

INVERESK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of meeting held on Monday 21st August 2023 at Glenesk Folk Museum

Present: Gus Leighton (Chair), Claire Wilson (Minute Secretary), Judith Gallacher, Ann Johnston, Alan Budge (Treasurer), Dick Robertson and 1 member of the public.

Apologies: Kate Skene (Planning Contact), Cllr Beattie, Cllr Nicol, and representative of Police Scotland.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved. The minutes were proposed by Gus and seconded by Ann. 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

One application for the Inveresk area.

2 Panmure Place, Edzell – it was agreed that there was no need for ICC to comment on this application.

Two applications have been received from Scottish Forestry regarding a small felling application at Dalbog and Gannochy Lodge. It was agreed that neither of the applications required any comment by the 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. No recent movement on this but a watching brief will be kept.

Treasurer's Report

The ICC bank balance currently sits at £1064.13. Cheques were written at the meeting for Hall payments for Lethnot Hall and Glenesk Folk Museum and payment for June and August secretarial fees.

Alan has contacted the auditor and will get the accounts audited in the next couple of weeks and will then send them to the Council. **Action: Alan**

Police Report

The Police Report had been distributed to all the Community Council members before the meeting. Gus read out the report which included the crime figures for the Inveresk area.

For non-urgent issues local residents can contact the local police on taysidebrechinedzellcpt@scotland.police.uk

SSEN Transmission East Coast

Some of the ICC members attended the public meeting held in Edzell by SSE regarding the upgrading of the current infrastructure and the associated problem to the area due to this upgrade. However, the public were more concerned with the potential new line and associated infrastructure which may run through Angus and the Mearns. The discussion at tonight's ICC meeting was in regard to who was responsible to ensure the SSE meetings were well advertised to the public and it was agreed that it was SSE's and not the Community Council's responsibility to inform the public of their proposal and all members, who attended, agreed that no mention was made at the ICC meeting that

Balfour Beatty and SSE attended in February, of the new infrastructure proposed. There was only a discussion regarding upgrade of the current pylons and lines at the February meeting and the plans that Balfour Beatty had put in place to ensure the project had as little disruption to the area as possible.

Judith spoke about Energy Islands which could utilise the unused/retired oil rigs offshore to run the power to the point of use. The ICC continue to push for the proposed overland electricity wires and pylons to be placed underground or run down the sea as the electricity running through the proposed infrastructure is not for use in Scotland.

Recurring items

Access to Edzell Muir

There continues to be caravans, campers and tents on the Muir. Two articles were distributed which had been published in the press regarding the closing of the public toilets due to vandalism and the mess the toilets were being left in. The volunteers refused to continue to clean the toilets due to the excessive mess and cleaning off graffiti. The article claimed that the villagers were blaming the travellers who were currently camped on the Muir. One of the attendees at the meeting had seen photos of the mess in the toilets and understood how the volunteers no longer wished to participate in the voluntary cleaning rota. It is unknown where the Council are with eviction notices for the campers. Gus will contact Cllr Beattie for an update. There was a discussion regarding the access points to the Muir.

Action: Gus

Resilience

Gus has applied for £6237.06 to furnish the 4 resilience hubs for the ICC area (Edzell, Lethnot, Little Brechin and Stracathro). Menmuir Hall do not feel a hub is required in their area as most of the residents have access to generators at farms etc. There has been no contact from the Glenesk Museum, but it is thought that they may have already applied/received grants to be a hub. Gus is still awaiting a reply from EVIS regarding the planned site of the hub in Edzell. It was planned to be Inglis Hall but there is currently an ongoing discussion regarding management of this site, so it is unknown if EVIS have looked at other locations. Gus will contact EVIS again as there will need to be teams of people identified to run the hubs.

Action: Gus

Wishop Burn Bridge

Judith has had contact from Balfour Beatty, and it is hoped the bridge will be replaced in the next few weeks.

Inglis Hall

No update but it was reported that someone may be interested in taking on the running of the Hall.

Potholes in carpark across from Edzell School

Issue has been reported to the AccessLine but no repairs as yet. Claire will forward on the reference number to Gus who will forward it to Cllr Beattie. There was a discussion whether Balfour Beatty should be asked to assist laying down hardcore here to help solve the issue. **Action: Claire/Gus**

It is thought that the North Esk Road pothole has been repaired.

