

**INVERESK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at Inglis Memorial Hall, Edzell**

**Present:** Dick Robertson (Interim Chair), Claire Wilson (Minute Secretary), Alan Budge (Treasurer), Kate Skene (Planning Contact), Judith Gallacher, and 3 members of the public.

**In attendance:** Cllr Nicol, Cllr Scott, Cllr Beattie and representatives of Balfour Beattie and SSE.

**Apologies:** Gus Leighton (Chairperson), Pamela Cottam, Tony Seivwright, Ann Johnston and Sgt Tracy Brown of Police Scotland.

**The minutes** of the last meeting were approved following changes requested by Cllr Scott and Beattie. 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**

**SSEN Transmission East Coast Upgrade Project**

Various members of Balfour Beattie and SSE attended the meeting regarding the compound being created at the North end of Edzell for the above project.

The members of Balfour Beattie and SSE gave an informative talk regarding:

- Overview of the project
- Access and Egress from the compound to the A90
- Driving Behavioural Safety and rules drivers should abide by. A member of the public asked that Inchbare be included in the driving safety information.
- Community involvement and projects
- Why Edzell was chosen as the site - (central for distribution, close to quarry for building materials, close to A90).
- Why not other sites (Brechin Industrial Site, Edzell Woods etc) – site on wrong side of the A90, size of site at Edzell not available at other sites and would mean that the compound would have to be on various sites.
- Why no planning application to the ICC – Project given consent by Angus Council and due to the nature of the project it did not need the same consent as normal planning.
- How many more HGV's will come through the village? – this will depend on the progress of the project and where the work is happening. Balfour Beattie and SSE confirmed that they could set times for deliveries (e.g not to coincide with the Primary School going in and out) and spoke again of the strict criteria and monitoring their drivers had to follow.
- Risk to bridge structures on roads from A90 to compound – there are no weight restrictions currently in place on any of the bridges so no restrictions to HGV's apply.
- Concern re: Arch – all drivers were reminded of the Arch on their training.

Due to the increase in traffic and bigger vehicles (due to the poor junction access at Northwaterbridge for travelling south) it was asked if the Councillors could expediate the road traffic calming measures agreed by the Council for the Arch. The Councillors will ask but explained that there were regulations to be followed when changing road priorities.

Judith asked for a copy of the report that SSE/Balfour Beattie completed looking at the Northwaterbridge junction. The group agreed to supply that.

One member of the public asked about advertisement of the compound being constructed. Alan stated that there had been an announcement by the ICC on the Edzell Facebook Page. SSE agreed that if a public meeting was required that they would advertise it on the local press also.

The compound and project are planned to be onsite for 3 years until completion of the project.

No other questions arose, and Dick thanked SSE and Balfour Beattie for attending.

Balfour Beattie, SSE and 1 member of the public left the meeting at this time.

### **Planning and CNP Report**

Kennels, Briarton at Little Brechin- Proposed conversion of former kennel building to dwelling house – no reason for ICC to comment.

Land 200m north of Blairno Cottage, Lethnot – siting and appearance of a 25m high lattice telecommunication tower and associated equipment – Gus will inform neighbours of application, but it thought that the tower will aid telecommunications in the area – no reason for ICC to comment.

Proposed Porch Extension to dwelling house and erection of garden pod at Carwell, Menmuir - no reason for ICC to comment.

Change of Use for 1 Union Street, Edzell to short term holiday let – no reason for ICC to comment.

