

**INVERESK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at Glenesk Folk Museum.**

**Present:** Gus Leighton (Chairperson), Claire Wilson (Minute Secretary), Kate Skene (Planning Liaison), Dick Robertson, Judith Gallacher, Tony Seivwright, Ann Johnston and 4 members of the public.

**In attendance:** Cllr Beattie and PC Nick McKendrick.

**Apologies:** Alan Budge (Treasurer), Cllr Scott and Cllr Nicol.

**The minutes** of the last meeting were approved. Proposed by Ann Johnston and seconded by Judith Gallacher. 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**

**Planning and CNP Report**

Two applications have been submitted for the Inveresk area since the last meeting.

Land 40m West of Muir Cottage, Careston – application is in an area of 2 cottage and the applicant wishes to add a third cottage. A neighbour has already submitted his concerns and it was agreed a comment should be submitted by the ICC concurring with the neighbour’s concerns.

Field 600m East of Balrownie Farm, By Menmuir – This application is for an essential worker’s house. It was noted that the nearest neighbours have not been informed of the application as they live out with the statutory notification of 20m.

The Development Plan is currently being updated and it was suggested that the ICC should submit a suggestion that in rural areas the notification border for neighbours should be increased to 200m.

**Action: Kate/Gus**

Cllr Beattie reminded the attendees that all planning applications are on-line and also notified in the local newspaper.

*Cairngorm National Park*

There are plans to restore some of the peat areas at Invermark. No update at this time.

*Aberdeenshire*

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.

Drum farm – application to change ground from agricultural to garden – no reason for ICC to comment.

Glenesk Caravan Park – sold on and unsure if it is to become residential caravans only. Currently no application for anything on Aberdeenshire Planning page.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Alan was not at the meeting so no report available.

End of year Accounts have been submitted to the Council.

Alan has the paperwork for commencing internet banking for the ICC.

It was agreed that donations were to be made to The Cottage (£150), Men’s Shed (£75) and Lochlee Games Committee at Tarfside (£100) once the donation from Guild Homes was confirmed. Alan was not at the meeting to confirm this.

Claire will contact Alan to organise payment to Angusalive for use of the Inglis Memorial Hall and Menmuir Hall for future meetings.

## **Police Report**

The Police Report had been distributed to all the Community Council members before the meeting. PC Nick McKendrick attended the meeting and gave a brief introduction of himself. He has worked in the Brechin area for 15 years so is familiar with the area.

He spoke over the police report and the progress with any incidents in the area.

Local Police are keen that speed monitoring in the area continues. Gus has had a meeting with Sgt Tracy Brown regarding this.

There was a discussion regarding the travellers currently sited on the Edzell Muir. A resident in the local area has sent an e-mail with a suggestion to allow camping on the Muir. First 48 hours for free then a charge applied for every day after that (rising to a very hefty charge after 28 days on site). It was agreed this idea would be difficult for any volunteers to “police” as they would have no “power” to enforce any charges or removal of anyone who does not pay or overstays. Claire will forward the e-mail to Sgt Tracy Brown for comment.

**Action: Claire**

Nick encouraged everyone to contact Police via the community mailbox for non-urgent issues on [taysidebrechinedzellcpt@scotland.police.uk](mailto:taysidebrechinedzellcpt@scotland.police.uk)

The back page of the Police Report (Feedback from Community Council) still has Sgt Mustard’s contact details. PC McKendrick will ensure this is changed.

**Action: PC McKendrick**

A member of the public enquired regarding the parking at the Blue Door Walk. Gus explained that this issue is out of the ICC district as it lies in Aberdeenshire although the ICC has already made them aware of the issue. It was also suggested that the areas where the trees have been blown down in the storms earlier this year have now got hard core laid down to allow for tree extraction. It was suggested that some of these could remain in place to allow for parking. It is unknown if this will happen as these areas lie on private property (The Burn Estate).

