

INVERESK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of meeting held on Monday 21st October 2024 at Inglis Hall, Edzell

Present: Gus Leighton (Chair), Claire Wilson (Minute Secretary), Graham Dallas, Alan Budge (Treasurer), Dick Robertson, Cllr Beattie and 6 members of the public.

Apologies: Ken Goddard, Kate Skene (Planning Contact) and Police Scotland.

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

Police Report

The Police Report had been distributed to all the Community Council members before the meeting. Gus read out the report at the meeting which included the local crime figures. Residents are encouraged to join their local Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

The local Police are struggling to attend ICC meetings due to their shift pattern. A request has been made to look at the date of the ICC meetings so that Police attendance would be available. It was agreed to discuss this at the AGM in November.

Antisocial Behaviour Officer

Angus Council's Antisocial Behaviour Officer was to attend the meeting to explain her role and responsibilities. Unfortunately, she was unable to attend due to illness. Her visit will be rescheduled for next year.

Planning and CNP Report

Kate was unable to attend the meeting, so Gus gave a brief report. None of the applications for the ICC area this month required any comment from the ICC.

Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance	£428.33
Secretary Fees (September)	- <u>50.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£378.33</u>

The hire cost for tonight's meeting and the cost of a Remembrance Wreath will also be deducted once the final figures are known.

Alan also stated that there was one cheque still outstanding to be cashed from August.

Alan has contacted the Council to ask what happens to the bank account of the ICC if it is not reformed in November as there is money ringfenced within the account from the sale of the security marking kits that the ICC facilitated for the Neighbourhood Watch in the area. This money was to be used for the upkeep of the defibrillator at Glenesk Hotel. Alan was informed that the bank account would not be closed immediately if the ICC was not reformed in November and although 5 members are required to reform the ICC if there are 4 members in place then time will be given to assist in recruiting another member.

SSEN Transmission East Coast

This issue is ongoing.

Gus gave a brief outline of the issue and the actions which have been taken both by ICC and other Community Councils in the Angus and Mearns area in association with other groups.

Gus has asked the MP and MSP for the area to ask the ESO to revisit the holistic network design for the upgrade of the National Grid as it was submitted in 2020. Gus has asked Dave Doogan MP to liaise with other MPs whose constituents were also opposed to new OHLs in East Anglia, Essex and Lincolnshire. The MP had now formed an all Party group who would be seeking to discuss alternatives with the Minister for Energy and hopefully have the holistic network design revisited to include more sub-sea cables and fewer OHLs wherever practical. The OHL to a new Tealing substation is to be continued (by Scottish Power) to Westfield substation near Kincardine where it will be converted from AC to HVDC for onward transmission to England via sub-sea cables. Gus has suggested that it be taken from Peterhead to Westfield by sub-sea cables. Some electricity could be sent to the Scottish central belt from Westfield. This would negate the need for about 150 miles of unwanted pylons. The UK Government say that they don't yet have comparison costs for OHL, buried cables and sub-sea cables, however it has been announced that sub-sea cables from Peterhead to Drax, Yorkshire (Eastern Green Link 2) is to cost £2.1bn. Gus is to attend a meeting with MP Dave Doogan on 15th November – venue to be confirmed.

There is another webinar being held by SSEN on 23rd October. Graham and Gus are unable to attend on the day so will see if they can view a recording of the event.

There were good attendances at the consultation events in the ICC area.

There was a discussion regarding the woodland which will be cut down due to the new pylon line this will cause wildlife to be driven out of their natural habitat. There were also several concerns voiced regarding the EMF (electro-magnetic field) emitted from the overhead power lines which could cause issues with medical equipment but also may cause long term health problems in humans. Several members of the public have copied in the ICC with their objections to the proposed SSEN pylons.

Glendye Windfarm

Judith Gallacher (former ICC member) gave an update on the Glendye Windfarm.

The application for the Glendye Windfarm has been passed. The route for the pylons has been decided and the middle option (running below the Cairn viewpoint and the Bridge of Dye) has been chosen. The pylons proposed will be low in height (approx. 12m) this is possible due to the low voltage being transported through them.

There will also be a considerable increase in large vehicles during the construction period (over 60 HGVs per day) and although the proposed route is not in the ICC area it is thought that the traffic will not use the Northwaterbridge access to the A90 and will instead travel through Edzell.

