

INVERESK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 20th June 2022 at Lethnot Hall.

Present: Gus Leighton (Chairperson), Claire Wilson (Minute Secretary), Kate Skene (Planning Liaison), Alan Budge (Treasurer), Dick Robertson, Judith Gallacher, Tony Seivwright and 2 members of the public.

In attendance: Cllr Scott, Cllr Nicol and Cllr Beattie.

Apologies: Pamela Cottam, Ann Johnston and Police Scotland.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved. Proposed by Gus Leighton and seconded by Dick Robertson. 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 May meeting. Tukdah, Little Wynd, Edzell application for extension – agreed no reason to comment. Hillhead, Careston – erection of shed. This application sits on the edge of the ICC area but it is agreed that no comment is required. Tillybardine Farm, Lethnot – decision awaited.

Cairngorm National Park

There are plans to restore some of the peat areas at Invermark. Tony will look at the maps of the plans and discuss if required. **Action: Tony**

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

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| Opening Balance | £574.31 |
| Secretary Fee | - <u>50.00</u> |
| Closing Balance | <u>£524.31</u> |

End of year Accounts have still to be submitted to the Council. Alan has confirmed he will send them at the end of the week. **Action: Alan**

It is unsure if the donation from Guild Homes has been received. The bank told Gus it was received although Alan stated that the donation was not on the most recent paper statement from the bank. Due to the imminent closure of the bank in Brechin Alan will set up internet banking for the ICC.

Action: Alan

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 was confirmed.

Police Report

The Police Report had been distributed to all the Community Council members before the meeting. Sgt Mustard is moving on from his job and a new Sergeant will be in place shortly.

AFTERNOTE: Sgt Peter Mustard was replaced by Sgt Tracy Brown.

Recurring items

Speeding within Edzell

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

Cllr Nicol will ask the Roads Department to contact Gus.

Action: Cllr Nicol

Alan mentioned some local farm vehicles shedding dung from their trailers when moving due to being overloaded. Although it was agreed that the area is a farming community this would still be classed as an insecure load.

Defibrillator Insurance

EVIS will meet this week to decide regarding the defibrillator insurance. Alan confirmed at AOCB that he checks the defibrillator and cleans the cabinet it is held in. He receives e-mail reminders to do this.

School Warning Lights

The lights continue to constantly flash at Edzell School. Cllr Beattie has contacted the Roads Department regarding this and has found out that the signs are due to be replaced shortly across Angus.

Riverside Path

Dalhousie Estate and the Men's Shed in Edzell have made several repairs. This item will now be removed from the agenda.

HGVs through Edzell Arch

The Council have plans to have additional signage erected at the Edzell Arch to prevent another high vehicle striking the Arch. The proposed plans (signage and priority system with raised kerbs) will be uploaded to the Edzell Facebook page (**Action: Alan**) asking for comments to Gus who will consolidate overall views and submit them to the Council.

Action: Gus

Alan spoke about the farmers concern regarding the proposed plans and the ability to get combine harvesters and farm implements through.

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.

Cllr Beattie has been in touch with BEAR but as at time of the meeting has had no response.

AFTERNOTE: BEAR's report on junction not ready, so the meeting is postponed until the end of July 2022.

East Mains Farm Site Fencing

Heras Fencing and security gates remain in place. Judith has been in touch with the Council (Planning Enforcement) they claimed that the fencing may be claimed as "deemed consent" having but it unknow what this means. Alan will send any information he has regarding the site and Judith will send this to Cllr Scott if required.

Action: Alan

Cycling, walking and safer routes grant

The application for Wishop Bridge has been unsuccessful.

Speeding in Inchbare

No update.

Remembrance Wreath

No update as Anne was not at the meeting.

Action: Ann

Benches in Glenesk

Tony has received no reply from Millden. The benches will be sited late summer.

Dangerous Drain North of Tarfside

The drain site has been inspected by the Roads Department and has been deemed satisfactory. However, Tony confirmed that some potholes in the area have now been repaired following the inspection.

Tony will contact the cyclist to ask them to report the incident retrospectively, if not already done, to ensure it is recorded.

Action: Tony

Ward Councillors' Report

Cllr Nicol stated that he was dealing with constituents' issues and attending training for his new roles.

