

OLD LUCE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 2nd March 2020 at 7.45 pm in Glenluce Public Hall

Present

Fred Murray - Chairman
Michael Bird
Elizabeth Innes

Ian Paterson, Vice Chairman
Mike Lane
Diane Lowe

Pamela Marshall
Susan Maxwell
Gordon McKinstry
Ean Stewart

Councillor Jim McColm

Police: PC Allison

In attendance: Jane McDowall

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

1. Apologies

Action

Joan Miskimmins, Derek Sloan, Jane Dodds, Councillors Hagmann, McCamon and Inglis.

2. Absent

No one.

3. Police Business

Community Surgery held on 25th February. Next one to be held on 24th March at 2 pm.

GLENLUCE

20/02/2020 – x1 vehicle RTC. 1 male issued with a ticket for a contravention of Section 3 Road Traffic Act 1988 (careless driving)

DUNRAGIT - Nothing to report.

Fraud - New Method Alert - Female in Annan area reports having been contacted on her house phone and an automated message advised her it was HMRC and she owed them tax monies.

When instructed to do so the female pressed a key on her handset where she was directed to an alleged advisor who was a male with an apparent Indian accent. This male advised she had an outstanding debt of a four figure sum in unpaid taxes and advised if she failed to pay she would be arrested and apprehended for court. The male persuaded the female to make payment by way of 'Amazon' Gift Vouchers, and to provide the long number on the rear of the gift card, and to stay on the line until she had provided enough vouchers to clear the debt. Fortunately the female's phone battery had died prior to the alleged debt being cleared.

Please reiterate to family and friends the Stop and Think advice Police have given out previously;

Jane

1. Never disclose security details (PIN, Passwords etc)
2. Don't assume an email, text, letter or phone call is authentic
3. Don't be rushed 0 genuine organisations will not mind waiting
4. Listen to your instinct – you know if something does not feel right
5. Stay in control – Don't panic and make a decision you may regret.

BE ALERT – COUNTERFEIT NOTES:

A rise in number of fake £50 notes being used across the region, including Newton Stewart and Stranraer. All genuine notes feature a motion and metallic thread, raised print, watermark, UV feature and a see through registration device. Each note has an individual serial number.

Please be vigilant and ensure all notes are robustly examined to ensure authenticity before accepting them.

Coast to Coast Rally - Police are aware of event and it is run under national rally organisation rules by the Rally organisers. Ian raised the issue of the letter of objection from local resident sent to rally organisers. It was unanimously agreed that this was nothing to do with the Community Council or Police and it was between the rally organisers and resident.

The chairman thanked PC Allison for her attendance and she then left the meeting.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting (3rd February 2020)

All agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of the business conducted and the adoption of the minutes was proposed by Mike Lane and seconded by Gordon McKinstry.

5. Matters Arising

The absence of Councillors from Community Council meetings was raised again. Cllr McColm confirmed that there was a rota in place. Community Councillors again expressed their disappointment at the lack of attendance of Councillor Inglis.

6. Correspondence

John Ross and Karen Harper of NHS Dumfries and Galloway had sent a letter to the chairman advising that they would be talking to Community Councils again in October.

Mike stated that there had been a positive meeting with NHS staff recently to discuss the Doctors' surgery where they had agreed to assist with the Stage 2 grant application.

7. Micro Grants

Friends of the Glen - Request for funding of £100 towards inspection of trees for safety. Ian Paterson proposed award and this was seconded by Gordon McKinstry.

75 VE Celebration May 2020 events - Request for funding of £500 towards events on 8th May. New Luce community involved on the Sunday afternoon. Any underspend would be returned to fund. Gordon McKinstry proposed award be granted and this was seconded by Mike Lane.

8. Climate Emergency

The chairman raised the perennial issue of dog fouling and the environmentally unfriendly use of nappy sacks to lift dog dirt. He proposed supplying biodegradable bags in the village shop. It was unanimously agreed that the Community Council purchase dispensers and biodegradable bags for village plus two for Dunragit. Susan Maxwell suggested handing over replenishing dispensers to School Eco Committee and the children would also produce an information poster. Diane agreed to replenish Dunragit dispensers.

*Susan
Diane*

Ean agreed to investigate types of dispensers and prices to report back at April meeting.

Ean

Mike requested that members read the Greenpeace document circulated last month.

ALL

9. AOCB

Broken streetlight at Church Street reported. Cllr McColm will request repair.

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Blocked gullies and lowered pavement causing basement flooding reported. Cllr McColm will request that D&G Council staff member contact the chairman to view sites.

Mike raised the issue of lack of upkeep and maintenance on playpark equipment for which Dumfries and Galloway Council had received approximately £45,000 some years ago. Jane to send information to Karen Brownlie and Cllr McColm.

*Mike
Jane*

10. Date of Next Meeting

7.45 pm on Monday 6th April in Glenluce Public Hall.

Future Meetings (Monday): 4th May, 1st June and 6th July.

Freddie thanked everyone for their attendance and input. The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

100 Club Draw - It was unanimously agreed that this would be the last draw of the Lottery.

£25 - Fred Murray £50 - Peter Clive £100 - Kathy Copeland