## **Recurring items**

### Speeding within Edzell

Gus still has had no meeting with the Roads Department regarding additional street furniture in Edzell. Gus is still awaiting contact from the Roads Department. Claire will forward on Cllr Nicol’s e-mail.

**Action: Claire**

### Defibrillator Insurance

Alan was not at the meeting to update re: EVIS’s decision on defibrillator insurance. **Action: Alan**  
Tony spoke about an issue Glenesk has had with batteries for their defibrillators.

### HGVs through Edzell Arch

A post had been put on the Edzell Facebook page regarding the priority system planned for the Arch. The only comment received by Gus on this issue was that the signs perhaps could be smaller. It is thought that this is not possible due to legislation and there would be a risk that if they were not the “correct” size insurance companies could use it as a loophole to not pay if someone strikes the arch. Cllr Scott has suggested a camera on e-mail correspondence – this was felt to be a good suggestion but only worked once the Arch has been struck.

Mearns CC are going to speak to companies in the area whose HGV’s travel through Edzell rather than exit on to the A90 via Northwaterbridge.

### A90 Junction at Northwaterbridge

Mearns CC are to meet with BEAR and Transport Scotland next week online. They will chase data from the survey in 2019. Judith to attend meeting as Gus is unavailable.

### East Mains Farm Site Fencing

Heras Fencing and security gates remain in place. This will now be moved to unresolved.

### Tree safety on the Edzell Straight

Concern has been voiced by several residents regarding the trees which were not fully blown over by the last storms to hit the area but are now perilously overhanging the road. Roads Department are not responsible for this as the trees are on private property. Ann also commented on another tree which is overhanging at Keithock. Cllr Beattie will speak to the Roads Department again.

**Post meeting update: The local roads supervisor will visit again and prepare a report**

### Speeding in Inchbare

Resident reports that speeding continues as before despite there now being children playing in the area from the new builds.

### Remembrance Wreath

Gardiner Memorial Church have confirmed they did not take on the responsibility for wreaths at Stracathro from the Cathedral.

Ann will speak to the local residents to see if they will contribute to a wreath and Gus will forward on Stracathro Estates e-mail to Ann to see if they would be willing to donate to same.

**Action: Gus/Ann**

### Benches in Glenesk

Seats are ordered and awaiting placement. Item will move to unresolved until sited.

### Dangerous Drain North of Tarfside

Tony will contact the cyclist to ask her to report the incident retrospectively to ensure it is recorded. This will now be removed from the Agenda.

**Action: Tony**

### Recycling bins at Tarfside and Caterthuns

E-mail received from Environmental Services to confirm that as the Tarfside Campsite is on private property the landowner would need to request and pay for a recycling bin.

They also declined to site recycling bins on the Caterthuns as it would be difficult to stop people contaminating the recycling with general waste.

Tony will speak to the Cairngorm National Park re: bins.

**Action: Tony**

### **Ward Councillors' Report**

Cllr Beattie has dealt with the dead deer in the Caterthun area.

He also spoke about changes and upgrades SSE have made to their infrastructure following the storms earlier this year.

There have been issues with pipes bursting in the Dunlappie area of Edzell. A new pressure valve has been installed and the water main under The Drive is expected to be replaced in the near future. Judith asked that the Roads Department discussed with the Water Company to ensure the road surface was not renewed (as planned) before the pipe was installed.

Ann asked how she could view the accounts of Angus Council and Cllr Beattie gave her the report number.

Cllr Beattie also discussed the Council's decision to turn down the Caledonian Railway as part of the levelling up fund.

### **Correspondence**

#### Travellers on Edzell Muir

Discussed at Police Report.

### Resilience Planning

Tess White MSP was unable to attending tonight's meeting and Claire is awaiting further dates. Gus will liaise with EVIS and the Council to let them know when date confirmed. It was confirmed at a meeting with the Council and EVIS that there could be a key available in the village so that if a situation occurred where the village was isolated then the Inglis Hall could be used as a Community Hub. It was also confirmed at the meeting that the gas cookers are to be removed from the Inglis Hall and replaced with electric one.

