

INVERESK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of meeting held on Monday 18th November 2024 at Panmure Hotel, Edzell

Present: Anne Matthew (Chair), Claire Wilson (Minute Secretary), Graham Dallas, Alan Budge (Treasurer), Dick Robertson, Kate Skene, Fiona Troughton, Ian Anderson, Polly Day, Amanda Martin Anne Dunbar-Nobes and 9 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Beattie and Police Scotland.

Anne Matthews took the Chair as the new Inveresk Community Council was formed. It was agreed to keep the meeting as short as possible due to the lengthy AGM.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved after a spelling error was corrected. The minutes were proposed by Alan Budge 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. Claire 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. This will be discussed at the January meeting.

Planning and CNP Report

There was a discussion regarding the proposed storage facilities at East Mains of Keithock. Alan will speak to the local residents to see if they have any concerns, and the ICC will form a comment to the Council if required after the feedback from the residents. No other planning application required comment.

Action: Alan

Treasurer's Report

The ICC finances had been discussed at the AGM. Alan will get the accounts finalised before handing them over to the new Treasurer for audit and submission to Angus Council.

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 and Graham met with MP Dave Doogan this week regarding the proposed overhead line.

Neither SSEN nor the UK Government can give comparative costs of the proposed line via another route (i.e. subsea). Gus will remain in contact with ICC to update them if he receives any further information.

UK Government Public Consultation on Electricity Infrastructure Consenting in Scotland (Response Deadline 30th November

This had been opened on 28th October 2024 and then Chairperson Gus Leighton had drafted a response circulated to members prior to the AGM and monthly meeting. The 3 continuing members Graham Dallas, Dick Robertson and Kate Skene approved the response be submitted. The 6 new

members raised no objection recognising the work had been undertaken prior to them joining the Council.

Action: Claire

Recurring items

Whishop Burn Bridge

Judith confirmed that Dalhousie Estates are the owners of the land at either side of the bridge. Balfour Beatty/SSEN will contact Dalhousie Estates to move forward with erecting the bridge.

Edzell Muir

The Flood Group are currently extending the bund at the playpark and raising the walkway access to the playpark to try to contain flood water on the Muir.

It was noted that large boulders had been placed at the north end of the Muir. It is not known where these came from and the purpose of these.

It was agreed that the ICC had reached a point where they could provide no further support or input to this item at this current time so it will be taken off the Agenda.

Shakin' Brig, Edzell

No further update on bridge repairs.

Edzell road crossing

This will be taken forward at the next meeting.

Tarfside Campsite

There was no update at the meeting so this will be removed from the agenda until there is further information/update.

Glendye Windfarm

Gus has had confirmation that the traffic from the construction of the windfarm will not use a route through Edzell village.

Ward Councillors' Report

No Councillors attended.

Brechin Healthcare Group

Dick gave a brief update on the current services available at The Jenner Centre.

Correspondence

Bi-annual meeting with Angus Council

The meeting usually held in November between the Community Councils and Angus Council has been postponed. A cluster group has been formed with members of various Community Councils and the Council are currently working on the issues raised at the meetings of the cluster groups. The Council will keep the Community Councils updated with any information.

Edzell Friendship Agreement with Sauze d'Oulx

Correspondence has been received that there will be an unveiling of a sign acknowledging the friendship agreement by the Mayor of Sauze d'Oulx on Friday 22nd November at the South end of the village.

Carpark at Stracathro School

Correspondence has been received from the Stracathro Parent Voice Group who are trying to get a carpark formed for the school.

The Group have discussed with Angus Councils Planning Department and have requested speed surveys. The previous Chair (Gus Leighton) had asked the Parent Voice Group and Cllr Beattie to contact one another to take the issue forward.

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 next meeting with the newly formed ICC.

Anne thanked everyone for attending.

Next meeting: Monday 20th January 2025 in Inglis Memorial Hall, Edzell