Extension to house at Broomfield Cottages, Barrelwell, Brechin to make garden room – 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](http://www.energyconsents.scot/ApplicationDetails.aspx). No recent movement on this but a watching brief will be kept.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Opening Balance	£1146.92
Secretary Fees (January and February)	- 100.00
Remembrance Wreath re-imburement to Alan	- 74.80
Angus Council Grant	+ 400.00
	<u>£1372.12</u>

Alan confirmed that the EVIS cheque has been cashed so no cheques were now outstanding. Alan is still awaiting confirmation of the internet banking. All paperwork has been submitted. The year-end accounts have now 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](mailto:taysidebrechinedzellcpt@scotland.police.uk)

### **Recurring items**

#### Crossing Attendant at Edzell Primary School

Cllr Scott expressed disappointment at the misrepresentation of the local Councillors on the recent STV news report on the Crossing Attendant at Edzell Primary School. Cllr Beattie also stated that the Council were not looking at the future of the attendant at Newbigging School. Cllr Scott stated that she has asked Gus to retract the information that was given at the STV news report but that has not been forthcoming.

Cllr Beattie confirmed that the Parent Council have been given all the information they requested. It was asked if the Balfour Beattie/SSE compound traffic would make any difference to the decision to remove the crossing attendant. It was thought that this would not change the outcome of removing the Crossing Patrol. The traffic monitoring at the school had been based on 2 scoring systems (using ROSPA guidelines) and Edzell had failed on both. Cllr Scott reminded the meeting that the Crossing Patrol had been a temporary measure and the Council has offered to assist the school and Parent Council in setting up a walking bus system to ensure the pupil's safety when walking to school.  
AFTERNOTE: Crossing Attendant has been retained meantime.

#### Resilience

No update

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

No update. SSE/Balfour Beattie have agreed to send their report of assessing the junction for their compound traffic to ICC.

#### Recycling bins at Tarfside

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

**Action: Tony**

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

**Action: Tony**

AFTERNOTE: It is understood that BT have now upgraded the line up Glenesk to fibreoptic.

#### Stracathro Wreaths

Ann was not at the meeting to update.

**Action: Ann**

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

Cllr Scott and Cllr Nicoll have been busy with Councillor duties and meetings.

Cllr Beattie has also been busy with duties and meetings. He also stated that the budget meeting for Angus Council will happen next week. He has forwarded the information/link to Claire who has forwarded it on to the ICC members.

**Action: Claire**

[https://www.angus.gov.uk/council\\_and\\_democracy/committees/agendas\\_reports\\_and\\_minutes](https://www.angus.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/committees/agendas_reports_and_minutes)  
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He also reminded the meeting that there has been a change in planning policy. The National Planning Framework 4 has now been brought into effect and this will replace NPF3 and also Tayplan which will no longer be used in planning decisions. NPF4 is available here:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/national-planning-framework-4/documents/>

Cllr Beattie has also forwarded on some useful information and links regarding HGV Satellite Navigation as promised.

#### **Correspondence**

##### Review of Angus Licensing Board's Statement of Licensing Policy

Angus Council has begun the latest review of its licencing policy. The policy will seek to promote the licensing objectives of:- preventing crime and disorder, securing public safety, preventing public nuisance, protecting and improving public health and protecting children and younger persons from

harm. The board are seeking views on any of the areas of the policy. It was agreed that there was no reason to comment from the ICC.

#### Queen's Well, Glenesk

A member of the public has voiced concern regarding the state of the Queen's Well, Glenesk. Claire has contacted Invermark Estates (the well lies on their ground) who have confirmed that they will look at remedial works at the Well in the Spring when the temperature and weather improves. Claire has kept the member of the public up to date.

#### Insurance Paperwork

Request for information regarding the ICC's Public Liability insurance has been received. Claire has forwarded to Gus and Alan to complete. **Action: Gus/Alan**

#### **Brechin Healthcare Group**

The Jenner Centre is only open for Footcare (Mondays 1000-1600hrs) and Hearing Aid services (Tuesday and Friday 1000-1200hrs).

Penumbra book fortnightly on Monday mornings.

