

Inveresk Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held in Lesser Inglis Hall, Edzell on 10th March, 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:-

Mrs L Anderson	Mr H McLauchlin
Mrs S Black	Mr I Rae
Mrs S Fowlie	Mr C Simpson
Mrs J Gallacher	Rev A Watt
Mrs A Lowden	Mrs A Watt
Mr G Lowden	Mrs F Yates

In Attendance:-

Constable D Laurie	Brechin Advertiser
Cllr M Evans	

Apologies:-

Mrs L Logan	Mrs D Harrod
Cllr R Leslie-Melville	Cllr R Myles

In the Chair:- Mr C Simpson

1. Minutes of Meeting held on 11th February, 2008

Item 4 – Treasurer’s Report – the following paragraph was omitted from some copies of the minutes:- “The opening bank balance at 1st January was £805.35 with £19.79 petty cash. A deduction of £25.00 was made for secretarial fees and interest added of £0.52. This left a balance of £780.87 at 31st January.”

The Minutes were approved unanimously, proposed by Mr Rae and seconded by Rev. Watt.

2. Police Report

PC Laurie reported on:-

- Single non-emergency number – Tayside Police are aiming to cut the amount of non-emergency calls coming through on 999 by introducing a single non-emergency (SNEN) 0845 number which will replace a large range of non-emergency numbers presently in use. Tayside Police receive in the region of 30,000 non-emergency calls per month. The new system will be advertised throughout March and introduced in April. Callers will hear various menu options which will cover all call requests and prioritise calls that require police attendance.
- Community Advisory Groups – Tayside Police are seeking volunteers willing to work with the police at a local level to help improve service delivery and promote better community relations. For more information go to www.tayside.police.uk/diversity_cag.php
- Youth Complaints – before making a complaint about anti-social behaviour the public should be aware that youths may just be hanging out for company and have no other motives in mind. However, the police are aware that youth anti-social behaviour increases during school holidays.
- Drug Awareness – leaflets are to be delivered to households in problem areas.
- Speeding – the police are aware, via a complaint from EVIS, of drivers speeding past the Edzell Primary School especially when the 20mph sign is in use. P C Laurie advised drivers to be aware that action will be taken.

Mrs Yates commented on a problem with speeding (60mph+) on the length of road past the old school at Careston. P C Laurie is aware of this and needs to ascertain if this is a problem associated with regular commuters or not. He will follow up.

Mrs Yates also pointed out that a blue bicycle had been left at the side of the dual carriageway near the Careston turn off. P C Laurie will check on this.

- Edzell Engineering – Mrs Gallacher asked what was happening with the premises as recently installed fencing had blown onto the road causing problems. P C Laurie had been involved in making the fencing safe but was having problems making contact with the owners of the site. Mrs Anderson will keep him informed of activity on site.

3. Matters Arising from the Meeting of 11th February, 2008

- a. Flooding – Mrs Gallacher had received responses to her letters to Angus Council and Dalhousie Estates. Mr J Green, Angus Council, confirmed that the problem at West Side Farm was due to saturated ground either side of the road with nowhere for the water to disperse. The drainage was determined not to be blocked. A maintenance engineer will look at the situation to see if anything further can be achieved to enable flood water to disperse. With regard to the Dunlappie Road/Golf Course/Bonhard track, Mr Green confirmed that a soakage pipe was installed here a year ago but could not cope when the surrounding ground was fully saturated and a scheme to create a ditch to the West Water across private land was “not likely to gain a high priority”. Finally, he advised that Pirner’s Bridge car park also has a soakage pipe which needs to be properly excavated when funds become available.
Mr R Cooke, Dalhousie Estates, agreed with Angus Council’s view of the problem at West Side Farm and confirmed that they would be pleased to co-operate with any recommendations the Council may have for work on their land. With regard to blockage of the Wishart Burn by debris, Mr Cooke confirmed that there is a grey area as to who is responsible for keeping this clear and will look into it.
- b. Little Brechin Flooding – Cllr Myles is looking into this. Meanwhile a SEPA van had been seen in the area.
- c. NHS Consultation Group – Mrs Gallacher has written requesting that ICC be included in the invitation to join the meeting and presently awaits a reply.
- d. Community Health Partnership Meetings – Mrs Anderson and Mrs Gow had attended one of the Focus Group meetings. Mrs Anderson explained that the meeting discussed the new service called “See and Treat” which is a joint approach by Angus CHP and the Scottish Ambulance Service to provide overnight healthcare services in Angus. If a patient’s condition was deemed to be non life-threatening following a call to the 999 services or NHS24 then a “See and Treat” team would be mobilised in a rapid response vehicle which would be fitted with the same lifesaving equipment as an ambulance. This would enable the patient to be treated and stabilised in their own home with follow-up treatment provided by a district nurse if necessary. If urgent hospital treatment was required then the “See and Treat” service would arrange admission. It is thought that the service could be up and running in Montrose, Brechin and Forfar by June, 2008.

4. Treasurer’s Report

The opening balance at 1st February was £800.66 incl. petty cash. Deductions of £43.42 and interest added of £0.44 left a balance of £737.99 and £19.79 petty cash at 29th February. Travel costs had been calculated by Mr Simpson and payments were made to Committee members.

5. Planning

No new planning developments to report.

6. Correspondence

- a. Tayside Police – informed ICC that new Divisional Commander is Chief Superintendent Alan Campbell who will be based in Forfar.
- b. Edzell Mart Site – the development is to go before the Planning Committee on 11th March, 2008.

- c. Angus Community Safety and Antisocial Behaviour Strategy – Community Councils are invited to attend the first meeting of this group to be held on 19th March at Forfar Police HQ. With this meeting in mind CC members were asked to prioritise and discuss 13 items of community safety issues on a questionnaire. After some discussion the top five issues in the ICC area were thought to be speeding, litter, vandalism, underage drinking and dog fouling though these issues could change with the seasons/school holidays and some issues such as underage drinking could create other issues such as vandalism.
- d. Bus Shelter Information – designs of bus shelters for various settings.
- e. Angus Glens Walking Festival Brochure – the event will take place from 29th May to 1st June and includes 24 walks mainly heading out from the Event Centre in Kirriemuir. The walks are described on the website www.angusanddundee.co.uk/walkingfestival
- f. ASCC Newsletter Feb 2008
- g. Focus on Alcohol – Survey of Community Councils – this included a basic questionnaire which Mrs Gallacher will complete.
- h. Bus Timetable Revision - Monifieth Service.
- i. SEPA – Seminar on Thermal Treatment of Waste , i.e. extracting energy from waste to create heat.
- j. NHS Tayside Newsletter Feb-March 2008
- k. Angus Council Minutes – including the minute of 11/2/08 of the Joint Working Group reviewing the scheme for establishment of Community Councils. The next meeting is 14/4/08.
- l. Angus Council “What’s New” lists for February, 2008. Informed of dedicated website for progress in review of scheme for establishment of Community Councils – <http://sr1mart2k02:85/ccreview>

7. Regions

Edzell – Mr Rae noted that the paving outside the butcher’s shop had repaired to a good standard and that further faults were marked up for repair. He also noted that following the upgrade of the road between Inchbare and the Keithock junction that cat’s eyes were missing on two of the bends. This will be brought to Cllr Myles’ attention.

Careston – Mrs Yates commented on road edging crumbling away in the area of the school development site.

Stracathro – the phone box was reported as having no door or phone. BT will be queried with regard to this.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Inveresk Community Council will be held in Lethnot Hall at 7.30pm on Monday, May 12th, 2008.