

INVERESK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of meeting held on Monday 16th September 2024 at Menmuir Hall

Present: Gus Leighton (Chair), Claire Wilson (Minute Secretary), Graham Dallas, Kate Skene (Planning Contact), Alan Budge (Treasurer), Dick Robertson, Police Scotland, Caroline Farquhar (Case Worker and Community Engagement Officer for Tess White MSP) and 5 members of the public.

Apologies: Ken Goddard, Cllr Beattie and Cllr Scott.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved following some amendments by Cllr Scott. 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

Police Report

The Police Report had been distributed to all the Community Council members before the meeting. Sgt Patullo read out the report at the meeting which included the local crime figures. Gus explained that the A90 did not fall under the Inveresk area (Sgt Patullo will no longer include any crime numbers from there).

Sgt Patullo also spoke about the unauthorised encampment which had returned to the Edzell Muir. Police Scotland are in contact with Angus Council regarding this and will continue to monitor it when their duties allow. She also reminded residents to report any antisocial behaviour or criminal damage with evidence if possible.

Local Officers have been interacting with the public at various events, including Edzell Gala Day. 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.

Planning and CNP Report

Kate gave a brief report on the applications for the Inveresk Community Council area.

- Roof and dormer on house in Inveriscandye Road, Edzell - agreed no comment required from ICC
- Cottage alterations in Careston - agreed no comment required from ICC.
- Several applications for alterations to new builds on the Guild Home site, Edzell - agreed no comment required by ICC for any of the applications.

Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance	£500.83
Hall Hire Menmuir (September meeting)	- 22.50
Secretary Fees (September)	- <u>50.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£428.33</u>

SSEN Transmission East Coast

This issue is ongoing.

Gus gave a brief outline on 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 had asked Dave Doogan MP to liaise with other MPs who's 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.

Graham attended a webinar with SSEN. The general feedback from the public at the meeting was not in favour of the new line and pylons.

There are various consultation events being held in the local area by SSEN over the next few weeks. There was also a short discussion regarding battery storage areas. There are ones planned or already sited in the Angus area although none in the ICC area.

Recurring items

Whishop Burn Bridge

Judith Gallagher gave an update on the bridge. Balfour Beatty have all the material and manpower to complete the works. The hold up is the ownership of the land on which the bridge sits. It was initially thought to belong to the Church however on further investigation this was found not to be the case. Dalhousie Estates also deny owning the land. The clarity of ownership is required so the landowner will take on the public liability for the bridge once it is built. Judith will speak to EVIS to see if they will add the bridge to their public liability so work can commence. **Action: Judith**

Edzell Muir

The unauthorised encampment has returned to the Muir having been witnessed vandalising the barriers at the middle carpark and driving over the playing field. All information has been passed to Police Scotland.

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. The Council have agreed to extend the ditches around the Muir, plant hedges around the High Street side of the Muir then sow the area with wildflowers with mowed pathways to allow walking access to the area. The holdup is thought that the Council is awaiting agreement from EVIS to close the top carpark permanently to allow these works to be carried out.

Shaking Bridge, Edzell

No further update on bridge repairs. Gus had encouraged Cllr Scott and Aberdeenshire's Cllr Carr to liaise and discuss how the major repairs required might be funded.

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Westwater Bridge

An update from Cllr Scott has been received - the scaffolding remains in place as coping stones are required to be installed on top of the bridge. As the bridge is a listed structure the replacement coping stones need to be made to specification. Gus has requested an upgrade of the chevron signage at the bridge.

Resilience Hub

No update on the Glenesk Hub as Ken was not at the meeting.

The Flood Group are to contact EVIS to organise staffing and access for the Edzell Resilience Hub which could be used in event of flooding in the village as well as when there is an outage of power.

Tarfside Campsite

Gus has contacted Dalhousie Estates re: residents' concerns and complaints at the camping field. He has also suggested that the former Tarfside School could be used as bunk house accommodation and could also be used as a hub for campers to register before entering the campsite and perhaps having to pay a fee.

Gus has contacted the Council regarding the disposal of chemical toilets down the drain at the public toilets at Tarfside. He is awaiting a response.

The defibrillator at Tarfside is to be moved from the side of the toilet to the side of the hall. It is hoped that this should prevent any further tampering with the machine while continuing to allow full access to it.

Ward Councillors' Report

No Councillors attended the meeting.
Cllr Scott has sent an update (see Westwater Bridge).

Brechin Healthcare Group

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

There are many services using the facilities and there are several more services planning to use the facilities in the future. It is also hoped to hold training sessions in the future e.g CPR training.

Dick distributed the DD9 connection newsletter at the meeting.

Correspondence

Crossing Edzell High Street

A member of the public contacted ICC requesting that they support a crossing on Edzell High Street due to residents who are visually impaired/elderly finding it increasingly difficult to independently cross the road safely.

Kate will make a questionnaire for Alan to put on the Edzell Facebook page so residents can vote for a suitable siting of the crossing.

Action: Kate/Alan

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.

Anti-Social Behaviour Officer

The Anti-Social Behaviour Officer is to attend the October meeting of the ICC to gather views from the community to be included in Angus Council's Anti-Social Behaviour strategy.

November meeting of ICC

Claire has been unable to confirm the booking of Inglis Hall, Edzell for the November meeting. This is due to the feasibility study possibly being completed and it is unsure who will take on the running of the hall following this. It was agreed to book the Panmure Hotel for the November meeting. Alan will contact the Panmure to book.

Action: Alan

Publication of ICC meeting dates

Claire has contacted Angus Council who have agreed that they would be happy to publish the dates of meetings on the Community Council page.

Webinar Ready Scotland

Webinar regarding resilience. Gus is unable to attend so Kate will attend as the ICC representative. Gus will send Kate information on what the situation is in the ICC area.

Action: Gus/Kate

Glendye Windfarm

The application for the Glendye Windfarm has been passed. There are 3 proposed routes for the connecting pylons to reach offshore. One of the suggestions runs near the Charr Bothy which is an area used by many walkers. Alan will place the information on the Edzell Facebook page and

encourage people to comment on the routes suggested. Gus will draft an e-mail from ICC to object to the Charr Bothy route.

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.

Caroline Farquhar will take the concerns to Tess White MSP regarding the unsuitable junction for HGVs and the ICC's concern.

Action: Gus

Future use of Stracathro Hall

A member of the public voiced concern that they had noted there was an application to make Stracathro Church into a Community Hub. They asked, "what did that mean for Stracathro Hall" and voiced concern that the hall site would be used for housing in the future whilst taking the Community Space further from the Community. Gus stated that the ICC were not aware of any plans to change the use of the Stracathro Hall or site.

Gus thanked everyone for attending.

Next meeting: Monday 21st October 2024 in Inglis Hall, Edzell

Approved on 21st October 2024

Gus Leighton

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