

**INVERESK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at Inglis Hall, Edzell**

**Present:** Gus Leighton (Chair), Claire Wilson (Minute Secretary), Graham Dallas, Dick Robertson, representative of Police Scotland and 4 members of the public.

**Apologies:** Ken Goddard, Kate Skene (Planning Contact), Alan Budge (Treasurer), Cllr Beattie and Cllr Nicol.

**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**

Kate Skene was not at the meeting but had sent correspondence that there were no new applications for the ICC area.

There had been a planning meeting held by Angus Council regarding the proposed shed build at Little Brechin – the shed has now been given planning approval. There has been a request to release the e-mail communication which attributed to the comment submitted by ICC on this application. It has been agreed by the ICC members not to release the e-mail communication at this time. Claire will contact the requester to let them know of the outcome.

**Action: Claire**

**Treasurer's Report**

Alan was not at the meeting to provide an update.

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

**Action: Alan**

Claire will contact Alan regarding payment for Stracathro Hall which is to be the venue for the May meeting.

**Action: Claire/Alan**

**Police Report**

The Police Report had been distributed to all the Community Council members before the meeting. The Police Scotland Representative read out the report to the meeting which included the local crime figures.

He encouraged residents to join the local Neighbourhood Watch groups and also to complete the Your Police survey on the Police Scotland website. He also invited the public to attend an event being held at The Cottage, Edzell on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1000-1200hrs where the Police and Fire Service will be in attendance.

**SSEN Transmission East Coast**

This issue is ongoing.

Gus has been at several well attended meetings regarding this proposal (latest one being held in Forfar) which showed there was lots of opposition to the proposal.

Gus has also spoken to MP Dave Dougan who asked Gus to ensure that anyone who submitted objections to the proposal ensured they submitted a good reason for their objection.

Gus has asked Dave Dougan to speak to ESO regarding the proposal and to get the design revisited whilst also asking for the costing of the proposal to be updated.

There was a discussion regarding sub-sea cables and energy islands where it was suggested that decommissioned oil rigs were used although it is thought that if the rigs are decommissioned it is due to them no longer being fit for purpose/end of life and therefore not suitable to be used as "islands" also the depth of the UK seas may mean it is not possible to have energy islands.

## **Recurring items**

### Edzell Muir

No update as Cllr Beattie was not at the meeting. Gus will ask him for an update regarding the survey of the Muir.

**Action: Gus/Cllr Beattie**

### Edzell Muir Playpark

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.

Unfortunately, Dick informed the meeting that the more permanent planned location for the hub was no longer available due to a change of ownership.

Inchbare – The hall is setting up a new management structure and it is thought that the planning for the resilience hub will be postponed until this is in place.

Edzell – No update.

### Whishop Burn Bridge

This has been delayed due to the weather and Balfour Beatty are awaiting contact from the Church to proceed. Judith will contact Balfour Beatty for an update.

### Shaking Bridge, Edzell

It is thought that the bridge is still closed. No update from Aberdeenshire Council.

### Proposed Crossing of Edzell High Street

Kate has composed a survey to put on the Edzell Facebook page, but it is thought this has not been made live yet.

**Action: Kate**

### Little Brechin

#### Speeding Traffic

The signs have now been erected. The road is in a poor state of repair with potholes. Dick to report to the AccessLine.

**Action: Dick**

### Inchbare

An Active Travel submission has been made to improve/create pathways around Inchbare. Claire has submitted a comment that a continuation of the path from the Edzell straight to Westside and on to Inchbare would be helpful (ICC had already submitted this request to Angus Council several years ago).

### Glenesk

Ken was not at the meeting but sent a report via e-mail.

Some of the potholes on the glen road have been repaired.

There have been sheep roaming on the road and Ken will speak to the Estates regarding this issue.

**Action: Ken**

EE phone signal is up and running to their customers only at the moment.

## **Ward Councillors' Report**

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

## **Brechin Healthcare Group**

The BHG are still in negotiations with Angus Council for new premises.

## **Correspondence**

### Bi-annual meeting of Community Councils with Angus Council

This is to be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 1800hrs. This will be via face to face and virtual. Gus is planning to attend.

### Floodmobile

This event is happening on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at Glebe Park, Brechin from 1200-1900hrs. There will be several professional groups available to discuss concerns and possible assistance with flood prevention in the local area.

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## **AOCB**

### ICC Facebook Page

Kate had suggested having an Inveresk Community Council Facebook page via an e-mail. This had previously been discussed and as no one had the time to “police” a Facebook Page it was decided against creating one. As Kate was not at the meeting Claire will put on the next Agenda to discuss with Kate present.

**Action: Claire**

### Sovereign Portrait

An offer has been made by the Government to provide a portrait of King Charles III for display in the meeting place of the Community Councils. As Inveresk Community Council hold their meetings in various halls within the area, which are run by the local committees, it was not thought appropriate to decide on one venue and therefore the offer would be declined.

### Cones on Dunlappie Road, Edzell

A member of the public expressed concern re: traffic cones in place at the top of a blind crest on Dunlappie Road, Edzell. This is causing pedestrians to walk far out in the road at the blind crest. It is unknown why the cones are in place as no work is currently being undertaken in the area. The member of the public has already contact the AccessLine but has had no reply. Claire will submit an enquiry online also.

**Action: Claire**

### Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill

A member of the public informed the ICC that this was the last week for consultation on the above Bill

Gus thanked everyone for attending.

**Next meeting: No meeting in April  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at Stracathro Hall, Inchbare**

**Approved on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

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