

INVERESK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 28th September 2022 at Menmuir Hall.

The September meeting of the Inveresk Community Council was rescheduled from the 19th of September due to the funeral of HRH Queen Elizabeth II.

Present: Gus Leighton (Chairperson), Claire Wilson (Minute Secretary), Alan Budge (Treasurer), Dick Robertson, Judith Gallacher, Tony Seivwright there were no members of the public at the meeting.

Apologies: Kate Skene (Planning Liaison), Ann Johnston, Police Scotland, Cllr Scott, Cllr Beattie and Cllr Nicol.

Gus will contact Pamela Cottam to see if she wishes to continue on the ICC.

Action: Gus

The minutes of the last meeting were approved. Proposed by Dick Robertson and seconded by Tony Seivwright. 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, Judith, Dick, Alan and Kate have all successfully applied again to re-join the Inveresk Community Council. Tony stated, due to issues with the telephone and internet at his home, he was unable to apply to re-join the Committee but would be keen to be co-opted if this was an option. Gus encouraged Tony to attend the Inaugural meeting on Friday 7th October at the Inglis Memorial Hall, Edzell at 1930hrs.

Planning and CNP Report

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

Porch Extension at Easterburn Cottage, Menmuir – no comment required from ICC.

Conversion and extension of former stable to dwelling house and change of land to garden at Careston Manse – Plans are not very detailed regarding access etc. Judith stated that a neutral comment could be submitted if required.

Alteration and extension at Lynnmartin, Edzell – Refreshing planning permission which was already granted in 2016 – no reason for ICC to comment.

Erection of summerhouse, Oakbank, High Street, Edzell - no reason for ICC to comment.

Demolition of garden and erection of new garage and garden room at Debden, High Street, Edzell – no reason for ICC to comment.

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. No recent movement on this but a watching brief will be kept.

Treasurer's Report

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

Cheques were written for donations to The Cottage (£150), Men's Shed (£75) and Lochlee Games Committee at Tarfside (£100) from the donation given by Guild Homes. Claire and Gus will deliver the cheques to the Cottage and Men's Shed, and Tony accepted the cheque on behalf of the Lochlee Games Committee.

Action: Gus and Claire

Alan stated that the cheque for £400 to EVIS (also from the Guild Homes donation) had not been cashed as yet. Judith will speak to one of the EVIS members as there is thought to be a time limit on cheques being deposited.

Action: Judith/Gus/Claire

Cheques were also written for the November 2022 and January, February and March 2023 meeting venue costs and Menmuir Hall cost. Claire will organise paying these.

Action: Claire

Alan also reported that the Community Team has stated the annual grant given to Inveresk Community Council by Angus Council, for venue hire and secretarial costs, was based on 6 meetings a year. Inveresk Community Council hold 9 meetings a year. Gus will contact the Community Team to see if this information is correct.

Action: Gus

AFTERNOTE: Gus contacted Angus Council who said there is no limit on the number of meetings annually, but that our budget allocation is only £400 which we presently exceed. Luckily, we presently have additional funds.

Police Report

The Police Report had been distributed to all the Community Council members before the meeting. The Police will continue to monitor vehicle speeds in the area as staffing and time allows.

For non-urgent issues local residents can contact the local police on

taysidebrechinedzellcpt@scotland.police.uk

There has been information received from a member of the public that there had been an incident of the travellers, who were camped on the Muir in Edzell, hare coursing. This has been reported to the Police but may have been after the report was received.

Police agreed that charging people to use the Muir for camping would be difficult to manage and may just encourage illegal campers to use other parts of the Muir or other places in the village/surrounding area.

Recurring items

Speeding within Edzell

Gus still has had no meeting with the Roads Department regarding additional street furniture in Edzell.

