

INVERESK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 21st February 2022 via Zoom.

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

In attendance: Cllr Myles.

Apologies: Cllr Braes, Cllr Nicol and a member of the public.

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

Kate Skene has agreed to take on the post of Planning Liaison. Claire has informed Angus Council, Aberdeenshire Council and Cairngorm National Park to change their contact details for Planning.

Action: Claire

No applications were submitted for the Inveresk area.

Aberdeenshire

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

Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance	£1103.09
Secretary Fee for Nov and Dec	- 50.00
Zoom Fees	- 14.39
Closing Balance	<u>£1038.70</u>

Alan has contacted EVIS regarding the Guild Home's monetary donation, but he is still to be contacted by their Treasurer. Cllr Myles will contact the EVIS treasurer to forward the details of the bank account at their earliest opportunity.

Action: Cllr Myles

Police Report

Gus gave a condensed update from the Police report received from Sgt Mustard. And confirmed he has spoken to Sgt Mustard this afternoon regarding various matters.

There have been distraction thefts in the local area within offices, retail and other business premises. Members of staff have been distracted by a person whilst their accomplice steals personal items (mobile phones, purses and other property) from bags/coats/desks.

Rural Crime remains an issue in Tayside and rural communities are reminded to be vigilant and report all suspicious activity. Reminders to secure buildings and improve security was given.

Police dealt with 612 calls in the Montrose/Brechin and Edzell area. There were a number of calls related to fallen trees due to the recent storms in the area, of which Edzell was particularly affected.

There continues to be concerns regarding motorists not adhering to the speed limits within the Edzell area, in particular 20mph zones. Local speed initiatives by the Police will continue to be planned.

It was suggested that when Police have carried out a speed initiative they should note the details on social media of any warnings, convictions that they give. This would promote their actions.

Gus has suggested to Sgt Mustard that he speaks to local residents to see the best place to monitor for speeding and not just concentrate on the area around the school.

Recurring items

Speeding within Edzell

See Police Report. Gus still awaits the VAS report from the Roads Department and will forward any relevant information.

Action: Gus

Gus will continue to push for a meeting with Police Scotland, MSP and local Councillors regarding speeding within the area. The Chief Inspector of Angus has stated that she would ensure that Police are represented at such a meeting.

Action: Gus

Defibrillator Insurance

Still no update from EVIS to confirm they will take on the Insurance.

Action: Alan

School Warning Lights

The lights continue to flash at Edzell School. Cllr Myles reported at the last meeting that the light mechanism is faulty, and that Angus Council were trying to get the timers reset. It is now reported that the Stracathro School's lights are flashing at incorrect times (0700hrs). Claire will report to the fault line (FS-Case-403253905)

Stracathro Hospital

Cllr Myles state that the 1 hour window to receive clot busting drugs for people suffering a stroke was not correct and the drugs can be given after the 1 hour window. He also confirmed that paramedics are able to administer the clot busting drugs to rural communities.

The Surgical Unit at Stracathro has fully reopened after a lengthy period of staff being redeployed to Ninewells due to Covid. Ward 2 and the Stroke Unit remain non-operational.

Cllr Myles spoke of the future use of drones to help provide healthcare/medications to the rural communities.

Old Edzell Engineering building at Inchbare

Cllr Braes was not at the meeting for an update.

Action: Cllr Braes

Speeding in Inchbare

Traffic calming measures will be discussed once the results of the VAS signs data has been reviewed.

Ward Councillors' Report

Cllr Myles has been busy with his work on the NHS Board. He also spoke of the need to make efficiencies within the Council due to the budget constraints. Local elections will take place in May. There has been a lot of storm damage in the Inveresk Community Council area recently. Cllr Myles asked about the compensation for residents who have been without power for a significant period. It was thought that the Community Council might be able to get answers from SSE regarding this. Tony stated that he had a contact e-mail and will contact SSE to see if he could get information regarding the second power outage compensation.

Action: Tony

There was a discussion regarding what3words. This is a system in which the world is split into 3m square areas and each area has a unique 3 words. This is a better and simple way to co-ordinate the emergency services etc (postcodes in rural areas often cover too large an area and not everyone has access to GPS co-ordinates). The co-ordinator of the NHW will ask the main NHW service to encourage everyone to note their home's 3 word co-ordinate.

Correspondence

Demolition traffic to/from Inglis Court

Correspondence has been received from a resident of Inveriscandye Road to complain that the demolition traffic has been speeding along the roads to and from Inglis Court and on occasion there has been rubble/stones shed from their load which endangered vehicles and pedestrians. Cllr Braes has told the ICC that the contractors have been informed of the allegations and will speak to their drivers. Gus also spoke to Sgt Mustard regarding this. Sgt Mustard has tried to speak to the contractors but there was no one on site when he visited. He stated that if there was dashcam/CCTV footage then that would be helpful. Gus has asked the resident to see if they can obtain any footage to forward to the Police.

Seats for Local Area

ICC have been contacted by a 3 part project called DD9 Connections looking to improve the health and wellbeing of the community in Brechin, Edzell and surrounding area. They are looking to create a local directory which shares local information on groups, services, schools and community news for those who cannot access this information online.

They are also looking for suggestions for places to place benches in the local area where people can connect with others. Tony had put the information on the Glenesk NHW page and a suggestion of the layby at the Mudloch in Glenesk was made. Tony will contact the Estate to check that they have no objections to the proposal and Claire will let DD9 connections know. The 3rd part of the project is to make the area aware of the directory and benches.

