

**INVERESK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at Lethnot Hall**

**Present:** Gus Leighton (Chair), Claire Wilson (Minute Secretary), Judith Gallacher, Kate Skene (Planning Contact) Ann Johnston, Cllr Scott, Cllr Beattie and 1 member of the public.

**Apologies:** Cllr Nicol, Alan Budge (Treasurer), Dick Robertson and representative of Police Scotland.

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

Grain drier at Balrownie – Judith has submitted a comment to Angus Council. The application was a retrospective application. Judith will continue with her comment to the Council as the ICC does not wish this to set a precedence with retrospective planning applications. **Action - Judith**

Kate informed the meeting that an application submitted for Careston has now been withdrawn. Application for mast in Lethnot - planned to improve connectivity in the area and therefore no comment required from ICC.

*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**

Alan was not at the meeting to update but he has confirmed that he has an auditor for the accounts.

**Police Report**

The Police Report had been distributed to all the Community Council members before the meeting. Gus read out the report which encouraged people to join the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and also the crime figures for the Inveresk area.

For non-urgent issues local residents can contact the local police on [taysidebrechinedzellcpt@scotland.police.uk](mailto:taysidebrechinedzellcpt@scotland.police.uk)

**SSEN Transmission East Coast**

Gus attended the Angus Council meeting with the Community Councils on 16<sup>th</sup> May and it became clear that lots of the Community Councils were not aware of the plans for the new line despite it affecting their areas.

Gus stated that the best solution for the cable would be to put it subsea to Cockenzie where there was a coal-fired power station, and the sub-station still exists. There are already plans to put a subsea cable from Peterhead to Drax, Yorkshire (Eastern Green Link 2) which could incorporate another subsea cable, hence removing the need for the pylons and 3 substations.

The ESO (Electricity System Operator) made the decision that the line should run overland.

Cllr Beattie said there is to be a briefing with SSEN and Angus Councillors on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

Ann had found a report from 2021 and she will forward this on to the ICC members and the local councillors. **Action: Ann**

It was also discussed that SSE do not have to do a visual impact assessment for these projects.

Cllr Beattie then discussed T shaped pylons which are less obtrusive and smaller in height which would be capable of taking the voltage and weight of cable. Cllr Beattie is awaiting a reason for these types of pylons not being used.

It was also discussed that SSEN were just turning up unannounced on farmland to view potential pylon sites.

Gus also spoke about the road closures planned for Lethnot due to the upgrading work on the current line. There is currently some confusion with dates and whether roads are open to residents. Gus has contacted SSEN for clarification and amendment of signs and making sure signs are in the correct place.

### **Recurring items**

#### Access to Edzell Muir

There are caravans, campers and tents on the Muir. Access was gained by lifting one of the wooden barriers. There were various deterrents discussed (ditch, trees etc). There would be no budget identified in the Council for any of these deterrents. Gus had forwarded an e-mail to EVIS re grants available for tree planting.

There was a discussion regarding the travelling community where Cllr Scott reminded the meeting that the travelling community were people too and should be treated with respect. She has been to visit the Muir and was welcomed by the travellers and stated that there was no sign of rubbish being dumped or any hostility. She has only had 1 contact regarding the travellers on the Muir and Cllr Beattie has also only had 1 contact from the community. Gus said he has had several complaints from residents.

A disagreement regarding opinion on travellers' and their rights ensued.

Cllr Scott then left the meeting.

There then followed a discussion that not all travellers were "bad" however they were often "tarred" due to the behaviour of a few who were disrespectful to the community.

Cllr Beattie told Gus to encourage the people who were complaining to him to contact the Community Enforcement Team to ensure the complaints were recorded and investigated.

Cllr Beattie left the meeting at this point due to other Council commitments.

#### Resilience

Gus stated that the fund was now open for obtaining equipment for the hubs. Gus will apply for Lethnot Hall and Little Brechin and he will contact EVIS and Stracathro Hall with the details for them to apply if they wish. Menmuir Hall will not be used as a hub and The Glenesk Folk Museum has not replied to previous correspondence, so it is unknown if they wish to be used as a hub. Stracathro Hall is holding a meeting this week regarding resilience and being a hub. Ann will update once the meeting is held.

**Action: Gus/Ann**

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

No update. This will be moved to the unresolved issues.

#### Wishop Burn Bridge

Judith had a successful site meeting with Balfour Beatty and SSEN. They were hopeful they could repair the bridge. They will await confirmation from their bosses for the project to progress.

#### Inglis Hall

Judith attended the open meetings but stated that it was more about a group getting business plans together and how they can access grants to run the hall. Judith thought the meeting would be more about what the Council would provide to any group who took on the running. It is thought that there is "volunteer fatigue" within Edzell due to the large number of projects run voluntarily.

Just before the meeting correspondence had been received from a resident. Claire has forwarded on the correspondence but unfortunately no one had time to read it before the meeting.

#### Potholes in carpark across from Edzell School

Issue has been reported to the AccessLine but no repairs 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**

Cllr Nicol had forwarded on a report. He had seconded a motion in the Chambers for Angus Council to request SSE to extend their consultation period for the 400kV line by 4 months, this was passed, and a reply was received from SSEN that they were not willing to extend the date of 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Angus Council and the Councillors were not aware of the 400kV line. They knew there was to be an upgrade of the existing line, as of now Angus Council have not had any pre-application notice or any planning application for this project. He has also been dealing with MSPs and MPs as the Scottish Office will decide what is to happen. He has a meeting scheduled for the end of the month with SSE. The DMRC (Development Management Review Committee) have upheld an appeal for a new house at Lummington Steading at Brathinch.

Cllr Scott had sent a report as she thought she was unable to attend the meeting. She was present at the meeting to discuss the travellers.

She attended the Inglis Memorial Hall consultation drop in which was well attended. The Inglis Memorial Trust has capital of just over £6,000 and revenue of £100 or so. She has received lots of feedback and questions by e-mail. She has been informed that the Inglis Memorial Trust is now part of Angus Council Charitable Trust, therefore all 28 Councillors are trustees not just the 3 Brechin and Edzell Ward Councillors. Officers will be looking at the interest from the meeting.

#### **Correspondence**

See Inglis Hall section.

#### **Brechin Healthcare Group**

The report from the BHG is as follows

They have received their 6 month gas and electricity invoice and have turned the heating off completely at the Jenner Centre.

The foot care clinic saw over 50 people for toe cutting last month with return appointments being as far ahead as late August. Fortunately, they now have another volunteer who will be training this month and they will then be able to offer a second day for the service.

They have made a second visit to Airlie Gardens to look at the old photos of Brechin in a number of Davy Adams books published in the 1980's. These prompted much discussion and reminiscing and was thoroughly enjoyed by both residents and BHG volunteers. They also have a volunteer from the High School doing his Duke of Edinburgh bronze award who is going to do some research which will help the residents to create an archive.

They have finally got permission to use the new cabin at Glebe Park. They are looking for funding to furnish the unit and fit out the kitchen. Once they have access to the cabin, they will be able to expand the services they offer.

**AOCB**

**Road Signs**

A member of the public showed a photo of signs which he felt would be appropriate for the Inveresk area. The signs state that the area is a walking and cycling friendly area.

**Pothole on North Esk Road, Edzell**

Kate reported a large pothole in the road. Claire will report to the AccessLine. **Action: Claire**

**Community Council Members**

Gus will contact Tony and Pamela to discuss if they wish to remain on the ICC. **Action: Gus**

Gus thanked everyone for attending.

**Next meeting: No meeting in July  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August at Glenesk Folk Museum**

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

**Approved on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023**

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