Cllr Beattie has been continuing his training and dealing with the issues allocated to him at the last ICC meeting.

Cllr Scott spoke about the Cycling and Safer Routes which successfully received funding for the Brechin area. Cllr Scott has been contacted by several local residents regarding the recent traveller encampment on the Edzell Muir.

Correspondence

Travellers on Edzell Muir

The travellers have now moved on. Kate stated that they had left the site clean on departing. The Council will look at the lock which protects the barrier to prevent it being breached again.

Park and Burial Site Consultation

There are several proposed amendments to the rules regarding Parks and also Burial Sites in Angus. Gus asked all present at the meeting to respond to Gus with their comments and he will contact the Council.

Action: All Councillors/Gus

Resilience Planning

Tess White MSP has offered to attend a meeting of the ICC to discuss resilience planning in the area following the recent destructive storms. EVIS are holding a meeting with the Council to discuss getting a key for the Inglis Hall so that they can use the hall as a hub to provide food etc to the local community in the future if another similar incident occurs.

Balnemoon Forestry Plans

A Plan for replanting trees had been received for the Balnemoon area. It was felt that there was no need for the ICC to comment. The plans seemed reasonable for the area.

SEPA Forecast

Information had been received from the Edzell Flood Group regarding this. It was felt that any service that helped forecast and prevent potential flooding was a benefit.

Suspicious Visitor

There had been an incident of a man attending Council houses which had recently had insulation applied to the outside. There is a concern that there has been a leak of information. The Police are aware of the situation and investigating.

Brechin Healthcare Group

The BHG has been encouragingly busy with audiology and their nail cutting service is in great demand.

New interest from Mediation service working with the housing department. (They mediate in housing complaints).

The BHG have attended a meeting led by Graham Galloway from Kirrie Connections about establishing a meeting centre which gives support to people with early to mid-stage dementia. They are looking to identify premises where they can provide this service for those from both Edzell and Brechin. It would be run by 3 paid workers who would receive 8 weeks training provided by the University of Worcester.

Brechin Infirmary appears to be out of reach despite them offering an additional £100 000. Their final attempt was to write to every NHS Tayside board member and various Government ministers spelling out the benefits to the people in N E Angus. They have not received one single response. Cllr Beattie disputed this and stated that Mairi Gougeon has replied, and he will forward the response to Dick.

Action: Cllr Beattie

They have now started discussions with another organisation within the town to see if it is feasible to join forces with a view to sharing a site to expand their support to benefit the people of the DD9 area.

AOCB

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. There had been a strong wind over the last weekend and another tree had fully blown over and blocked the road. Cllr Beattie will speak to the Roads Department regarding the safety. The woods belong to Dalhousie Estates, and it is thought that it will be their responsibility to make the trees safe.

Action: Cllr Beattie

Geddes Quarry Residents Group

Anne had updated the ICC to state that they had held another meeting between the residents and Geddes. This group was set up to address concerns by the residents of Inchbare regarding the Geddes traffic through the village. This meeting went well, and it was agreed that the traffic issues were now settled so the meetings would be held annually but more frequently if concerns increased.

Gus asked Cllr Beattie to contact the Roads Department regarding a dead deer which was lying on the verge of the road in the Caterthun area.

Action: Cllr Beattie

Dick spoke about the taxi service being facilitated by the Brechin Healthcare Group. This service has been well used but it is thought the funding will run out in the next couple of weeks.

Tony asked that a recycling bin was sited at the Tarfside Campsite and Gus requested that the same was sited at the Catherthuns also. Cllr Nicol will contact the relevant department. **Action: Cllr Nicol**

Tony asked what the situation was with Buskhead Bridge. Gus explained that there was nothing further the Community Council could do on this matter, and it was understood that a local resident's group was being set up to take it forward. Tony will write a letter to Cllr Beattie requesting the involvement of Mairi Gougeon MSP with this matter. Claire will forward on any e-mail she still has regarding the Buskhead Bridge to Tony.

Action: Tony/Claire

Gus thanked everyone for attending.

**Next meeting: No meeting in July
Monday 15th August 2022 at Glenesk Folk Museum (Formerly The Retreat)**

Issues unable to be resolved fully by ICC

| <u>Issue</u> | <u>Action Taken</u> | <u>Date Removed from Agenda</u> |
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| 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 |

