

Old Luce Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held in Glenluce Public Hall at 7.45 pm on Monday 2nd September 2024

Present

Ian Paterson - Chairman
Fred Murray - Vice Chairman
Mick Bird
Diane Lowe
Gordon McKinstry
Joan Miskimmins
Marion Muir
Jocelyn Vance

In attendance: Jane McDowall, Minute Secretary

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

1. Apologies

Kenny McKinstry and Councillor Hagmann.

2. Police Business

The Police Report stated that no incidents had been recorded in the Old Luce Community Council area in the past month. There was no update on the untaxed and un-insured vehicles travelling in the area in early July.

Concerns were raised about the length of time before calls to 101 were answered, along with the absence of local knowledge from those answering the phone. Letter to be sent to Sergeant Boyce to raise these concerns.

Jane

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (1st July 2024)

All agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting and the adoption of the minutes was proposed by Jocelyn and seconded by Fred.

4. Matters Arising not covered on Agenda

None.

5. Finance and Micro Grant Applications

Micro grant applications - none received. An enquiry had been received from Glenluce Primary School for funding for laptops for the children and this had been directed towards potential funders.

Fred, on behalf of the Boccia Group, thanked Old Luce Community Council for applying for the grant from Old Luce Community Benefit Fund, allowing them to purchase two new sets of Boccia balls, which had been put to good use at their first session last week.

Halloween Parties - Diane advised that she, along with a few others, were planning to have a Halloween Party for the children in the new Hub. Adele and Cheryl would also like to organise a children's Halloween Party in Glenluce. Diane agreed to bring proposed costs to the September meeting.

Diane

Glenluce Initiative 100 Club bank account - Ian to pass OLCC bank details to Robert Copeland to facilitate transferring the funds from the Glenluce Initiative account.

Ian

6. Local Issues - Updates and Any New Issues

- **Drain at Chalkwell House (February 2024)** - Cllr Hagmann had followed up with D&G Council. Additional works had been carried out. The drain was working as it should, for now.
- **Former Glenluce Hotel Site (November 2023)** - Not yet through planning. Once through planning, OLCC to enquire how long boards likely to be in place. Secretary had contacted Wheatley Group to request that weeds be treated to avoid polluting neighbouring areas.

Jane

6. Local Issues - Updates and Any New Issues (continued)

- **Speed Monitoring / Detection (November 2023)** - Temporary Traffic Data Survey has been installed at west end of Main Street in July. The results had shown that the mean speed did not require any further action, although it was noted that around 200 vehicles out of the 7 day average of 1,400, had been over the speed limit. Results to be shared. *Jane*
- **St Helena Way - Bridge (February 2024)** - Concerns had been raised that the contractors had been instructed to install the new bridge over the wrong burn. Jane to contact Access Officer at D&G Council. *Jane*
- **Japanese Knotweed - Back Burn (June 2024)** - Reported to Council, who will arrange for it to be treated. Unknown if it was still growing.
- **Japanese Knotweed - close to Masonic Hall (September 2024)** - To be reported to Council. *Jane*
- **Control of Non Native Species - Training (July 2024)** - Galloway Fisheries Trust is organising training for volunteers willing to help control non-native species. Jane to send training course information to Gordon. *Jane*
- **Stairhaven Toilets (July 2024)** - Response from D&GC: "The public conveniences at Stairhaven are open 24 hours a day from April until October and then closed between November and March. There is an outside water tap available and an Elsan container.

