

**INVERESK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 via Zoom.**

**Present:** Gus Leighton (Chairperson), Claire Wilson (Minute Secretary), Alan Budge (Treasurer), Judith Gallacher, Pamela Cottam Dick Robertson (in attendance following Inglis Court item), Ann Johnston, Kate Skene and 3 members of the public

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

**Apologies:** Ken Goddard (Planning Liaison).

**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**

Gus reported that Ken Goddard has resigned from the Community Council due to his dissatisfaction with Angus Council.

**Planning and CNP Report**

No applications were submitted as far as the Committee were aware.

There had been an application to build a large shed at Little Brechin over the festive period. It is understood this application had been granted.

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

**Treasurer's Report**

Opening Balance	£1292.28
Secretary Fee for Nov and Dec	- 100.00
Zoom Fees	- 14.39
Remembrance Wreaths	- 74.80
Closing Balance	<b><u>£1103.09</u></b>

It was agreed that Alan should proceed with organising internet banking for ICC to make it easier to deal with payments due to restrictions with cheque payments, restricted banking hours and members working arrangements.

Alan has made contact with EVIS regarding the Guild Home's monetary donation, but he is still to be contacted by their Treasurer.

Hall hire had been cancelled until further notice. Meetings will continue virtually, and Claire will pay the virtual meeting fees and be reimbursed.

**Police Report**

Claire gave a condensed update from the Police report received from Sgt Mustard.

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 624 calls in the Montrose/Brechin and Edzell area. There was a total of 59 crimes recorded, of which 0 were specific to Edzell.

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. The Police also provided a few of the results from the VAS Survey.

### **Recurring items**

#### Speeding within Edzell

Gus has written to Angus Council Roads department re: additional street furniture and traffic calming measures – this was to be reviewed once the VAS sign data is available. Cllr Braes will contact the Roads Department to see if the data can be released to the Community Council. The data would appear to be available as the Police Report received had some of the details.

#### **Action: Cllr Braes**

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

Awaiting update from EVIS if they will take on the Insurance.

**Action: Alan**

#### Inglis Court

Despite the local community being eager for the building to remain. The Council have taken a decision to demolish the building after a full Council Meeting which was held on 4 November. Gus expressed disappointment that he had contacted all 3 Ward Councillors and Cllr Proctor to ask for a delay in demolition until the community investigated a CAT (Community Asset Transfer) application. He received no response from the 3 Ward Councillors and Cllr Proctor replied "Noted". After the decision was finalised Gus received an e-mail from Cllr Proctor stating that Cllr Salmond was the member who should have been sent the e-mail. Gus was disappointed that none of the Councillors had informed him of this earlier or indeed forward the e-mail he sent to Cllr Salmond. Cllr Myles stated that once the decision was made at the full Council meeting then there was nothing that could have been done. He stated "the Community Council could not stop progress".

#### School Warning Lights

The lights continue to flash at Edzell School despite Claire reporting it via the AccessLine both personally and via Inveresk Community Council. Cllr Myles reported that the light mechanism is faulty and that Angus Council were trying to get the timers reset. Cllr Myles stated that following the power failures within Edzell the streetlights at the North end of the village were not coming on at the appropriate times. This issue had now been sorted. Alan mentioned that the streetlights were reset 24 hours after he reported the issue and praised the Council for the prompt response.

#### Edzell Arch

Works now completed. Cllr Myles stated that thanks should be made to the local stonemason who aided in the repairs.

#### See Hear Angus

No suggestions have been forthcoming.

#### Speeding in Little Brechin

Speed restriction signs (30mph) and extension of the speed limit boundaries at Little Brechin have been agreed and signage is now in place.

### Stracathro Hospital

There have been some concerns expressed by the public regarding the future of Stracathro. The Stroke Unit at Stracathro has been closed (Cllr Myles said there had been no official notice stating it was closed but NHS Tayside had to make the best use of resources). The gold standard for stroke care now is to use clot busting drugs and this can only be delivered at Ninewells. Dick stated that a consultant had told him at a meeting that due to time constraints of the clot busting drug (best given less than 1 hour post stroke symptoms starting) then Angus patients would not be able to receive the treatment. Cllr Myles will investigate this **Action: Cllr Myles**

A member of the public asked if there were no paramedic bikes in Angus. It is thought that there are fast response cars available in Angus but not bikes. Kate stated her mum was admitted to Royal Victoria Hospital at Dundee following a stroke (not offered Stracathro when it was open) and although the care was good the family could not visit as often as if she had been in Stracathro. She felt that alienation from family due to the distance was not good for stroke patients.