AFTERNOTE: Gus forgot to mention at the meeting that he's contacted Angus Council regarding the Crossing Attendant at Edzell Primary School. She had been told that her contract was to be terminated at Christmas. There is to be another survey of the traffic volume and, presumably the use made of the Crossing Attendant by parents and children. Should the Council find there is insufficient need for the Crossing Attendant, Gus will argue that the children and parents have become used to the service and that removing it would pose an unacceptable risk to their safety. Parents must now park at the Muir if driving their children to school whereas they used to be able to drop them off at the door.

Defibrillator Insurance

EVIS will insure the defibrillator housed on the wall of the Glenesk Hotel in Edzell. Inveresk Community Council will continue to be responsible for the checking of the machine and ensuring the consumables are in date and replaced when required. There had been an agreement drawn up by EVIS to document the above and it was agreed Alan could sign this on behalf of the ICC. There was a discussion regarding the defibrillator being in a locked case. EVIS's insurance will cover the machine without it being in a locked case so it was agreed to leave the situation as is at the moment and review if the machine was vandalised/lost etc.

It was suggested that it may be a helpful item to note the location of all the defibrillators in the area. This was thought to be an idea for the DD9 booklet being prepared by the Brechin Healthcare Group. This item will now be taken off the agenda.

HGVs through Edzell Arch/A90 junction at Northwaterbridge

A virtual meeting was held on 18th August 2022 with AMEY (taken over from BEAR Scotland), Aberdeenshire Council, Mearns CC, Aberdeenshire Local Councillors, MSP Mairi Gougeon, MSP Tess White. MSP Liam Kerr, who raised the junction issue with the Transport Minister in 2018, was unable to attend. The ICC and Mearns CC voiced their concerns about how the junction was not suitable for HGV's (poor visibility, give way system causing confusion). These issues were all met with "the junction complies with current design standards". The minutes of the meeting have been sent to Judith who has replied with comments.

Further traffic surveys are to be undertaken and processed.

East Mains Farm Site Fencing

Heras Fencing and security gates remain in place. There are pipes currently being laid in the area. Judith has previously e-mailed Cllr Scott to take this issue forward but has received no reply. She will contact Cllr Scott again.

Action: Judith

Tree safety on the Edzell Straight

The local roads surveyor for Angus Council has visited and deemed there is currently no immediate issue for the Council to deal with. As the wooded area belongs to Dalhousie Estate it is thought to be their responsibility to clear the trees. This will be removed from the Agenda.

Speeding in Inchbare

No update. Issue on-going.

Remembrance Wreath

Ann has confirmed that Stracathro Estates supply, and will continue to supply, the wreath for Stracathro Church. This item will now be removed from the agenda.

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 for Tarfside.

Action: Tony

Resilience Planning

Tess White had agreed to attend the October meeting of the ICC. However, the date of the meeting was changed as it is the Inaugural meeting of the ICC and Angus Council has stated that the meeting must take place on 7th October and Tess is unable to attend this date. Claire has sent the date of the November meeting and is awaiting to see if Tess can attend.

Gus has attended a meeting of the Angus Resilience Forum. There is a grant available to supply equipment to deal with a prolonged outage and Gus is keen for all areas in Inveresk area to have a hub to support the wellbeing of the area during such times. The intention is to use the village halls, Inglis Hall and a couple of other locations as Resilience Hubs where people can get hot food, warmth and practical news after, say, 12 hours without power. The hubs would have gas cooking and heating, some form of (battery?), lightening and volunteers to look after local residents. Once in place the scheme would be advertised periodically to the Neighbourhood Watch members and through other channels.

Gus will also look at obtaining a current resilience plan from an area similar to ICC. **Action: Gus**

Westwater Bridge

Roads Department have assessed the signage at the bridge, and it is in good condition and deemed to be adequate. One of the chevron signs is slightly obscured by overgrown vegetation and the Council will organise to get the vegetation removed. They may change the chevrons to yellow and black to make them stand out more, but they will not be adding any more signs. This item will now be removed from the agenda.

