

INVERESK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of meeting held on Monday 15th May 2023 at Stracathro Hall, Inchbare

Present: Gus Leighton (Chair), Claire Wilson (Minute Secretary), Judith Gallacher (Interim Planning Contact), Alan Budge (Treasurer), Dick Robertson, and 22 members of the public.

Apologies: Ann Johnston, 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 Dick and seconded by Gus. 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

Upgrade of 3 hill tracks in Lethnot – it was agreed by ICC that no comment was required.

Extension of shooting range at Dalbog – agreed at the meeting that no comment was required.

Grain drier at Balrownie – Judith will submit a comment to Angus Council requiring further information **Action - Judith**

Several concerns were voiced by the public regarding the potential increased traffic on the road due to the application and Gus stated that Angus Council had already been informed of this concern by ICC for the other site applications.

Gus explained that there had been a request to the Council to reduce the speed limit on the road at Balrownie to 30 mph and a decision on this was being awaited.

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. No recent movement on this but a watching brief will be kept.

Treasurer's Report

Alan gave a rundown of the accounts. He is organising the auditing of the accounts.

Insurance form has now been submitted.

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.

The report also warned regarding scams which were occurring in the area.

For non-urgent issues local residents can contact the local police on

taysidebrechinedzellcpt@scotland.police.uk

SSEN Transmission East Coast

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the proposed structure of pylons, substations and the necessary structures to support this plan between Tealing and Kintore.

The proposed plans by SSEN would be to run the line overland and would run in the ICC area between Inchbare and Edzell.

People had attended the consultation held in Brechin and concern was expressed over various issues

- lack of information given by SSEN prior to the consultation. SSEN had told locals that they had attended a meeting of the ICC to discuss the proposal. Gus explained that SSEN and

Balfour Beattie had attended the February meeting of the ICC, but this was to discuss the upgrade of another project and creation of the compound at the north of Edzell village and the plan to support the increased traffic that this would bring to the area. No comment was made at that meeting of the proposed new structures.

- it would appear that the residents of Inchbare did not receive the flyer that was distributed by SSEN to the public and it was felt by the residents that this was a deliberate omission.
- impact caused to views in the area
- did not fit the criteria for consultation
- reduction in house prices and ability to sell home
- reduction in Wi-Fi signal causing issues with connectivity and ability to work from home which in turn could cause a loss of income.
- lines being put overground as cheaper than burying them
- strong correlation between electromagnetic field and childhood leukaemia
- interference to mobile signal which could risk life if trying to contact the emergency services
- concern re: bridges coping with additional traffic with heavy loads
- possible effect of electromagnetic field on home medical equipment, e.g. a home dialysis machine.

Gus encouraged all the attendees to comment to the SSEN, MSP's and MP's individually and he planned to take the item to the meeting with Angus Council and all Angus Community Councils to ensure the information is widely available and to "join forces" in objecting to the proposed project as it stands presently. Mearns Community Council will also be contacted, and Gus hoped to hold a meeting with them all in the next 2 weeks to discuss.

Gus distributed a flier to the attendees of the meeting informing who to contact to object and this will also be posted on the Edzell Facebook page. Gus will also contact The Courier to ask them to run a report to ensure the issue is given widespread publication. **Action: Gus**

Cllr Beattie had sent some useful links with his report for the meeting. These links were on the distributed flier. Cllr Nicol has also stated via an e-mail that he has had a lot of enquiries regarding the proposal from residents and he had passed these on to the MSP.

3 members of the public left the meeting at this point.

Recurring items

Resilience

Gus briefed the public on the plans for the ICC area in the event of a prolonged power outage.

Lethnot Hall – happy to be hub and plans in place to apply for grant for equipment

Menmuir Hall – not suitable due to no storage area for equipment

Stracathro Hall – setting up their own hub no input required from ICC at this time

Little Brechin – Farm building earmarked for use

Folk Museum, Glenesk – no response to e-mail

Inglis Hall, Edzell – earmarked for use however the buildings ownership has been returned to Angus Council and they are looking for a local team to take over the running. Gas cookers were also recently removed (due to safety concerns) | which were a large factor in using this building.

