

INVERESK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 16th May 2022 via Zoom.

Present: Gus Leighton (Chairperson), Claire Wilson (Minute Secretary), Kate Skene (Planning Liaison), Dick Robertson, Judith Gallacher, Pamela Cottam, Tony Seivwright and 2 members of the public.

In attendance: Cllr Scott, Cllr Nicol and Cllr Beattie.

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

The minutes of the last meeting were approved. Proposed by Dick Robertson and seconded by Gus Leighton. The minutes will be posted to the Community Council website and sent to Angus Council and the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator for distribution. **Action: Claire**

Gus welcomed the new Councillors (Cllr Beattie and Cllr Scott) to the meeting and welcomed Cllr Nicol back to the meeting following his re-election at the recent local Council elections.

Planning and CNP Report

Three applications have been submitted for the Inveresk area since the March meeting. Waterside house, Stracathro - extension and modernisation – Kate had discussed this with Gus and Judith and it was felt that no comment was required. Mo Dhachaidh Bridgend, Lethnot - extension to form ensuite – this extension is small and situated at the back of the house so no comment was required. Tillybardine Farm, Lethnot - erection of agricultural building – the build is to be well hidden in the landscape and is in keeping with the other agricultural buildings in the area so no comment required.

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	£574.31
Secretary Fee for Nov and Dec	- 50.00
Zoom Fees	- <u>14.39</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£509.92</u>

A donation of £600 is expected from Guild Homes. It was agreed that donations were to be made to The Cottage (£150), Men's Shed (£75) and Tony suggested a donation to the Lochlee Games Committee at Tarfside (£100) as the Games had not been held for 2 years due to the pandemic and would benefit from some replacement equipment. Claire will check that the end of year accounts have been sent to the Council. **Action: Claire/Alan**

Police Report

The Police Report had been distributed to all the Community Council members before the meeting. The main item relevant to the ICC area was the monitoring of vehicle speeds in Edzell and the surrounding area. They have conducted a purge on speeding/dangerous driving across the Montrose/Brechin/Edzell area, charging several drivers. Gus requested that this is done periodically.

Recurring items

Speeding within Edzell

Gus has attended a meeting with the Council, Police Scotland, Mairi Gougeon and Cllr Beattie regarding the speeding in Edzell and the A90 crossing at Northwaterbridge. The VAS data has now been received with the help of Mairi Gougeon's office (see table below). The results were generally as expected. However, it was worrying that all the figures had increased between September 2021 and April 2022.

Police will keep visiting the area and monitoring vehicle speeds as staffing allow.

Town/ Village	Road/ Street	Location (Direction relates to approaching traffic)	September 2021 Data				April 2022 Data			
			Speed	AADT	Ave Spd	85%ile	AADT	Ave. Spd	85%ile	
Edzell										
NE	High Street	Southbound – North of the Mini Roundabout near the school	20	1372	21.00	27.00	1047	23.30	29.40	0
NE	High Street	Northbound – To the North of Edzell Arch	20	1732	22.70	28.80	1335	23.40	29.40	0
NE	Dunlappie Road	Eastbound – Opposite “Kintyre”	20	259	23.67	29.00	188	24.00	29.20	0

AADT – Average number of vehicles over a 24 hour period

Ave. Spd –Average speed

85%ile – Speed that 85% of vehicles were travelling at OR under

There was a discussion regarding additional street furniture in Edzell which may assist in reducing the speed of vehicles (islands, chicanes, humps, rumble strips and pedestrian crossing). Gus asked that Community Council members send their thoughts to him via e-mail.

Action: All Community Council members

Kate also commented on the lack of dropped pavements in the village.

Defibrillator Insurance

EVIS have now contacted Gus regarding the defibrillator insurance. EVIS wished to confirm that ICC will continue to upkeep the machine and its consumables. Gus has asked them to contact Alan regarding the defibrillator.

School Warning Lights

The lights continue to constantly flash at Edzell School and continue to flash at inappropriate times at Stracathro (0615hrs) despite both issues being reported. Cllr Beattie will chase an update.

Action: Cllr Beattie

Riverside Path

Repairs are completed at the bottom of the Gassy Brae. There were fractures over the path further along the path and it is not known if they are stable. There was also water running over the path which could increase the risk to stability. It is thought that as Dalhousie Estates closed the path after the recent storms that they are responsible for the path. Judith will look into the current state of the path and investigate ownership. **Action: Judith**

HGVs through Edzell Arch

Alan has had difficulty in obtaining details for a contact with the local company. However, he has now obtained details so will update with any progress at the next meeting as he was not available this evening. **Action: Alan**

The Council have plans to have additional signage erected at the Edzell Arch to prevent another high vehicle striking the Arch. Cllr Scott and Cllr Beattie showed the proposed plans to the Community Council. These have now been sent to various parties in Edzell for comments to Bus who will consolidate overall views and submit them to the Council. **Action: Gus**

A90 Junction at Northwaterbridge

This is not in the ICC area but due to the unsuitability of the junction for HGV's there is a knock on effect to the traffic coming through Edzell. The Mearns CC had a meeting with Transport Scotland and BEAR in 2019 and a survey was due to be carried out before the Covid pandemic struck. It is unknown if this survey occurred. Gus has put forward some suggestions to make the junction safer. The ICC will await the outcome of the meeting held with Mairi Gougeon.