The £5 food voucher scheme has started again this is available on Fridays 1000-1200hrs at Edzell Health Centre and also at the Jenner Centre 1000-1200hrs when they are open. The vouchers have to be redeemed by 31<sup>st</sup> March. The same shops are participating as last time apart from Little Poland which has closed. Dick will send the link to Claire for Alan to add to the Edzell Facebook Page. **Action: Dick/Claire/Alan**

Issue 6 of DD9 connections is now out with an increased number of advertisers. Unfortunately, many of these are charities and voluntary organisations and therefore don't pay for the advertising space. It certainly seems well received and people look forward to reading it. DD9 connections is available in Edzell GP's, Charity Shop, Edzell and the Tuck Inn. Issue 6 has some tips for saving money this winter with rising energy costs.

The Healthcare Group are progressing slowly in their plan to offer support to people with dementia and their families based on the Dutch model as run in Kirriemuir

[www.kirrieconnections.com/meeting-centre](http://www.kirrieconnections.com/meeting-centre)

Forfar, Montrose and Arbroath have recently set up Meeting Centres and they hope Brechin and Edzell will be next (Edzell is working towards being a Dementia Friendly Village). They will be working with and expanding on the existing provision in the area such as Alzheimer Scotland. At the moment they have a working group of around 20 who consist of professionals, families and interested others but they are looking for an even wider representation to show interest in what they are doing and offer their support in various ways as they move forward. They are still awaiting planning permission for the buildings at The Glebe.

#### **AOCB**

##### Tayside Contract Community Funding

The Wishop burn application has been unsuccessful as it will cost £5,000 to £10,000 to repair, following an assessment from Angus Council. Alan does not think that the repairs will cost that much. Judith will send photographs to Cllr Beattie and Alan will assess and report back to Cllr Beattie with his thoughts. **Action: Judith/Alan**

#### Westwater Bridge

The barriers are still in place at the bridge and are frequently blown over onto the road. No update on any repairs being carried out yet. Claire will report to the AccessLine. **Action: Claire**

### Tarfside Field

A report of the gate being broken at the camping field at Tarfside had been received. Tony was not at the meeting but Kate reports it is not the gate but the main fence post that has broken. She does not think that there is a concern that animals will escape through it.

### Gully Cleaning

A resident of Inchbare has reported the gully's requiring clearing to Angus Council. They were told that the Council regularly clean the gullies (every 6 month). The following week after reporting the issue the gullies were cleared.

### Speeding in Inchbare

A resident asked why Inchbare speeding issue been removed from the Agenda. It was explained that it was agreed that the ICC felt that there was little more they could do and the Council budget is limited to assist in such issues. It was drawn to the residents notice that Edzell's speeding issue was also removed from the Agenda due to the same conclusion.

The resident informed the ICC that they had a residents meeting planned with Police Scotland regarding the issue with traffic through the village. They also voiced concerns that the new houses have no fencing between them and the road.

### Safety of septic tank at new houses, Inchbare

Residents voiced concern regarding the children playing near the septic tank opening at the new houses in Inchbare. When asked if the tank had a padlock/lock on it the residents did not know but felt the area needed tidied up. It is unknown if the resident has contacted Stracathro Estates directly to report the same.

### Benches

Dick reported that the benches have arrived and will be in place once the weather improves.

### Planning

Kate will be taking some time off from planning whilst she has her baby. Judith has kindly agreed to support Kate until she returns fully to the role.

Dick thanked everyone for attending.

**Next meeting: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at Inglis Hall, Edzell**

**Issues unable to be resolved fully by ICC 2023**

<b><u>Issue</u></b>	<b><u>Action Taken</u></b>	<b><u>Date Removed from Agenda</u></b>
Speeding in ICC area	20mph now in Edzell with buffering zones. Rumble strips placed on either end of High Street when entering Edzell. Traffic island sited at north end of village to aid school pupils crossing. VAS signs sited in Inchbare. Buffering zones at either entrance to Inchbare on main B966 road. Pop up Police made available to use at Edzell and Inchbare.	Removed from Agenda – January 2023

**Approved on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

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