HGVs through Edzell Arch/A90 junction at Northwaterbridge

No update.

Wishop Burn Bridge

Judith has contacted Balfour Beattie to enquire if they would assist in refurbishing the bridge.

Awaiting a reply.

Blue Door Walk

The Burn have now closed off the access to the potential parking areas on the Glenesk road as they have not had any contact from Angus Council. This item will now be removed from the ICC Agenda.

Inglis Hall

No update from Council.

Dick suggested getting the members of the City Hall to come to speak to any potential interested parties to taking on the running of the Hall.

Access to Edzell Muir

It is reported that someone was looking at the lock on the barrier at the top of Edzell Muir (White Van). This was reported to Police and the Council, and the lock has been checked and is secure. Dalhousie Estate do not plan to restrict access to the Muir any further. It was suggested that a ditch round the whole muir would help prevent access of large vehicles.

Another suggestion was to plant more trees round the edge of the Muir. Gus will send that information to EVIS re: grants to obtain trees.

Potholes in carpark across from Edzell School

Issue has been reported to the AccessLine but no action to repair as yet.

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.

Ward Councillors' Report

No Councillors were available to attend the meeting.

An e-mail update was received from Cllr Beattie – he has seen an increase in housing related cases since the Easter break. He recognised the strong feelings regarding the SSEN proposals for overhead cables and sent links for the SSEN website.

<https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects/project-map/east-coast-400kv-ohl-upgrade/>

He noted that over the coming months SSEN Transmission will continue to engage with Statutory Consultees and stakeholders to further understand constraints and identify potential opportunities. Public consultation events have commenced and include face to face and virtual consultations. Details of the events and project documentation, including a public consultation booklet covering all East Coast Phase 2 projects, are available at the link below

[Kintore-Fiddes-Tealing 400kV OHL Connection - SSEN Transmission \(ssen-transmission.co.uk\)](https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/kintore-fiddes-tealing-400kv-ohl-connection)

E-mail report from Cllr Nicol stated that he has been dealing with a lot of enquiries about the proposed route of the 400kV OHL and pylons and its positioning relative to Inchbare. He has passed his information to the MSP to deal with at Scottish Government level.

Correspondence

Nil to report

Brechin Healthcare Group

The report from the BHG is as follows

Vouchers : The £5 Food vouchers appeared to have been very successful and the uptake in Edzell was much higher than the first round. It is hoped they will be able to get further funding.

Jenner Centre : they continue to offer the toenail cutting and hearing aid services with others using their premises ad-hoc. The toenail cutting is very much appreciated and well used (follow-up appointments are now into July) but with Joyce offering all the time she has available they really need to have someone else to join the team. If anyone knows of someone who would be interested in volunteering to offer this service, they'd like to hear from them. Training would be given and as it is classed as "personal care" they don't need to have a clinical background.

Brechin City FC : planning permission has at last been granted and they are now in the process of attempting to finalise a lease agreement.

In the meantime, the group has taken the dementia service direct to the customers. A meeting has been held in Airlie Gardens and they have been in discussions with Southport and Newington Gardens. Both gave a favourable response. They are working with the Dementia Advisor for Angus and are in the process of training 3/ 4 volunteers to cover these venues.

They would hope to offer a similar service,(once their training programme is complete) via the Cottage in Edzell.

AOCB

Bi-annual Meeting with Angus Council

This will take place on Tuesday 16th May 1700-1930hrs both face to face and virtually. Claire has forwarded Gus's interest in attending.

Benches

Dick informed the ICC that as there had been no response from Glenesk regarding the siting of the bench it has been decided to not progress with this site and instead the bench will be installed at an additional site in Brechin.

ICC e-mail

A member of the public stated that there were no contact details (apart from postal addresses) to contact the Community Council on the Angus Council website. Claire will contact Angus Council and will ask that the generic ICC e-mail address is put on the website to allow quick contact

Action: Claire

Gus thanked everyone for attending.

Next meeting: Monday 19th June at Lethnot Hall. No meeting in July

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
West Water Bridge	Temporary barriers in place. Awaiting permanent repair to wall	Removed from Agenda March 2023

Approved on 19th June 2023

Gus Leighton