Cllr Nicol stated that elective surgery at Stracathro had been cancelled for the next month at least due to staffing issues throughout NHS Tayside.

Cllr Myles also spoke about the day case hip replacements now being performed at Stracathro.

### Speeding in Inchbarr

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

### **Ward Councillors' Report**

Cllr Braes main work has been complaints from Angus Council's tenants regarding repair issues. He also spoke briefly on this year's budget constraints at the Council.

Cllr Nicol spoke regarding the termination of the contractors responsible for Angus Council house repairs. The contractors have exercised a 3 month option to pull out of the contract. The current contractors will run down over the next 12 weeks. The Council are speaking to other contractors to take on the role. Dick asked if there would be a financial cost to the Council due to the contractors pulling out and why were local contractors not used. Cllr Nicol was unable to comment on the financial implications and Cllr Myles stated that as Council Contracts were usually under a National Contract it was difficult for small local businesses to apply.

Cllr Nicol also spoke on the increased workload within the Valuation Board this has meant extra work for the staff.

Cllr Myles spoke about the Tayside Contracts plans to increase the amount of local produce used in local school meals.

### **Correspondence**

#### Review of Scheme for Establishment of Community Councils

Gus has sent a comment requesting an addition to the scheme noting the importance of the local public's views submitted via the Community Council. These views should be respected by Angus Council.

He also asked that extra funding should be provided to the Community Council if they require to perform surveys to gain the public's opinion.

#### Community Council Training

Claire had forwarded an e-mail regarding external training to the Community Council regarding marketing and social media especially due to the **Community Council Elections coming up in October**. She will forward the meeting details when she receives them. **Action: Claire**

### **Brechin Healthcare Group**

During December the Centre was quieter due to the holiday period. They are gradually returning to normal with their experts booking rooms for consultations.

Unfortunately, the BHG has just received notice that their CAT application has been turned down by the Scottish Government. Michael Marra MSP is to discuss with BHG the way forward and STV are attending tomorrow to promote the subject. Due to financial constraints the BHG are unable to proceed with a Judicial Review to overturn the decision (this would be a lengthy and very expensive process).

BHG now have funding available till the end of March to support local transport allowing people over 60 to get to and from appointments that improve health and well-being for free. It covers things like Jenner Centre visits, booster/vaccination appointments, GP appointments, hospital visits, opticians, hairdressers or even a meet up with a friend if that person has been isolating during the pandemic. Arrangements can be made through BHG and the Jenner Centre by calling 07547794996.

Ann expressed huge disappointment that the BHG have been curtailed in their helping of the community. Dick said the BHG will continue, but they required a bigger site as the current site was nearly filled to capacity.

A grant through Participatory Budgeting has also been secured for a Beat the Street project. This project, essentially encouraging people to be more active, is in conjunction with the Brechin High School. You earn points by walking, cycling or running throughout the area learning more about your community and giving people the opportunity to meet and possibly make new friends. Details are still being developed.

### **AOCB**

#### **Former Edzell Engineering Business at Inchbare**

Ann asked if anyone knew who owned the former Edzell Engineering building at Inchbare. There have been concerns regarding the barriers etc surrounding the building. It is thought that it is no longer owned by Edzell Engineering as they have re-located to Brechin some time ago. Alan asked if the Council could find out who owned it. Cllr Braes will see if he can obtain any information.

**Action: Cllr Braes**

### **Resignation**

Due to Ken's resignation, there is a vacancy on the Inveresk Community Council. Tony Seivwright was co-opted on (Nominated by Gus and seconded by Alan). Due to Ken's resignation Gus asked if anyone wished to take on the Planning Contact role as no one came forward Gus will be interim Planning Representative. Claire will inform the Council of the change. **Action: Claire**

### **Riverside Path**

Judith stated that there was water overflowing the river pathway as it is missing the drainage pipe. There is a danger of erosion of the path again due to this. Judith will contact EVIS and the Countryside Access Officer at Angus Council. **Action: Judith**

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 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022 @ 1930hrs via Zoom**

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

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