Action: Tony/Claire

Brechin Healthcare Group

Having thought their claim on the Brechin Infirmary was over the BHG have had a letter from the Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth. A virtual meeting with him will take place on 24th February with a visit to Brechin following that. He can also advise NHS Tayside and Angus HSCP to interact with Brechin Healthcare Group.

Dick informed the ICC that a substantial donation may be available to assist with Brechin Infirmary (if obtained) and perhaps another venue if the plans for the Infirmary are unsuccessful.

The Jenner Centre remains busy. Services have been asked to pay a nominal fee for rent of the rooms. Some services have withdrawn from the Centre, and it is not known if this is due to the nominal charge.

Angus HSCP are keen to keep the taxi service in place when the grant money runs out. Dick gave some examples of what the taxi service had been used for.

AOCB

HGVs through Edzell Arch

A member of the public voice concerns that he had watched 3 HGVs from a company located on the Edzell Woods roads passing through the Edzell Arch (one had a large load which only left little room to manoeuvre). It is known that the HGV's do not like using the Northwaterbridge junction as it is not "HGV friendly" (despite upgrade). Gus is in discussion with Angus Council Roads department re: signage and street furniture at the Arch. Alan will liaise with the member of the public then contact the company to discuss.

Action: Alan

Riverside Path

The riverside path at Edzell has suffered substantial damage due to the recent storms. Dalhousie Estate has been in contact with the ICC to confirm they are aware of the situation and dealing with this. Previous repairs to the pathway have been done by a local business who has land adjacent to

the area. This business have informed ICC (via Cllr Myles) that the work now is too extensive for them to take on. Cllr Myles has agreed to discuss with the landowner regarding a detour through his land while repairs are done.

Action: Cllr Myles

Judith and Gus have been in contact with the Access Team at Angus Council regarding the pathway being a Right of Way but have not had much progress. Tony suggested speaking to the CNPA Access Manager for advice. Tony will speak to Judith and then contact the CNPA. **Action: Tony/Judith**

Stracathro Remembrance Wreath

Ann has been contacted by a resident at Stracathro regarding the remembrance wreath for Stracathro war memorial. This was previously provided by Brechin Cathedral but as the Cathedral is now closed the resident wondered if the ICC may take on the role. The business of the Cathedral has been transferred to the Gardner Memorial Church. Ann will check with the Minister at the Gardner Memorial Church to see if they can continue supplying the wreath. **Action: Ann**

Defibrillators

EVIS has contacted ICC regarding the defibrillators in the area. Claire confirmed that the 2 defibrillators in Glenesk and the 2 defibrillators in Edzell (Health Centre and Glenesk Hotel) were registered with the ambulance Service. Gus confirmed that the Lethnot Hall defibrillator was registered, and Dick confirmed that the Little Brechin one was also registered.

There was a discussion regarding the regular checking/maintenance of the defibrillators. Alan is informed by e-mail when someone has been directed to the defibrillator at the Glenesk Hotel. It was also noted that the defibrillator at the Edzell Health Centre was missing. The last person directed to this defibrillator was the local care home. Gus will contact them to see if the defibrillator has been put somewhere due to staff being unaware that it was not the property of the Home.

Action: Gus

AFTERNOTE: Gus has spoken with the Care Home. It appears that they had to break into the cabinet (still broken) to get to the defibrillator and it was returned to the Health Centre staff after use. This has been confirmed by the Health Centre. The Brechin Rotary (who donated the defibrillator) are aware of the broken cabinet.

There was a discussion regarding providing paediatric defibrillator pads with the unit on the Glenesk Hotel. Due to the highly stressful situation when a person is in cardiac arrest there is a huge risk that the wrong pads would be applied. (Paediatric pads are ineffective when an adult has a cardiac arrest however paediatrics can have adult pads applied and used if no other pads available). It was agreed to have adult pads only available.

Bad Weather Planning

Due to the recent bad storms and loss of power within the village EVIS had contacted ICC regarding the ability to use the Inglis Hall in such an event to use the kitchen facilities. Gus had given EVIS contact details of the Risk, Resilience and Safety Manager at Angus Council responsible for emergency planning and also contact details for AngusAlive who are responsible for the running of the Inglis Hall. Gus has had no further from EVIS.

AFTERNOTE: EVIS had tried to contact the Resilience Officer but said they had yet to receive an acknowledgement. Gus then advised EVIS to contact one or more of the Ward Councillors to chase this matter up.

It was agreed that meetings will continue virtually until Covid restrictions ease and meetings can be held safely.

Gus thanked everyone for attending.

Next meeting: Monday 21st March 2022 @ 1930hrs via Zoom

Issues unable to be resolved fully by ICC

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>	<u>Date Removed from Agenda</u>
Margie Bridge, Lethnot	<p>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.</p> <p>January 2021 - Gus has received a quote for repair of road from Breedons – sent to Roads Dept.</p> <p>February 2021 – Council still maintain surface is adequate and the work unnecessary.</p> <p>Letter sent from MSP to Council in March 2021 – Council maintains road surface adequate.</p> <p>September 2021 – Gus has paid from his own monies to have a sign sited on private land warning cyclists of dangerous road surfaces</p>	<p>October 2020. Returned to Agenda January 2021 with quote.</p> <p>Removed from Agenda-February 2021.</p>
Wishop Burn Bridge/Pathway from Little Brechin to Brechin/Pathway from Westside to Inchbare	<p>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.</p>	<p>Removed from Agenda – September 2021</p>
Blind Corner at Blairno, Lethnot	<p>Tar has been added to edge of road. Council will continue to monitor road and amend signage if required.</p>	<p>Removed from Agenda- November 2021</p>