

INVERESK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 21st November 2022 at Inglis Memorial Hall, Edzell

Present: Gus Leighton (Chairperson), Claire Wilson (Minute Secretary), Alan Budge (Treasurer), Kate Skene (Planning Contact), Dick Robertson, Judith Gallacher, Ann Johnston and 4 members of the public.

In attendance: Tess White (MSP), Gill van Tebberen (Casework and Community Engagement Manager for Tess White's Office), Cllr Nicol and Cllr Scott.

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

The minutes of the last meeting were approved. Proposed by Dick Robertson 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**

Resilience

Gus gave a brief overview of the local resilience plan which is currently being drafted. There are plans to set up local Resilience Hubs with local volunteers. There are several sites ear-marked for the hubs, but these are not confirmed as yet. The equipment for these hubs (portable cookers, lights etc) may be purchased from Grants which are available.

Gus explained that the local Plan was initially based on an extended period without power following high winds at the beginning of the year. However, over the last week the area had been hit with extensive flooding so this would also be taken into consideration.

Angus Council Resilience Forum is meeting at Wellbank on Wednesday 23rd November – unfortunately no one from the Community Council is available to attend.

Tess White then spoke about her role in the Scottish Government and how the North East of Scotland has been hit with extreme weather in the last year causing huge issues with power outages and people being stranded due to fallen trees and flood water etc.

Tess White has visited with SSE regarding their crisis management during these times and how communication was hugely affected, and radio communication was poor.

Tess has raised a motion with Scottish Government and explained that MSP John Swinney was in charge of Resilience Planning at the Scottish Government.

Tess has also asked the Red Cross to develop a pack so that people know what they should have available for such a situation.

Tess is happy to support and advise the local area should they need regarding acquiring equipment etc.

Tess also spoke about the A90 junction at Northwaterbridge. There are currently cones/bollards etc set up in the slip road coming off from the North bound carriageway. This situation has been in place for a few weeks with no apparent work being done. Tess has been in contact with the company to get the road repaired and cones/bollards etc to be removed at the earliest opportunity.

Planning and CNP Report

There has been an application submitted for The Bank, High Street, Edzell for change of use to holiday let. This is due to new legislation which requires all holiday lets to be registered. No comment was required from the Community Council.

Cairngorm National Park

There are plans to restore some of the peat areas at Invermark. No update at this time.
CNP meeting is happening at the Lecht on 30/11/22. Tony has expressed an interest in attending.

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	1146.00
Secretary Fees October and November	<u>100.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>1046.92</u>

EVIS have now located the cheque given as a donation. They will deposit the cheque and contact the ICC if there are any issues due to the length of time since cheque was written.

Alan is still awaiting confirmation of the internet banking. All paperwork has been submitted.

Alan confirmed accounts have been sent to Angus Council.

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

Recurring items

Speeding within Edzell

Gus still has had no meeting with the Roads Department regarding additional street furniture in Edzell. Gus has compiled a post for the Edzell Facebook page to assess the general opinion of the Edzell residents regarding additional street furniture and road islands towards the South end of the village.

Action: 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 visited the school and spoken to the Head Teacher. It was suggested that the PTA send a letter/petition to the Council with the concerns and the ICC will support this.

AFTERNOTE: We understand that the Crossing Attendant's contract has now been extended to the end of June 2023.

HGVs through Edzell Arch/A90 junction at Northwaterbridge

No further update since last meeting. Judith reported that another meeting with MSP's, Aberdeenshire Council and the company responsible for repairs on A90 (formerly BEAR Scotland) is to be organised but as yet no date has been set. The priority system for the Edzell Arch is planned on a trial basis – no date as yet for commencing.

East Mains Farm Site Fencing

Heras Fencing and security gates remain in place. There are pipes currently being laid in the area. Cllr Scott has visited the site. The heras fencing can remain in place whilst works are in progress. Cllr

Scott has spoken to the Planning Department regarding the concerns. The plan is to await the completion of the sewage works and then review.

Speeding in Inchbare

Correspondence received from a resident regarding the continued speeding through Inchbare. The Pop-up Policemen have been placed in Inchbare and the Police will continue to monitor vehicles speeds when able.

Recycling bins at Tarfside

Tony will speak to the Cairngorm National Park re: bins for Tarfside. Tony was not at the meeting to update. The Caterthuns will not receive recycling bins as it is felt that they may not be used appropriately.

Action: Tony

Resilience Planning

Discussed at start of meeting with MSP Tess White (see above).