Travellers on Edzell Muir

The Travellers have now moved on but have left a mess to be cleaned up. Gus will contact Cllr Scott to ask her to arrange for Angus Council to do the clean-up. Remove from Agenda. **Action: Gus**
Judith explained that there is to be an outside tap installed on the wall of the toilet at Edzell. It will be boxed in with a padlock as the water should not be used from drinking.

Blue Door Parking

The parking at the Blue Door walk is limited and is advertised on both Angus and Aberdeenshire Councils websites as a place to visit. There were plans for Aberdeenshire Council to install hardcore on the roadside at the start of the Glenesk Road to stop the verges being ruined by people parking on the grass. It is also thought that The Burn may consider keeping an area which has had hard core laid, for removal of felled trees, to allow for parking. Gus will contact Aberdeenshire Council and The Burn. **Action: Gus**

AFTERNOTE: Gus had contacted Cllr Carr of Aberdeenshire Council as had previously offered to have hardcore put on the verge at the foot of Glenesk. David Turner (The Burn) had now stated he means to retain the hard standing near the Rocks of Solitude as an alternative car park.

Ward Councillors' Report

No Councillors were at the meeting for an update.

Tony asked that thanks were minuted to Cllr Beattie for his work on getting information on the Emergency Network Mast regarding improved connectivity in Glenesk.

Correspondence

Inchbare Hall has a recycling area beside it which is not being emptied by Angus Council. Gus will ask Cllr Scott to get bins emptied and to enquire what the issue might be. **Action: Gus**

Safety Information Day

ICC Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator has requested assistance from the ICC in organising a Safety Information Day similar to one held a few years ago. It was agreed that the ICC would offer a monetary donation for assistance in paying for the location of the event. Gus will let the organiser know. **Action: Gus**

AFTERNOTE: Gus had contacted Ricky Martin who said that the idea was shelved for the time being.

Brechin Healthcare Group

The BHG is meeting with MSP Tess White regarding GP medical centres within North Angus.

The benches should be sited in the ICC area by end of next month

The BHG has met with a member of the Communities Team from Angus Council regarding opening a support for dementia sufferers and their carers. Nineteen organisations were invited to attend however only 3 were represented. The centre would be based at The Glebe (home of Brechin City FC) and would house specialised toilets.

AOCB

Little Brechin

Balrownie

It has been requested that the road through Balrownie north of Little Brechin has a 30mph limit applied. ICC is awaiting an update from the Council if this is possible.

Glendye Windfarm

Judith commented that the National Trust were currently commenting on the removal of the phrase “wild places” from the documents of the wind farm. This is currently in appeal.

Connectivity in Glenesk

There is an issue with the landline telephones and routers in Glenesk. It is wondered if the issue is trees which are leaning on the overhead lines around Auchmull. Tony was asked to contact BT to report the issue and if unable to contact BT for a suitable response. Gus will then forward if required.

Action: Tony/Gus

Bi-Annual Community Council meeting

This meeting has been cancelled until all the inaugural meetings of the Angus Community Councils have been held.

Gus thanked everyone for attending.

Next meeting: Friday 7th October 2022 at Inglis Hall, Edzell (Inaugural meeting)

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.	Removed from Agenda – June 2022

Blind Corner at Blairno, Lethnot	<p>Reapplication for Wishop Burn made March 2022-unsuccessful</p> <p>Tar has been added to edge of road. Council will continue to monitor road and amend signage if required.</p>	Removed from Agenda- November 2021
Buskhead Bridge, Glenesk	<p>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.</p>	Removed from Agenda – March 2022
School Lights Flashing	<p>Light need replaced and will be done later in 2022</p>	Removed from Agenda – June 2022
Heras fencing at East Mains	<p>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.</p>	Removed from Agenda – August 2022
Benches up Glenesk	<p>Bench has been ordered by DD9 connections to place at the top of the Mudloch. Bench should be sited late summer/early autumn</p>	Removed from Agenda – August 2022