

**GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING MONDAY 3 MARCH 2014
GLENFARG VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT CClrs MacKenzie (Chairman), Watson (Secretary), Vaughan (Treasurer), Arnold, Armstrong, Johnston, Ponton and Macpherson.

BY INVITATION Cllrs J.Giacopazzi and Cllr D.Cuthbert, Community Police Officer Dougie Stapleton, George Lawrie from TRACKS, Jan Macpherson (minutes).

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC 5

APOLOGIES There were no apologies for absence.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING, 6 January 2014 were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Vaughan, seconded by Cllr Johnston.

MATTERS ARISING

Lomond Hotel Cllr Giacopazzi had held a meeting with Building Standards. They had informed Glenfarg Partnership that they must remove the chimneys near the garage on safety grounds. David Craigie agreed to this. Cllr Watson had spoken to the owner, who said he had a quote for the removal of three chimneys, but would request one for all five. Work was estimated to begin in 4 to 5 weeks (2 to 3 from date of CC meeting). Cllr Giacopazzi reported that P&KC can give a grant of up to £5K in such circumstances, and the owner had applied for it. On behalf of Glenfarg and Duncricvie in Bloom, Cllr Armstrong had approached the owner with a view to using the boarding round the site to display artwork etc. in connection with the Commonwealth Games, and permission had been given.

Library opening times A letter had been sent to the Convenor of the Library Committee saying that Glenfarg CC felt that there had been a lack of consultation regarding the changing of opening times. No response had been received, but Cllr Giacopazzi informed the meeting that a unanimous decision was made in 2011 to close on Mondays and at lunchtimes on Saturdays, and no other complaints had been received. In the future there may be a scheme to allow volunteers to keep the library open at other times.

Duncricvie Road/Ladeside flooding Work on this is in the schedule, and will be brought forward. Cllr Giacopazzi will follow up.

Fete The CC hosted a public meeting regarding the distribution of fete funds, and it was agreed to change the present system. More information is available on the community website.

Defibrillator training was held as planned, and was well-attended.

Nursing Association fund A meeting will take place on 20 March in the Church Hall with people involved in providing community support in Glenfarg, including Rural Outreach, Shared Lives and the Royal Voluntary Service. It was not planned as a public meeting, but interested members of the public are welcome.

POLICE REPORT Already circulated. The new Community Officer introduced himself and reported that there had been a number of break-ins between Glenfarg and Blairingone, although Glenfarg itself had been free of crime since the last report. Villagers were warned to be wary of people selling power tools from vehicles.

ROAD SAFETY This item deferred until the next meeting as Daryl McKeown, P&KC Road Safety Officer, was unable to attend.

USE OF WALLACE PARK DURING FOLK FEAST Concern was expressed about vehicles being driven onto the park and causing damage to the grass, and it was suggested that the Folk Club be asked for vehicles to be restricted to the car park. It was also suggested that the gate could be locked during the Folk Feast weekend. A representative of the Folk Club was present, and said that the committee couldn't agree to that as there wasn't space in the car park for all vehicles and also on the grounds of access for emergency vehicles. He also assured the meeting that the committee always visits the park and repairs any damage after the event. It was suggested that as the Folk Club had received permission from P&KC to use the park, the CC had no jurisdiction. In conclusion the CC asked the Folk Club, as a matter of goodwill, not to allow uncontrolled access of vehicles to the park. A compromise was reached whereby camper vehicles would be confined to the car park but any overflow of cars would be allowed through to the grass area between the path and the road to the south of the car park.

TREASURER'S REPORT Already circulated.

GCC – BALANCE ON ACCOUNT £5,399.80 made up of

Nursing Association Fund	£4,511.00
Micro Grant	£392.00

General Admin £496.80

Expenditures since last meeting:

- Donation to First Responders for PAD training £200
- Installation of electric connections and erection of Christmas Lights £1,254.

NEWSLETTER – BALANCE £ 4,962.08

SCHOOL FUND £741

TOTAL FUNDS HELD £11,102.88 at 3 March 2014

The majority of the money is held in the newsletter account but shown separately. Councillors were asked to submit any expenses, so that they can be included in the accounts up to the end of March. The item on the P&KC Admin Grant was discussed at this point, and Glenfarg CC will register a complaint with the CEO of P&KC regarding the way in which changes to the admin grant have been handled, and the requirement to keep money for specific things in separate accounts, contrary to previous guidelines.

REQUEST FOR SIGNAGE BY GDIB GDIB have now applied to another body for funding because of extra work being undertaken, so the proposed application to Glenfarg CC has been withdrawn at the moment. It is not yet known if the matter will be resolved by the end of March. The signage in question is, for example, to the Wallace Park, the Avenue, the Church, the Village Hall etc.

