

INVERESK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of meeting held on Monday 20th November 2023 at Menmuir Hall

Present: Gus Leighton (Chair), Claire Wilson (Minute Secretary), Kate Skene (Planning Contact), Alan Budge (Treasurer), Graham Dallas, Ken Goddard and 5 members of the public. Dick Robertson was in attendance later in the meeting.

Apologies: Cllr Beattie, Cllr Nicol and representative of Police Scotland.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved. The minutes were proposed by Judith Gallacher (who attended the October meeting) and seconded by Graham Dallas, who was at the last meeting as a member of the public. 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 for the Inveresk area.

Extension to Craigendowie Cottage, Lethnot – no comment required by ICC

Extension to Peathill, Careston – no comment required by ICC

Aberdeenshire

Glendye Windfarm proposal: see www.energyconsents.scot/ApplicationDetails.aspx .

This proposal has been given the go ahead from Scottish Parliament.

Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance	£731.63
Payment to secretary (November meetings)	- £50.00
Payment for Remembrance Wreaths	<u>£70.80</u>
	<u>£.610.83</u>

Alan continues to try to move Inveresk Community Council to internet banking.

Alan has still to send the audited accounts to the Council.

Action: Alan

There has been an issue with paying for the resilience equipment – as the cheque is for a large amount of money this requires further authorisation. Gus and Alan will get this sorted as soon as possible.

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 and continued encouragement for people to join their neighbourhood watch scheme and to beware of various scams.

SSEN Transmission East Coast

Gus planned a face to face meeting with local MP Dave Doogan. However this had to change to telephone call due to the recent storms. They discussed trying to get the plans to be revisited to look at other options rather than the pylons e.g. subsea.

There was a comment that the recent flooding between Inchbare and Edzell may be problematic to the proposed new pylons.

Gus has once again questioned the potential health risks of the pylons.

Recurring items

Edzell Muir

Proposed meeting with the Council and ICC was postponed. However, Mark Armstrong (Dep Exec Officer) met with the Edzell Flood Group. This was to look at plans to use the Muir as a flood water holding area. It is thought wildflowers have been sown on the area at the North of the Muir by Angus Council.

Resilience

The SSE grant has now been received in the ICC bank so purchase and distribution of equipment from a local business is now underway.

AFTERNOTE: All the equipment has now been delivered and the Lethnot Resilience Hub is now fully operational.

Whishop Burn Bridge

Judith has agreed to continue liaising with Balfour Beatty in the planned erection of the new bridge. It is thought that this might have to be delayed due to the weather.

Inglis Hall

A subgroup of EVIS has been set up and are in discussions with Angus Council.

A feasibility study will be carried out and results are hoped to be available in March.

Shaking Bridge, Edzell

The area is still awaiting repair which is to be completed by Aberdeenshire Council.

Edzell Arch Traffic Calming Measures

There were concerns that the Give Way lines at the Arch going North are too close to the Arch. These have been reviewed by Angus Council and are placed appropriately. The situation will be reviewed if there are problems.

Dick Robertson attended the meeting at this point.

Little Brechin

Speeding Traffic

A site meeting was held with the ICC Chairperson, Cllr Beattie and some of the local residents.

Gus will order 4 signs warning of children in the area to try to slow down traffic. Cllr Beattie is to investigate lighting and rumble strips.

Action: Gus/Cllr Beattie

Ward Councillors' Report

No Councillors were at the meeting for an update.

Correspondence

Nil

Brechin Healthcare Group

The BHG are still in the process of looking for new premises as their current building is up for sale.

AOCB

Flooding within Edzell area

During the recent floods there has been deep water lying at the road end of Bonhard. This has been reported to the Accessline. It is thought that the change in the level of the ground at either side of the road is not helping the issue. Gus will report to the roads department at Angus Council.

AFTERNOTE: Council Roads Department say they have dug more channels in the field to assist this problem but saturated ground means draining takes time. Permanent signs warn drivers the road is liable to flood.

A member of the public also reported that there was deep water lying between Edzell and the Gannochy Bridge. The ditches are overgrown and not allowing the water to access them. Gus will also report this issue to Angus Council

AFTERNOTE Council Roads Department said that Tayside Contracts were to be cleaning the gullies before the end of November

Action: Gus

It was suggested that all the ditches in the area need cleared to help with the flooding in the area. It was suggested that SEPA were invited to an ICC meeting to discuss what can be done (e.g clearing) without repercussions to the landowner/group. Gus will try to organise this.

Action: Gus

Pirners Brig

The bridge and steps at Pirners Brig have been washed away. The bridge is on private property between 2 estates so it will be up to them if the bridge and steps are replaced.

Cllr Scott has confirmed that the bins will continue to be emptied by the Council and in the Spring the larger bins will be replaced by smaller ones to try to prevent fly tipping.

January meeting

It was agreed that the January, February and March meetings should be held in Edzell due to the uncertain road conditions. Claire will try to find out if the Inglis Hall can be booked or find another venue if this is not available.

Action: Claire

Gannochy Bridge

Concern was expressed on the safety of Gannochy Bridge after the recent floods and high river levels. Gus will contact Aberdeenshire Council to ask them to assess the bridge, if not already done.

AFTERNOTE: Cllr Carr said that the bridge had been inspected by Aberdeenshire Council engineers and he awaited feedback. He would also have a look himself, but there were extensive repairs to the bridge previously which should have helped the bridge withstand extreme weather.

Action: Gus

HGV's coming through Edzell

A member of the public was concerned regarding the number of HGV's coming through Edzell. Gus explained that ICC has been working with Mearns Community Council regarding this. HGVs come through the village as the drivers do not like using the Northwaterbridge junction at the A90.

Meetings have been held with BEAR Scotland/AMEY but the junction is currently deemed as satisfactory.

Carpark at Edzell school

It was noted that the school carpark condition had deteriorated again with lots of potholes. It was thought that the method used by Balfour Beatty was not a long term solution and another method may be required. However, the work was done for nothing and hence shouldn't be criticised.

Gus thanked everyone for attending.

No meeting in December.
Next meeting: Monday 15th January 2024 -Venue in Edzell to be confirmed

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 15th January 2024

Gus Leighton