AFTERNOTE: Gus has approached Balfour Beatty to enquire whether they would be prepared to repair the carpark. Their response was quite positive.

Recycling bins at Tarfside

Tony to speak to the Cairngorm National Park re: bins for Tarfside. Tony was not at the meeting to update. This item will now be moved to the unresolved issues.

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 so this issue will move to the unresolved issues.

Ward Councillors' Report

No councillors were at the meeting to report.

Gus has reported

- a) overflowing bins at Pirner's.
- b) Lethnot Church has been turned into a wildflower meadow and the grass is now overgrow. It is felt that as there have been recent burials in the grounds (less than 15 years) that the grounds should continue to be maintained.
- c) Dead deer on Caterthun road.

These items have been reported some weeks ago so Gus will ask Cllr Beattie to chase and update.

Action: Gus

Correspondence

Claire received an email regarding broken spars and general disrepair of the Shaking Bridge at Edzell. Claire will report the concern to the AccessLine and encourage the resident to do the same. As the bridge is shared with Aberdeenshire Council Gus will contact an Aberdeenshire Councillor to ask them to report the disrepair.

Action: Claire/Gus

Brechin Healthcare Group

The report from the BHG is as follows

Their new volunteer has started sessions for toenail cutting. She is currently working on Friday mornings, and this has begun to make a difference to the waiting list although more new referrals continue to be made. If anyone would be interested in joining the Footcare Team they'd be very grateful.

With the closing of the Social Work office in Brechin, the Criminal Justice Team have begun to book sessions at the Jenner Centre. They have found the welcome and friendly atmosphere to be conducive to the attendance and compliance of their clients. They now have funding in place to pay for room hire - the lack of which led to their move away from the Jenner Centre last year.

The BHC landlord has sold his business and they may therefore have to find alternative accommodation at some point. Talks continue with Glebe Park re: accommodation there and they have visited the Dalhousie Centre to explore the possibility of developing a Meeting Centre for dementia support

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Community Council Members

Gus has e-mailed Pamela regarding attending the ICC but has had no reply. Gus has met Tony in person, and he stated that he would attend tonight's meeting however he was not in attendance and has not sent apologies. Gus will again try to contact them and ask them what their plans were in regard to continuing their role within the ICC.

Action: Gus

AFTERNOTE: Gus has bumped into Tony after the meeting who stated that he still wishes to be a member. He'd intended to come to the Glenesk meeting but had forgotten until it was too late.

Little Brechin

A resident from Little Brechin attended the meeting concerned regarding the speed of traffic travelling within the village. More families have moved into the village, and she is concerned that a child will be hit by one of the vehicles travelling at speed as there are no pavements at the side of the road. The resident suggested speed bumps on the road would be helpful, but Gus explained that they would not install speed bumps with houses so close to the road due to the noise they created

especially at night. The resident said that she would tolerate the noise if it ensured the children's safety. Gus will pass the residents concern on to Cllr Beattie.

Action: Gus

Distribution of meeting arrangements/minutes

Alan had been asked if the ICC meeting dates could be put on the Edzell Facebook page. It was agreed that this was a good idea. It was also asked if the minutes could go on the page also. The approved minutes are currently put on Inveresk Community Council and Angus Council web page and are also sent to the Neighbourhood Watch who distribute it to all the co-ordinators. It appears that there may be co-ordinator(s) who do not distribute them to the members of their group. Alan will ask the resident to contact their co-ordinator to ask them to pass the minutes on. It was agreed that the minutes would not currently be placed on the Edzell Facebook page.

Gus thanked everyone for attending.

Next meeting: Monday 18th September 2023 @ 1930hrs in Menmuir Hall

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
HGV through Edzell Arch	No update from Aberdeenshire Council regarding changing junction at Northwaterbridge. Amendments to traffic flow through Arch awaiting to be approved and commenced.	Removed from Agenda June 2023
Connectivity in Glenesk	Mast to be erected for improved internet connectivity. Phone lines to be repaired following storm damage.	Removed from Agenda June 2023
Additional bins at Tarfside	CNP was to be contacted regarding supplying additional bins at camp field (Tony requesting)	Removed from Agenda June 2023

Approved on 18th September 2023

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