

Minutes of Meeting of Old Luce Community Council held in Glenluce Public Hall at 7.45 pm on Monday 3rd February 2025.

Present

Ian Paterson - Chairman

Fred Murray - Vice Chairman

Kenny McKinstry - Treasurer

Allan Clark

Diane Lowe

Gordon McKinstry

Joan Miskimmins

Marion Muir

Councillor David Inglis

Councillor Richard Marsh

In attendance: Jane McDowall, Minute Secretary

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

1. Apologies

Jocelyn Vance and Mick Bird.

2. Police Business

1 x Assault, 3 x Breach of the Peace, 1 x Drug Related and 1 x Fraud. No details provided.

Concerns were raised about the increase in crime statistics in the past two months - to be sent to Police contact.

Jane

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (2nd December 2024)

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

4. Matters Arising not covered on Agenda

None.

5. Proposal to Co-opt Neil Douglas

Neil Douglas was proposed for co-option by Ian Paterson and seconded by Gordon McKinstry. The nomination was unanimously approved.

6. Finance and Micro Grant Applications

£30,861.89 in the bank account, which includes grants awarded for installation of path and path maintenance as well as the Glenluce Sports monies.

Payment for the Christmas trees had been made. It was noted that a larger tree was required for Dunragit and quotations for trees should be requested from other suppliers for Christmas 2025.

The Area Committee Discretionary Grant report form was signed by Ian and Fred.

Micro grant applications

Report and copy invoices received from Glenluce Baby and Toddler Group.

Application received from Boccia and New Age Curling Group. Fred Murray left the room.

It was unanimously agreed to award a micro grant of £364.25 to cover Hall rental fees.

Fred returned to the meeting.

Clarification had been sought on the award to Glenluce PTA and it was confirmed that this was in the year one of a three year award with the first monitoring report due in April 2025.

Glenluce Initiative Bank Account - Ian has the forms and will work with Robert Copeland to release the funds.

7. Local Issues - Updates and Any New Issues

- **Former Glenluce Hotel Site (November 2023)** - There were still concerns about the vacant site and insecure Heras fencing, which was apt to fall over, or there were gaps where people could enter the site. Councillor Marsh will contact Wheatley Group for an update on building plans.
- **North Street Car Park (October 2024)** - D&G Council had responded to advise that they had served notice on caravans and trailers within the car park. In addition, they have discussed the issue of abandoned caravans and trailers with Environmental Health and Police Scotland.

*Cllr
Marsh*

Cllr Inglis enquired if the "No Overnight Stays" sign was on display.

8. Paths and Core Paths Maintenance

Castle of Park / Railway line path - (October 2024) - The Trust had advised that volunteers were dealing with the overgrown areas to allow buggies to pass. It was believed that the tree felled during Storm Eowyn near Castle of Park had been cleared.

St Helena Way - Bridge (February 2024) - The installation of the replacement bridge has been completed with ramps installed at either end to aid access for all users. D&G Council advised that the replacement bridge was fabricated as a larger and stronger structure to provide a longer service life due to tidal inundation.

Stairhaven - Auchenmalg Coastal Path (March 2022) - The Council Access Officer had advised that a section of the path had not been cut last year because the contractors had been prevented from carrying out the work by a landowner. The Council Access Officer was looking into the matter.

9. Lady Stair Park

Path - This was to be installed once the weather improves - possibly April / May.

Disc Rotor in Lady Stair Park Play Area - Awaiting replacement cost from D&G Council.

Jane

Changing Accommodation - Ian has spoken to Stuart Birse of Glenluce Vintage Tractor Rally and they are keen to take on this facility.

Councillor Inglis suggested speaking to the Ward Officer to discuss taking on a lease with a view to progressing to asset transfer. Jane to progress.

Jane

10. Christmas Treat Bags for Children

Christmas Treat Bags for Glenluce Primary School and Nursery children were delivered to the School on 16th December. Thanks to school staff for distributing and for photos.

Diane Lowe and team organised for the Dunragit children to attend the Hub on 20th December and Ian gave out the treat bags to the children. Thanks to Diane for organising.

It was unanimously agreed to cover the additional cost of £84.42 from OLCC funds.

11. Stranoch Wind Farm

Fred had attended the recent meeting in Stranraer. Representatives from New Luce, Old Luce, Stranraer, Cairnryan, Barrhill and Cree Valley Community Councils had been present. Agreement had been reached on the distribution of the Community Benefit Fund. Ian thanked Fred for attending the meeting.

12. Old Luce Community Council - Assets

Whitefield Loch - Ian and Fred had met with representatives of the Angling Club. Further discussion on legal status of body to manage site to take place.

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12. Old Luce Community Council - Assets (continued)

A substantial number of trees had been damaged during Storm Eowyn. Jane was instructed to seek quotations from forestry contractors. *Jane*

It was agreed that a safety notice should be published and signs erected in the car parking areas. *Jane*

13. Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company (KCBC)

The next board meeting is on 11th February.

14. Old Luce Development Trust - Update

Ian reported that he, along with Fred, Marion and Lesley Goodchild (Old Luce Community Benefit Fund) had met with members of the Trust on 20th January to discuss what additional funding may be available to assist with funding the Doctors Surgery.

The meeting had been positive and an update would be given by the Trust once they had met with the Doctors.

Tracey Murray, Development Officer of OLDT had provided a comprehensive response to the concerns raised about the presence of members of the public in the Trust's office and the heating system operating when there were no lets.

15. Old Luce Community Benefit Fund - Update

The next meeting of the Panel is due to be held in March.

The Panel awarded additional funding to the Trust to allow for completion of the works at Brambles.

Discussion took place around the need for a café in the village.

The funding application for a defibrillator for Dunragit Hub had been approved. Jane will liaise with Diane and also investigate training. *Jane*

16. Councillors Update

Councillor Marsh gave an update on the Council budget and the difficulties the Council faced in making the books balance.

Members were reminded about the proposed Galloway National Park consultation, which ends on 14th February 2025.

17. Correspondence

Craig Nab Wind Farm - An update and link to planning application had been supplied - to be circulated. *Jane*

18. Any Other Competent Business

Add to Agenda for March meeting - Resilience and backup generators. *Agenda*

19. Date of Next Community Council Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 3rd March 2025 in Glenluce Public Hall at 7.45 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm. Ian thanked everyone for their attendance and input.

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