NOTICE BOARD The current one is not thought to be appropriately sited and needs some maintenance. It was originally gifted by David Meldrum, and was to be on the shop wall, but the owner at the time didn't agree. Enquiries will be made regarding size and cost of a new one with a view to ordering it before the end of March, and the present owners of the shop will be asked for permission to site it on their wall.

PLANNING Report already circulated. There is currently some discussion over planning at the Hilton of Duncricvie Farm Steading where GS Brown already has permission for four houses. The owner of the adjacent farm has built a cattle court and is now applying for retrospective permission. The matter is ongoing. There are plans for parking on the grass in front of Bridge House, Hayfield Road, but apparently this would be over a culvert which would not stand the weight of vehicles. It is not known if objections have been lodged to the travellers' site at Mawcarse, which is not in the Glenfarg CC area. It is understood that building in the field next to Wallace Park is due to start on 3 April.

EMERGENCY PLAN Report already circulated. It has been approved so far, and further work will be undertaken.

NEWSLETTER No volunteers have been forthcoming to take on the Editorship, including those approached personally. The forthcoming edition will be prepared by the current editor, Cllr Armstrong, and finished by Cllr Macpherson. He feels that he isn't a suitable editor, but is prepared to keep things "ticking over" with help from Cllr Watson. Meanwhile a permanent editor is urgently required.

CORRESPONDENCE Already circulated. The Ochils – a special place. Auchterarder CC has asked all CCs with part of the Ochils in their area to form a group to communicate with a consultant from P&KC on this report. It was noted that the Vice Chairman of Auchterarder CC is Treasurer of FOTO (Friends of the Ochils). This is thought to be a narrow group wanting the whole of the Ochils designated a Local Landscape Area. It was agreed that more information was needed, but Glenfarg CC was willing to attend a meeting before making a commitment.

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TRACKS George Lawrie (TRACKS Officer) was present at the meeting and reported that the path round Loch Leven is due to be completely open by Easter, with Easter and Wester Balgedie finished by mid-April. Plans are also in hand for paths (less formal than that round the Loch) over the Lomonds and Benarty. The Hilton of Duncricvie path is back on the agenda. Cllr Arnold to liaise with George Lawrie (TRACKS) and Tim Corcoran (Glenfarg Paths Group) to discern whether this path is open and useable. There is also the possibility of a path linking Glenfarg and Bridge of Earn via the railway tunnels, if there is sufficient interest. The meeting felt that there would be interest as paths were mentioned in the Glenfarg Conversation. This was thought to be a good use of the Lochelbank Wind Farm money.

Bus shelter It was noted that a reconditioned shelter may be available, and that the one at Cuthill Towers was purchased by local residents, and installed by P&KC. It was agreed that no further shelters were required, and Cllr Robertson would be informed.

Tayplan Meeting on 17 April, 6.30 – 8.30. Contact CClr Watson if interested in attending.

Wind Farm There are plans to move timber both ways between Binn Farm and a new plant in Markinch. Residents of Gateside want all movement to be through Glenfarg, rather than Gateside and Abernethy. The view of Glenfarg CC will need to be taken to the next Binn Farm Community Engagement meeting in early April. It was noted that there is already a requirement for traffic to travel on the M90 to Bridge of Earn and along the Baiglie straight.

A planning application is to be lodged by June this year for the erection of five additional turbines within two years. This would result in a more generous CBF payment, equivalent to that suggested by the Scottish Government. It was mentioned that Glenfarg wants community involvement, and Binn Farm is keen for involvement from Earn, Gateside, Glenfarg and Abernethy. An exhibition of the final application will be held in Bridge of Earn, and it was felt that there would be no impact for Glenfarg. The turbines would be sited in a hollow, so would not be visible.

Litter It was asked if the CC could lobby SITA, Binn Skips and P&KC regarding litter in the Glen and on the Baiglie straight. There are overflowing skips at the end of the Binn Farm road. Cllr Cuthbert will raise the matter with P&KC and CClr Watson will write to John Ferguson.

Glenfarg Conversation Foundation Scotland had asked if printed copies of the community profile were required, but it was thought that they weren't.

Tennis Pavilion Tim Corcoran was present and gave the Community Council an update on the Tennis Pavilion. Funding has been obtained from Sport Scotland, but not SITA, with no explanation being given. £30K has been raised, but other sources of funding need to be found for the remaining £10K. It is hoped that work will commence in April and will be finished in May.

Date of next meeting

Monday 12 May. This will take the form of the AGM followed by a shorter business meeting.