East Mains Farm Site Fencing

Heras Fencing and security gates remain in place. Judith has been in touch with the Council (Planning Enforcement) and is awaiting an update from them.

Old Edzell Engineering building at Inchbare

No update and no planning rules being broken. There is no further action the Community Council can take with this issue and this item will be removed from the Agenda.

Speeding in Inchbare

The VAS results for Inchbare for a 7 day survey in December 2021 were: Average 30mph, 85%ile 35 mph. These are as expected in a 30mph zone. The new houses should slow traffic as there are now buildings on both sides of the road.

Remembrance Wreath

No update as Anne was not at the meeting. **Action: Ann**

Glenesk

Tony has spoken to one of the Factors for Millden and is awaiting a decision on the best siting of the bench in the layby (layby sometimes used by lorries). The layby is on Council land and they have granted permission for the seats to be sited on their property. There is approximately an 8 week lead time on siting the benches.

Ward Councillors' Report

Cllr Nicol stated that he was dealing with Environmental Health and Planning issues with constituents in the ICC area. Due to the recent Council elections there has been a lull in business until the induction of the new Councillors.

Cllr Beattie has been completing the training for new Councillors. He also spoke about the new housing repair/upgrade contract has been awarded to QAMP. The first Council meeting will be held on 26th May.

Cllr Scott spoke about completing her induction training.

Correspondence

Nil

Brechin Healthcare Group

The Jenner Centre has been relatively busy with demand spasmodic due to Covid and holidays. The taxi service has been booming and with new funding which hopefully will cover them until August / September. They can certainly justify receiving the funding for this very valuable service for Edzell and Brechin.

The Communities Team starts at the Jenner Centre tomorrow with 3 teachers and 3 pupils using the Centre for the next 5 weeks.

Another agency using their facilities weekly is WRASAC -(Women's Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre) from Dundee.

The first edition of DD9 Connections magazine will be issued on the 27th of May.

The saga of the Infirmary site goes on. They have had meetings with Scottish Ministers and substantially increased their offer to NHS Tayside. This new offer was made to the CE Professor Grant Archibald on 14th April. As yet no one has responded but the Secretary to the Board told them that their letter was being discussed by NHS Tayside's legal advisors and the Scottish Government. They are hoping this is a more positive reaction, but nothing is certain. They require a response before end May otherwise it will affect their access to Scottish Land Fund monies.

AOCB

Bi-annual meeting between the Council and Community Council

This meeting will take place on Wednesday 27th June (1730-1900hrs) virtually. Gus does not wish to attend but is happy for anyone else to attend if they wish.

Cycling, walking and safer routes grant

Judith has applied for a grant to repair the Wishop Burn Bridge but has received no acknowledgement from Angus Council that they received the application.

Retreat, Glenesk

A conversation was held regarding the opening and utilisation of The Retreat. Currently the focus is very much on the museum although you can get a cup of tea/coffee and biscuit. The ICC meeting in August was always held at the Retreat prior to Covid and was always well attended by the residents. Claire will contact the Retreat to see if the meeting can be held there this year. **Action: Claire**

Cllr Scott suggested contacting Jim Houston who is the current Chair of the Board.

Cllr Nicol was on the Board until the end of last year when he was told his services were no longer required.

It was agreed that if the community in the Glen were not happy with the way the Retreat was being run, they needed to pull together and challenge the people involved.

Dangerous Drain North of Tarfside

An air ambulance attended a lady who had come off her bike just north of Tarfside. It was not known initially how she had fallen however shortly after another cyclist almost had an accident at the same spot due to a pot hole around a drain. Tony and Gus will contact the Roads Department to ask that the issue is dealt with urgently to prevent further accidents. **Action: Gus/Tony**

AFTERNOTE: It is understood that a normal ambulance had also been despatched to deal with the injured cyclist. This met other cyclists near the foot of the glen and were informed that the lady had been treated by the Air Ambulance crew and airlifted to hospital. Cllr Beattie agreed to enquire about this apparent lack of communication resulting in a waste of limited resources.

Action: Cllr Beattie

Face to Face Meetings

It was agreed that face to face meetings of the ICC will resume in June. First meeting will be held at Lethnot Hall. Gus will book the hall.

Action: Gus

Gus thanked everyone for attending.

Next meeting: Monday 20th June 2022 at 1930hrs – Lethnot Hall

Issues unable to be resolved fully by ICC

<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.
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. Reapplication for Wishop Burn made March 2022	Removed from Agenda – March 2022
Blind Corner at Blairno, Lethnot	Tar has been added to edge of road. Council will continue to monitor road and amend signage if required.	Removed from Agenda- November 2021
Buskhead Bridge, Glenesk	Courier reporter keen to do article on closed bridge due to having to wade through the river. Directed to Ken Goddard, Judith and Tony. Updates will be put on the Minutes when available.	Removed from Agenda – March 2022

