

**INVERESK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Inaugural Meeting held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at Glenesk Hotel, Edzell.**

The Inaugural meeting was held at the Glenesk Hotel, Edzell due to no Hall Keeper attending to open the Inglis Hall (venue was booked by Angus Council).

Mhairi Dickson (Communities Officer) attended on behalf of Angus Council to be the Interim Chairperson at the start of the meeting until a chairperson was elected. It was agreed that it would be easier if the application form for Community Council elections could be scanned and submitted online. This would be beneficial for more rural communities (for a Glenesk member to deliver their papers to Forfar this would involve nearly an 80 mile round trip). Mhairi agreed to take this back to the Council.

**Office Bearer Appointments**

Chairperson – Gus Leighton

Treasurer – Alan Budge

Planning Contact – Kate Skene

Although not a member of the Community Council, Claire Wilson agreed to continue providing Secretarial duties alongside the Minute Secretary role.

**Non Office Bearing Elected Members**

Judith Gallacher

Dick Robertson

**Co-opted Members**

Tony Seivwright

Pamela Cottam

Ann Johnston

Mhairi then left the meeting, and the newly re-formed Inveresk Community Council held their October meeting with Gus as Chair.

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

**In attendance:** Cllr Nicol and Cllr Scott.

**Apologies:** Ann Johnston, Tony Seivwright, Pamela Cottam, Police Scotland and Cllr Beattie.

**The minutes** of the last meeting were approved. Proposed by Gus Leighton 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**

No applications have been received by the Council since the last meeting of the ICC.

*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.

### Treasurer's Report

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

Opening Balance	<b>1689.92</b>
Secretary Fees August and September	100.00
November Hall Fees	22.00
January/February and March 2023 Hall Fees	66.00
Menmuir Hall payment (September meet)	30.00
Lochlee Games donation	100.00
The Edzell Cottage donation	150.00
Edzell Men's Shed donation	<u>75.00</u>
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b><u>1146.92</u></b>

EVIS have been contacted regarding the uncashed cheque. They will check and if they are unable to locate the cheque, they will contact ICC to issue another one.

Claire and Alan will meet to confirm the cheque payments etc.

**Action: Claire/Alan**

Mhairi had spoken about a £250 administration grant available to Community Councils if they utilise an e-mail address for correspondence from the Council. Alan will contact the Council regarding this.

**Action: Alan**

### 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](mailto:taysidebrechinedzellcpt@scotland.police.uk)

There was no information on the Police Report regarding hare-coursing although it was noted that 1 incidence of a road traffic crime was/has been dealt with in Edzell.

### Recurring items

#### Speeding within Edzell

Gus still has had no meeting with the Roads Department regarding additional street furniture in Edzell. Cllr Scott intimated that idea of having an island at the opposite end of the High Street (alike the present set up at the Panmure Hotel) was not welcomed by some of the constituents she had spoken to. Gus agreed to compile a post for the Edzell Facebook page to assess the general opinion of the Edzell residents. Cllr Scott informed Gus that the Roads Department are prioritising what they deal with currently due to staff shortages.

**Action: Gus/Alan**

#### Crossing Attendant at Edzell Primary School

The Crossing Attendant, who was put in place while the building of the extension was in place, has been told their contract will be terminated at Christmas.

The parents and school are keen that the service remains in place. Gus has contacted the Strategic Director of Resources at Angus Council regarding this. It is thought that a new road survey will be carried out to assess the requirement of the Crossing Attendant. Cllr Scott stated that there was a government initiative to encourage pupils and parents to walk and cycle to school. Kate explained that the school no longer allow pupils to be dropped off outside the school door and all cars now have to park in the carpark on the Muir which means that the pupils must cross the busy road to the school.

Gus also reported that the egress from Inveriscandye Road to the High Street was difficult due to parking of cars close to the junction.

#### HGVs through Edzell Arch/A90 junction at Northwaterbridge

No further update since last meeting. Cllr Scott asked why the A90 junction item was on the agenda as this sat in Aberdeenshire and not part of the ICC's area. It was explained that HGV drivers do not use the junction as they feel it is unsuitable for HGV's and therefore, they all come through Edzell to use the Brechin access to the A90. This has increased the heavy traffic through Edzell and the Arch.

#### East Mains Farm Site Fencing

Heras Fencing and security gates remain in place. There are pipes currently being laid in the area. Cllr Scott asked that someone contact her via e-mail once the pipe and treatment work is finished so she can contact the relevant department to ask that the gates/fences are removed. **Action: Judith**

#### Speeding in Inchbare

No update since last meeting. Issue on-going.

#### Recycling bins at Tarfside and Caterthuns

Tony will speak to the Cairngorm National Park re: bins for Tarfside. Tony was not at the meeting to update. **Action: Tony**

#### Resilience Planning

Tess White has agreed to attend the November meeting of the ICC. Gus will contact all the parties interested in attending. Gus will also look at obtaining a current resilience plan from an area similar to ICC. **Action: Gus**

#### Blue Door Parking

Cllr Scott asked why this was on the Agenda as the Blue Door Parking is also in Aberdeenshire. It was explained that the careless parking at the Gannochy Bridge and on the Glenesk road caused issues for Glenesk residents (most of whom live in the Inveresk CC area) and Edzell residents trying to cross the bridge. The bottom part of Glenesk (1-2 miles) is in Aberdeenshire the other approx. 15 miles is in Angus and part of the ICC.

Aberdeenshire Council are discussing hardcore for the verge of the lower part of the Glenesk road, and The Burn are considering keeping an area hard cored for tree felling as additional carparking.

#### Inchbare Recycling Bins

Gus will report to the Access Line via Brechin Library.

**Action: Gus**

#### 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 not at the meeting for an update.

**Action: Tony**

#### Balrownie, Little Brechin

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 to see if this is possible.

#### **Ward Councillors' Report**

Cllr Scott asked that all issues were reported to the Access Line or the generic e-mails for the relevant department. Gus stated that when he has tried to call the AccessLine he either gets cut off or directed to the wrong departments. Cllr Scott also stated that she had issues with the AccessLine

herself when trying to obtain services for a vulnerable adult. Gus told Cllr Scott that he used to report issues via the Brechin Library. This service was stopped due to Covid, and Gus asked if it had been re-instated. Cllr Scott confirmed that the service at the library has been restarted. The Councillors had attended the ceremony for Operation Freshman held in Brechin and Edzell. Andrew Bowie MP for Aberdeenshire is voicing concerns regarding the proposed Glendye windfarm. Cllr Nicol spoke about the windfarm and how it will have a visual impact especially from Glenesk.

### **Correspondence**

Nil

### **Brechin Healthcare Group**

The BHG has had a successful meeting with Brechin City FC and Brechin City Football Trust regarding utilisation of some services/ground and buildings at Glebe Park.

### **AOCB**

#### **Remembrance Wreaths**

Alan is to purchase 2 wreaths for Edzell and Tarfside. Gus will ask Pamela and Tony if they will lay the wreaths on behalf of the ICC.

Afternote: Cllr Scott contacted ICC on 14<sup>th</sup> October to inform them that work will commence on the cable way at Edzell Muir. This work will start on 17<sup>th</sup> October and last for 6 weeks.

Gus thanked everyone for attending and thanked the Glenesk Hotel for providing last minute accommodation for the meeting.

**Next meeting: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 at Inglis Hall, Edzell**

### **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	Removed from Agenda – June 2022

	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	
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

**Approved on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022**

**Gus Leighton ..... Chair**