Mairi Gougeon has replied that she had written to Traffic Scotland who are responsible for the A90 junction, and they would not be interested in the use of traffic lights at the junction as Gus suggested. MSP Liam Kerr has acknowledged receipt of the letter but no update as yet from his office.

Recurring items

Whishop Burn Bridge

No further update. Judith continues to pursue an entity to take on the liability of the bridge once the repairs have been completed.

Edzell Muir

Representatives of the Flood Group and ICC have met with the Council to look at the plans to use the North end of the Muir as a potential holding area for flood water.

Unfortunately, due to the delay Balfour Beatty no longer have the groundwork equipment on site which would be required to complete the works. The Flood Group are also looking to extend the bund beside the children's play park.

Cllr Beattie has asked Angus Council to look at the November 2015 policy for Unauthorised Encampments in Angus which is on the website. This will be updated. Gus asked that recreational

areas be added to the unsuitable encampment areas, as suggested by the Scottish Government in April 2017.

Shaking Bridge, Edzell

No further update on bridge repairs.

Edzell Crossing

Kate was not at the meeting for an update.

Inchbare

Westwater Bridge

Angus Council Roads Department have confirmed that there already chevrons at the bridge although they may look at slow signs and additional reflective material to the chevron sign in the next financial year. This item will be removed from the agenda and returned when there is any update.

Resilience Hub

The equipment for the Tarfside Hub will hopefully be transferred in the next few weeks.

Tarfside Campsite

Update from Ken via e-mail. There is a vehicle abandoned in the camping field. Police are aware but Ken is unsure if they will do anything as it is on private land. Ken will contact Dalhousie Estates to inform them.

The defibrillator has now been transferred to the side of the hall to prevent further issues with it being tampered with.

Signage is to be put in place to advise visitors not to dispose of chemical toilets at the Tarfside toilet drain. Gus has had no response from Angus Council regarding the installation of a facility for chemical toilet contents and possible funding for this from the Scottish Government.

Gus is still awaiting a date with Dalhousie Estates to discuss their proposed plans for the old Tarfside School.

Ward Councillors' Report

Cllr Beattie had provided updates throughout the meeting.

A full Council meeting will be held next week. There is to be a public engagement regarding flooding and whilst mainly focusing on Brechin it will take other areas in consideration. Cllr Beattie encouraged everyone to read the reports and comments when they come on line following the full Council meeting.

Brechin Healthcare Group

The BHG has held successful open days for the public to see the new premises and find out the services that are available.

There are many services using the facilities and others are also looking to use the facilities when they find funding.

There is a coffee morning to be held on Saturday at the Jenner Centre. All are welcome to attend. Dick distributed the DD9 connection newsletter at the meeting.

Correspondence

Nil not already noted.

AOCB

GDPR Officer for ICC

All Community Council's within Angus should have a Data Protection officer as per Scottish Government. Currently the minute secretary has covered the role, but it is now required to be a member of the Community Council. This will be taken forward at the AGM in November.

November meeting of ICC

Alan confirmed that the Panmure Hotel is booked for the November meeting and tea, coffee and biscuits could be made available for an additional cost.

Remembrance Wreath

Alan has ordered the wreath for Edzell and Claire has agreed to lay it at the Remembrance Service at the War Memorial. Ken already has a wreath for laying at Tarfside. **Action: Claire/Ken**

AGM

A member of the public asked if it would be possible to put a small piece on the Edzell Facebook page to give a brief outline of what the Community Council involves along with the AGM information. This may encourage people to join. Gus and Alan will look at getting a piece together and Alan will post to the Facebook page. **Action: Alan/Gus**

Gus thanked everyone for attending.

Next meeting: Monday 18th November 2024 in Panmure Arms Hotel, Edzell

Approved on 18th November 2024

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Unresolved Issues by the ICC 2024

Unresolved Issue	Comment and date removed from Agenda
Resilience Hub	Lethnot Hub – equipped and staffed. Edzell and Little Brechin have equipment available and will require to organise premises and volunteers. Inchbare unable to obtain support for storage of equipment and manning of hub so equipment relocated to another location in Tarfside Removed from Agenda September 2024

Westwater Bridge	Bridge is a listed structure so coping stones will be sited once they are manufactured. Signage (slow signs and potentially enhancing chevron signs) will be reviewed in next financial year.
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