

**INVERESK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at Inglis Hall, Edzell**

**Present:** Gus Leighton (Chair), Claire Wilson (Minute Secretary), Kate Skene (Planning Contact), Alan Budge (Treasurer), Graham Dallas, Dick Robertson, 2 members of Edzell Flood Group and 5 members of the public.

**Apologies:** Ken Goddard, Cllr Beattie and Police Scotland.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved. The minutes were proposed by Graham Dallas and seconded by Dick Robertson. 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.

Retrospective application for planning permission to retain upgraded track for agricultural use At: Tillyarblet Farmhouse Lethnot – this was a temporary track built to support the SSE upgrade of pylons – it was agreed that no comment was required from ICC.

Further information had been submitted to the ICC regarding the proposed shed build at Little Brechin and a request for ICC to retract their objection to the proposed build. Despite the additional information it was agreed by the ICC for their objection to remain in place.

**Treasurer's Report**

November 2023

<b>Starting Balance</b>	<b>£731.63</b>
Remembrance wreaths	- 70.80
Secretary Fees	- 50.00
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>£610.83</b>

December 2023 – No transactions

January 2024

<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>£610.83</b>
Menmuir Hall Payment	- 30.00
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>£580.83</b>

February 2024

<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>£580.83</b>
Secretary Fees (January/February)	- 100.00
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>£480.83</b>

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

Alan has still to send the audited accounts to the Council. Gus reminded Alan that ICC would not receive their grant for this year until the accounts are submitted

**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 area.

## **SSEN Transmission East Coast**

This issue is ongoing.

Gus continues to chase Dave Doogan (MSP for the area) to speak to the people who drew up the plans for the proposed East Coast pylons and speak to the ESO regarding the proposed plan. He has also asked him to contact the MPs in East Anglia (who are facing a similar proposal) to discuss. He has had no reply to date.

Gus has attended a meeting at Durris which involved several Community Council's who's areas will be affected by the proposed pylons. This was to discuss what had been done in various areas and try to put together a plan for the future. Gus has passed on the Mearns and Angus against pylons group details to also involve them. A second meeting is scheduled for later this month – Gus is unable to attend due to being out of the country but has asked Judith Gallacher to attend in his place.

A member of the public voiced concerns that Angus Council and Inveresk Community Council were only submitting minimal input to objecting to the pylons.

## **Recurring items**

### Edzell Muir

Edzell Flood Group are working with Angus Council regarding the plans for Edzell Muir. A site visit has occurred, and they are currently awaiting a survey to be carried out of the area. Balfour Beatty are willing to help with any works required. Gus will contact Cllr Beattie to ask that the survey is carried out at the earliest opportunity.

**Action: Gus/Cllr Beattie**

Flood Group is in discussion with Dalhousie Estates re: clearing ditches further out of Edzell to help reduce flooding.

It was noted that vehicles have illegally accessed the football pitches at Edzell Muir and torn up the grass.

A member of the public informed the Flood Group that there used to be a ditch which also ran down the side of the Muir between the disused curling pond and football pitch which had been filled in several years ago but the reason for this is unknown. He also spoke about several other ditches which have been filled in or diverted. The member of the public offered to meet with the Flood Group to discuss this to.

There are plans for contractors to start work in the early Spring to maintain the riparian rights.

Claire has had a reply from the Council regarding the playpark having barriers erected round it. This is due to the bark chippings being washed away in the last floods. The Council hope to re-lay bark chips in the next few weeks depending on the weather.

### Resilience

Lethnot Resilience Hub has its equipment and volunteers in place.

Little Brechin – temporary accommodation is available at a private residence at the moment, but it is hoped to secure a more permanent solution.

Inchbare – Graham has been in contact with a member of the Hall Committee, and it is thought that there is a meeting being held tonight so Graham may have an update for the next meeting.

Edzell – Gus has contacted EVIS but currently no update. The Flood Group representatives stated that they have been asked to assist with staffing the facility, but they do not hold a key (EVIS control that). Flood Group were asked to liaise with EVIS regarding the Hub. Gus informed the Flood Group that a cable will be require to be bought to bring power in from the outside generator to the hall. This was not purchased with the equipment as it was unknown the length that would be required for each venue.

Glenesk – The application for funding was not progressed as after Ken consulted with most of the Tarfside residents it was deemed unnecessary as many of the residents have their own generators.

### Whishop Burn Bridge

No update.

### Shaking Bridge, Edzell

No update.

### Pirners Bridge

The Bridge belonged to the Estate (Dunlappie) and is thought that this will not be replaced. Cllr Scott has confirmed that the steps that went down from the picnic area to the river is not on the area leased by the Council so would not be their responsibility to replace them. Due to large amount of banking washed away during the storms it is thought that the steps could not be re-built there anyway.

The bin has been emptied at the carpark but again is overflowing. Gus has reported this and will ask Cllr Beattie to chase this up.

**Action: Gus/Cllr Beattie**

### Menmuir

#### Catherthun Bins

The bins have now been replaced and this item will be removed from the agenda.

### Little Brechin

#### Speeding Traffic

The signs have now been erected and speed limit reviewed and reduced to 30mph. There was a long discussion on parental responsibility for supervising children to ensure they are safe and whether land should be found for a safe area that the children can play in. Dick informed the meeting that a safe area had been discussed before and a section of land had been offered but had been turned down by the residents at that time.

### Glenesk

#### Telecom update

The mast is working for all emergency calls but only EE customers can obtain voice calls and data access.

### Potholes

The section of road from Tarfside Bridge to Invermark is in a poor state of repair. This has been reported.

### **Ward Councillors' Report**

No Councillor's attended the meeting to provide an update.

### **Correspondence**

#### Grit bin in Church Street, Edzell

There have been several requests by a local resident to get the grit bin at the north of Church Street refilled. The Council stopped gritting the pavements in the village (except the High Street) several years ago and encouraged the residents to grit the pavements outside their residence. This is only possible if the grit bins are kept filled.

It has now been confirmed that the grit bin has been refilled.

#### Proposed Edzell High Street Crossing

A resident has submitted a request to Angus Council for a crossing in the High Street, Edzell. The Council have asked ICC to select an area on the High Street for a traffic survey to be carried out to assess for the proposed crossing. It was felt that the public should decide the best area so Kate will compile a survey and get it uploaded on the Edzell Facebook page.

**Action: Kate**

Fire Management in CNP

CNP are updating their Fire Management Plan – ICC members agreed that there were no additional comments required by them.

Inchbare Active Travel

A submission has been made to the Active Travel Fund for plans to install walking paths around the Inchbare area. A previous submission by ICC to extend the path from Edzell over the West Water bridge to Inchbare had previously been rejected. Consultations are being undertaken for the current request.

**Brechin Healthcare Group**

The BHG are still in negotiations with Angus Council for a new premises. Hopefully this should be resolved by March. Their current premises is to be auctioned on 24<sup>th</sup> March which means they will need to be out by the end of April.

Foot-care and hearing services are still extremely busy with other services available when needed.

**AOCB**

A member of the public asked that people were reminded to keep their dogs under control when accessing agricultural land.

Gus thanked everyone for attending.

**Next meeting: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at Inglis Hall, Edzell**

**Approved on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

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