An additional concern had been raised by a local resident about the public conveniences being closed due to a leak in the sewerage system resulting in people going behind the building. The Council advised that this had been repaired in April and no further drainage problems had been reported since then. The Council advised that there might have been an issue with the door locking mechanism and would investigate, undertaking any repairs found necessary.
- **Glenluce Primary School (July 2024)** - Reduction in learning hours. A comprehensive response had been received via Cllr Inglis stating that the reduction in need for assistance had resulted in the lowering of hours to be provided.
- **Glenluce Primary School Car Park (July 2024)** - Response via Cllr Hagmann - "The local Clerk of Works shall attend and discuss the matters of repairs and making good with both the school and the PTA, finalise the costs to remediate the areas described and endeavour to find funding in carrying out the works."
- **Verge Cutting along Drumflower Junction to Dunragit West Junction (July 2024)** - a local resident had requested the verges be cut. The Council had responded that this was down to AMEY. All agreed that this was not the A75 and would be the Council's responsibility. Jane to lodge request. *Jane*

7. Paths and Core Paths Maintenance

Stairhaven - Auchenmalg Coastal Path (March 2022) - Grant application for duckboards had been submitted. Held up due to Donna leaving Foundation Scotland. Grass and scrub cutting due to take place week commencing 15th July - only partially completed. D&G Council advised the contractors were having issues.

A local resident at Dunragit had requested that an overgrown path to Droughdool Mote be cut back. It was agreed that the area mentioned had never been a path.

South West Scotland Coastal Way (September 2024) - Katrina Dick, SWSCW Project Officer, will attend the CC meeting on Monday 4th November (venue to be confirmed).

8. Lady Stair Park

Path - Fred advised that the tarring machine at Barlockhart was undergoing repairs and likely to be repaired soon. Slavin Plant will install the new length of path as soon as ground conditions allow.

8. Lady Stair Park (continued)

Changing Accommodation - This has been closed by D&G Council, due to it being deemed unsafe. Fred will contact D&G Council as they will have to consult with OLCC.

Fred

9. Community Council Ordinary Elections - Thursday 3rd October 2024

Nominations close at 5 pm on Wednesday 3rd September.

10. Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company (KCBC)

AGM held in Newton Stewart on 26th August. Good attendance and two excellent presentations.

11. Old Luce Development Trust - Update

Diane advised that it is hoped that the new Dunragit Hub will be open for October. She is trying to organise a sub group for the Hub.

Fred advised that SPR was carrying out an audit of the fund and had requested information on the spend for the Hub, via Foundation Scotland, who were collating the requested information.

12. Old Luce Community Benefit Fund - Update

Next meeting in October. The Panel members are meeting with members of the Development Trust on 16th August to discuss the Doctors Surgery.

The Panel meets next week. Jane to contact Lesley to organise a date.

Jane

13. Councillors Update

None present.

14. Old Luce Community Council - Assets

Whitefield Loch - Jane to contact solicitors to check they still hold title deeds. Also to contact insurance company about Public Liability insurance.

Jane

BBQ, four gazebos (stored in Hall), plus equipment stored in the sports shed.

Ian and Fred will contact Mrs Galloway about the plough.

*Ian
Fred*

15. Correspondence

Dumfries and Galloway School Week Consultation - Invitation to a Community Council Online Focus Group - Thursday, 12 September 2024. Info to be sent to Jocelyn.

Jane

Port William Local Place Plan public consultation - circulated via e-mail.

Draft Play Sufficiency Assessment (PSA) - Responses by 1st November. To be circulated to OLCC.

Jane

National Park in Galloway. NatureScot - pre consultation information - Agreed to request that they hold a meeting for Community Council, with public attendance, if possible.

Jane

Knock Fell - Woodland Creation and Peatland Restoration Project - Information session at Glen of Luce Hall, Auchenmalg, on Thursday 15th August.

Forestry - working on application. Peatland restoration - works due to commence in November.

Defibrillator locations - enquiry received from local resident. Given national website information.

Citizens Advice - Safe and Warm Service - circulate information.

Jane

16. Any Other Competent Business

None.

17. Date of Next Community Council Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 7th October 2024 in Glenluce Public Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Ian thanked everyone for their attendance and input.

Future meetings: 4th November ([different venue - TBC](#)) and 2nd December 2024.

2025 - 3rd February, 3rd March, 7th April, 5th May, 2nd June, 7th July, 1st September, 6th October, 3rd November and 1st December.