

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

**Present:** Gus Leighton (Chair), Claire Wilson (Minute Secretary), Judith Gallacher (Interim Planning Contact), Dick Robertson, Ann Johnston and 1 member of the public.

**In attendance:** Deirdre Stewart (Estate Manager, Dalhousie Estates), Craig Lafferty (Investment Manager, Angus Council) and Mark Richardson (Ristol Consulting/Dalhousie Estates)

**Apologies:** Alan Budge (Treasurer), Kate Skene (Planning Contact), Cllr Nicol, Cllr Scott, Cllr Beattie and representative of Police Scotland.

**The minutes** of the last meeting were approved. The minutes were proposed by Judith and seconded by Dick. 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**

**Angus Rural Mobility Hub**

Mark Richardson gave a brief overview of the project which is aimed at improving transport links within the local area whilst keeping a low carbon footprint (e.g more electric charging points, promoting car sharing etc) . The hub would be based between the Business Park and the Castle Garden Centre in Brechin. Funding will be provided by the Tay Cities Region Deal. There is to be a consultation event on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at the Brechin Community Campus 1300-1930hrs. Mark will forward the flyer to be placed on the Edzell Facebook page. **Action: Claire/Alan**

**Travellers on Edzell Muir**

Gus has been contacted by people who are concerned that travellers will take residence on the Edzell Muir again this year. Gus took the opportunity to bring up the subject whilst there was representation from Dalhousie Estates. Deirdre confirmed that Dalhousie Estates no longer required access to fields through the locked barrier at the top of the muir. Deirdre also confirmed that although the Estate would be willing to consider restricting the access to the Muir, if there was a legal challenge to restricting the travelling people's ability to exercise their right of access to the site, then such a challenge would be directed to Dalhousie Estates. She will investigate the travellers legal right of access before any action is taken with regard to the inhibiting of their access to the site.

Deirdre, Mark and Craig then left the meeting.

**Planning and CNP Report**

Balrownie – no update.

Base Station installation and woodland creation at Waggles, Glenesk – base station appears to improve the signal for large parts of Glenesk, so no comment required. There was also a discussion if the mast on Bulg Hill was erected to assist with the local school's access to signal and IT. It is unknown if the mast has been erected.

There were 2 comments regarding the woodland creation - removal of vole guards round bottom of trees when saplings out grow them (biodegradable also acceptable). Also, to ensure broadleaf trees were planted in the woodland and not just evergreen. Claire will contact the Woodland Trust with the comments. **Action: Claire**

*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**

No update. Alan was not at the meeting.

### **Inglis Hall**

AngusAlive is to hand back the management of Inglis Hall, Edzell to Angus Council. It is hoped that a Community Group will take on the running of the Hall. It is thought that a discussion with the management team of the City Hall, Brechin might be advisable before any commitment to take on the running of Inglis Hall.

Gus will contact the Councillors to ask for more information.

**Action: Gus**

### **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**

#### Resilience

Angus Community Resilience Forum meeting at Wellbank Village Hall on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April @ 1900hrs. Gus will try to attend.

Gus will apply for grants to obtain equipment for the Lethnot Hall hub. It may be required to find a different building for Edzell depending on the outcome of the Inglis Hall. No response has been received from Stracathro Hall and Menmuir Hall have declined the opportunity to act as a hub, mainly due to storage issues.

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

No update. SSE/Balfour Beattie are no longer happy to send their report of assessing the junction for their compound traffic to ICC. Judith will investigate the reason for this further. **Action: Judith**

#### Wishop Burn Bridge

Cllr Scott has spoken to the Chairman at the Caledonian Railway in Brechin, and they have wooden sleepers and old railway lines available to assist in repairs. Judith and Alan to investigate who may be able/willing to do the work. **Action: Alan/Judith**

#### Westwater Bridge Barriers

The barriers have now been securely tied in and weighted down.

#### Blue Door Walk

Aberdeenshire Council have replied that they are meeting to discuss finance for repairing the road verges due to the parking issues at Gannochy. Gus will discuss the offer of a parking area (created for the extraction of the fallen trees) from The Burn Estate with Angus Council.

**Action: Gus**

#### 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

Although the internet connection has been improved. It is unknown if the overhead phonedlines have been repaired. Tony was not at the meeting to update.

### Stracathro Wreaths

Ann informed the ICC that if the Estate was unable to provide a Remembrance wreath, then the local residents will contribute and provide. This will now be removed from the agenda.

### Vent/Access at New Houses Inchbare

Concern had been raised that the children from the new houses were playing in an area next to the houses which had a vent/access to the sewage/heating system. Claire has contacted Stracathro Estates and they will ensure the vent/access is secure.

### **Ward Councillors' Report**

No Councillors were available to attend the meeting.

E-mail updates were received.

Councillors have been contacted by several people regarding the Inglis Hall. It was announced at the recent budget that AngusAlive are handing back the hall to Angus Council in October 2023. The Brechin Museum is also being handed back in October. Angus Council officers are drawing up plans for each of these buildings and hope to start consulting with communities/groups in May, in the hope that the buildings can be managed by community groups in each location. Cllr Scott explained that there couldn't be a consultation beforehand as it was only a proposal until the budget setting took place at the beginning of March.

Cllr Scott assisted in putting through the amendment which removed the Cash 2 proposals whereby people paying cash at a post office or pay point would have been charged to do so. She also assisted in securing no increase to the cost of school meals.

The Councillors continue to work with constituents with any issues they have.

### **Correspondence**

#### Insurance Paperwork

Gus has completed his part of the Insurance paperwork and has sent it to Alan for completion.

**Action: Alan**

### **Brechin Healthcare Group**

The Jenner Centre is open for Footcare and Hearing Aid Services. They have interest from a project run by Angus Women's Aid to hire space for 10 weeks. They are coming to have a look to see if the space is suitable.

The food vouchers will continue until the end of the month for anyone with a DD9 postcode being eligible. There has been an increase in the number of people in and around Edzell collecting them.

The group continue to develop plans for supporting those affected by dementia. The group had a successful first meeting at Airlie Gardens (Sheltered Housing in Brechin). It was suggested that The Cottage may be a suitable venue in Edzell if needed.

### **AOCB**

#### Bi-annual Meeting with Angus Council

This will take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 1700-1930hrs both face to face and virtually. Claire will forward Dick and Gus's interest in attending.

**Action: Claire**

Potholes in carpark across from Edzell Primary School

There have been several complaints regarding the state of the carpark on the Muir at Edzell across from the school. Claire will report this issue to the AccessLine.

**Action: Claire**

Guild Homes

Ann has had several enquires regarding an update on the planned Guild Homes in Edzell. Gus will forward contact details for Guild Homes to Ann.

**Action: Gus**

Gully blocked at the Edzell Arch

There is an issue with flooding at the Arch. Despite the gullies being cleared there continues to be issues. It is thought this is due to the Wishop Burn being blocked by fallen trees in the wood area. The woods are being cleared and it is hoped that this should then resolve the issue.

Speeding in Inchbare

Police Scotland held a helpful and informative meeting with an Inchbare resident. They have told the resident that they will try to have a visible presence as often as possible.

Benches

Dick reported the DD9 bench has been sited on Edzell Muir. He has heard nothing from Tony regarding siting of a bench up Glenesk. It was suggested that Dick contact Dalhousie Estate/Millden Estate directly regarding siting a bench in the Mudloch layby.

Gus thanked everyone for attending.

**Next meeting: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May at Stracathro Hall. No meeting in April**

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

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>	<u>Date Removed from Agenda</u>
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 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

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