**Post meeting update: Tess has responded that she will attend the October meeting.**

### Short Term Lets Policy

This policy was in regard to room letting and Airbnb's etc. There was thought to be no comment required by the ICC.

### **Brechin Healthcare Group**

The BHG is still functioning, despite their decision to reluctantly accept that NHS Tayside will not agree to them having Brechin Infirmary. Last month Tayside Health Board submitted an application to Angus Council to demolish the Infirmary.

They are currently in discussions with Ben Williams, Community Enterprise. He is looking at the implications of the BHG amalgamating with Brechin City FC to form the Brechin Community Trust. The advantage of this would be that the BHG could use the facilities at Glebe Park developing their agenda to assist with the health needs of all the people within the DD9 area

The BHG want to establish a dementia centre within Brechin - every other town in Angus has or is being encouraged to develop a Meeting Place. Glebe Park has the space and enthusiasm to get this up and running by Autumn proving they can get the support from the community, Council and MSPs. This project would also provide employment for 3 full time carers specialising in dementia.

### **AOCB**

#### Inchbare Hall booking

Claire had tried to book Inchbare Hall for the October meeting (usually hold May meeting there but this had been cancelled due to the pandemic). She has had no response so it was agreed that she should book the Inglis Memorial Hall.

#### Buskhead Bridge Update

The road over the bridge has been confirmed as a right of way. Ordnance Survey have confirmed that due to this the bridge must be reinstated. It is hoped that the situation can be resolved amicably with all parties involved. This will prevent action having to be taken by the government. Ken Goddard, a local resident at Tarfside has asked to be a consultant on this issue and will keep the ICC informed of any meetings or progress.

#### Community Council Elections

Community Council Elections are to be held later this year. Gus encouraged all the current Community Councillors to apply for re-election.

<https://www.angus.gov.uk/ccelections2022>

#### Edzell Arch/Common Good

There is still no confirmation of who owns Edzell Arch. The Council state that the Arch cannot be included in the Brechin Common Good Funds as they were not part of the Brechin District Council, so they do not qualify. It was suggested contacting Historic Scotland.

### West Water Bridge

West Water Bridge at Inchbare has been struck by a vehicle again. Judith suggested more chevrons on the bridge may help as it is less than 1 year since it was previously struck. Cllr Beattie will speak to the Roads Department.

**Action: Cllr Beattie**

### Mobile Mast, Glenesk

Residents in Glenesk have heard that the emergency service mast will now not be operational until 2026. Gus explained whenever planning has been sought for a mast in the Glenesk/Lethnot area the ICC have requested that other companies be permitted to add dishes to the mast to improve mobile an internet connectivity for residents. These requests have so far been unsuccessful. Cllr Beattie will look into the connectivity issues.

### Tarfside and Lethnot School

There was a short discussion regarding whether both these schools are closed or mothballed. It is thought that although the Glenesk school building belongs to Angus Council, but the land still belongs to Dalhousie Estates.

**Post meeting update: Cllr Beattie confirmed that both schools are confirmed closed as of 2018.**

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/school-closure-decision-letters-2018/>

Gus thanked everyone for attending.

**Next meeting: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at Menmuir Hall**

### **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	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-unsuccessful	Removed from Agenda – June 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
School Lights Flashing	Light need replaced and will be done later in 2022	Removed from Agenda – June 2022
Heras fencing at East Mains	Heras fencing and gates on site – not on plans (this shows normal fencing). Planning contacted which stated that the fence may be “deemed consent”. Residents in area unhappy with fencing but not keen to complain as they may need snagging issues in their homes sorted.	Removed from Agenda – August 2022
Benches up Glenesk	Bench has been ordered by DD9 connections to place at the top of the Mudloch. Bench should be sited late summer/early autumn	Removed from Agenda – August 2022