Blue Door Parking

No update from last meeting.

Inchbare Recycling Bins

The recycling bins have now been emptied. This item will be removed from the Agenda.

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

AFTERNOTE: There are plans to increase the height of 2 towers in Glenesk which should improve mobile coverage.

Balrownie, Little Brechin

It has been requested that the road through Balrownie north of Little Brechin has a 30mph limit applied. No update from Angus Council at the time of meeting. All villages, etc are to reassessed by Angus Council by 31 March 2023 regarding appropriate speed limits. This item will be put on the unresolved items until further information is available.

Ward Councillors' Report

Cllr Nicol and Cllr Scott have both been busy with case work. Cllr Nicol has been attending meetings. Cllr Scott spoke about the recent local flooding. Alan spoke about the culverts in Edzell which were kept clear until the burn headed into the woods beside the Edzell Golf Club. It is thought that due to the felled trees from the storms earlier this year that these are blocking the burn and causing the water to "back up". Gus will contact Dalhousie Estates to request an update on the clearing of this area and to ask that the area of the burn is prioritised.

Action: Gus

AFTERNOTE: Dalhousie claim they have applied for Prior Permission to remove the fallen trees. This work would include clearing the Wishop Burn of broken branches, etc.

Correspondence

Scottish Forestry – There are 3 proposed woodlands in the ICC area for planting. The plans are all being planted with mixed forest – no need for the Community Council to comment.

Duriehill Development – Letter has been received asking what was happening with the development and also the road widening for the development. Guild Homes have informed the ICC that they are

completing a development at another site and works on Duriehill will commence in 2023. The road widening for the development has been completed. Claire has contacted the person to let them know of the above.

Stracathro Wreath – It was understood that Mr Campbell-Adamson supplied the wreath for the Stracathro War Memorial. This would appear to be a misunderstanding as no wreath was supplied this year. This has upset the local residents. Ann will contact Mr Campbell-Adamson to confirm her previous conversation and update the ICC. **Action: Ann**

Brechin Healthcare Group

The benches have now arrived and will be put in place (possibly springtime).

The BHG have another meeting with the Brechin City Football Trust tomorrow.

The BHG are involved with a food initiative. This will offer £5 voucher which can be used to buy food from local business who have agreed to be involved in this initiative. The BHG will distribute the vouchers from Glebe Park in Brechin and are currently looking for a venue in Edzell. This initiative will run until the end of December. Dick will forward a poster to Alan to put on the Edzell Facebook Page. **Action: Dick/Alan**

The DD9 info leaflet has gone to print. One of the articles in it is where the defibrillators of the area are housed.

AOCB

Arch Lights

There has been a complaint regarding the lights at the Arch “blinding” drivers. Members of EVIS were at the meeting and informed the ICC that the lights have been altered and were at their maximum so could not be altered further.

Fireworks

EVIS were congratulated on the spectacular firework display in Edzell. They said that the event had gone well but the bus companies had cancelled some services despite being asked to provide more buses to ensure everyone got home safely.

Review of Kerbside Recycling

The ICC had been notified of a proposed change of timings for the grey recycling bins. Due to the Deposit Return Scheme for Scotland beginning in 2023 introducing a 20p deposit on drinks containers (including plastic and cans), it is thought that this will mean the grey recycling bins will not need emptied as often. The Council are carrying out a community engagement exercise to gather the public’s view. This survey is available online via the Angus Council website. There were a few comments at the meeting regarding whether the deposit banks would be available in rural areas or only in towns. It also voiced that it may cause a large amount of work for small businesses. The link to the survey has already been posted on the Edzell Facebook page.

Advertising of Community Council Meetings

Claire will restart putting posters up at various places advertising the ICC meetings. The meeting dates are on the website also.

Gritting in Edzell

As last year, Claire is to print off and distribute posters around Edzell.

Action: Claire

Standing Order and Constitution

The Constitution and Standing Order for Inveresk Community Council was agreed at the meeting. The Standing Order was signed by Gus, Alan and Ann and Claire will send to Angus Council to be signed in agreement.

Action: Claire

Gus thanked everyone for attending.

Next meeting: No meeting in December

Monday 16th January 2023 at Inglis Hall, Edzell

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-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
Benches up Glensesk	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
Balrownie 30mph limit	Suggestion given to Angus Council to make are 30mph – awaiting decision from Council	Removed from Agenda – November 2022

Approved on 16th January 2023

Gus Leighton (Chairperson) and Judith Gallagher