Healthcare Group.

The Jenner Centre are still extremely busy with many organisations using the facilities for longer periods.

Elly Grant, Brechin and Montrose VAA Locality worker, is now based 2 days per week at the Jenner Centre. (Mondays and Thursdays).

HearMe Counselling for those affected by sexual abuse are booking sessions.

The Community Mental Health team begin on Friday 17th.

Angus Independent Advocacy has recently started using the facilities supporting people so that their voices can be heard eg when facing bureaucracy.

Macmillan Cancer Support services will visit next week to see if the Centre is suitable for them to see patients. They are also having a visit from the Terrence Higgins Trust along with the Young People's Worker who are keen to provide STI testing services (Sexually Transmitted Infections)

One of the Centre's volunteers is currently undergoing training to cut "toenails". There is a huge demand for this service throughout the community. This will be called Jenner Footcare.

Regarding the Community Asset Transfer for the Brechin Infirmary site. They are now working on their response - to NHS Tayside's response - to our appeal to the Scottish Government following NHS Tayside's refusal of our application. They have until 24th September to submit their response.

Michael Marra Labour MSP for North East has taken up their case with both NHS Tayside and the Scottish Government and has lodged a motion in the Scottish Parliament, and with enough cross party support this may allow him to have the case debated in the Scottish Parliament in the coming months. Gus will send an e-mail to the other MSPs in support of BHG and encourage them to support Michael Marra with his motion.

Action: Gus

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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. There was a discussion regarding continuing to have virtual access to the meetings when the meetings return to face to face, but due to the location of the halls and poor internet coverage this will not be possible. Claire will book the halls for face to face meetings as of January.

Action: Claire

Remembrance Wreaths

It was agreed that ICC would buy 2 remembrance wreaths to lay at the war memorials in Edzell and Glenesk. Ken will be asked to lay the Glenesk wreath and Claire to lay the Edzell one. Alan to organise purchase of the wreaths.

Action: Alan/Ken/Claire

CAT application for old skip site Edzell

A member of the Men's Shed has been in contact with ICC regarding the CAT transfer of the old skip site at Edzell. It is thought that the first cost given by Council for the land was high, but EVIS are in discussion with the Council regarding the same.

Donations

There was a discussion regarding the sad news that Edzell Playgroup was closing its doors as a result of financial difficulties (this is due to the withdrawal of Government Grant money and the inability to fund raise due to Covid restrictions). Judith thought that the Mother and Toddler Group were also feeling the strain due to the inability to fund raise for rental of premises. Gus spoke about the donation received by Guild Homes and asked if a donation from this would help the Playgroup. Kate stated that all the assets (toys, equipment etc) had been sold off so the donation would not be helpful. It was agreed to give £50 to the Men's Shed and Judith will get a contact for the Mother and Toddler Group to offer a donation of £50 also. Alan to organise sending the cheque to the Men's Shed. **Action:Judith/Alan**

Gus thanked everyone for attending.

Next Meeting: Monday 18th October 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

Planning Report September 2021.

The following applications have been received that are of potential interest to the Edzell, Inchbare, and Glenesk area's

1. App # 21/00655665/Full Cairndrum This is an application for an extension to Cottages Edzell DD9 7QN.

2. App # 21/00316/Full An application to convert the former stables Plot 1 Manse Careston

3. App # 00055/MSC Application to erect/ convert farm building to an essential workers accommodation. *Further information requested from Angus progress for comment. CC. ICC to

4. App #2021/1919 Quarry Full application to build a property(house) at Capo

5. App/2021/1563 PPIP Luthermuir. For 7 houses at Caldham Wood. School Rd

6. App/2021/2013 Laurencekirk to a Conversion of public toilets at Fourdoun single house.

I have requested further information on application 00055/MSC. I await responses from relating to the other applications prior to making formal comment to Angus CC.