

GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING MONDAY 6th July 2015

AT GLENFARG VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: CCllrs Donald Mackenzie (Chairman), Gillian Vaughan (Treasurer) Dave Arnold, Rob Duncan, Daniel Horsman, Alex Johnston, and Margaret Ponton. Also present: Tracey Ramsay (Senior Community Capacity Building Worker PKC) Cllr Giacopazzi and one member of the public.

APOLOGIES: Janet Watson (Secretary)

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: This was held on 11th May 2015. The Minutes were agreed and signed as being a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Horsman, seconded by CClr Duncan.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Community Benefit Fund - it was felt that further clarity of 'exceptional circumstances' is needed and community awareness needs to be increased as to this aspect of the awards.
2. New Bus timetable - there are no concerns to be raised regarding the new bus times.
3. Newsletter sub group - this group now covers all aspects of Glenfarg communication.
4. Noticeboard - The new CC noticeboard has been installed and thanks go to John Allison for his skills and time which were given freely. Thanks to the shop for allowing the notice board to be positioned on their wall.

POLICE REPORT:

There was no Police report presented. Councillors are still aware of a problem regarding speeding through the villages of Glenfarg and Duncreevie.

Neighbourhood Watch - there have been 87 members since 1st May 2015. Messages are regularly circulated.

A LONG TERM VISION FOR GLENFARG:

Tracey Ramsey along with members of our Community has produced a questionnaire which is to be circulated to all residents of the CC area, to ask people to think about a long term development plan for Glenfarg area. The questionnaire will be electronically circulated along with delivery of paper copies. It will be on the village website and shared through the 'Grapevine'.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer gave a summary of her report (circulated prior to the meeting). She noted that the total fund held was a healthy £11,599. The administration grant of £373 has been received.

AED/CPR training was well attended and worth while.

VAS - two signs have been ordered at a cost of £4850 and they will be installed in 6-8 weeks.

PLANNING:

CCllr Johnston, as lead of the Planning Sub-Committee, gave a summary of his Planning Report (which had been circulated prior to the meeting). 5 applications have been received and the CC have no objection to any of these. 4 applications have been approved, including the Lomond Hotel site. Discussion took place over the 'cumulative affect' of turbines but Cllr Johnston felt the CC were being consistent in their approach to applications.

A & J Stephen have appointed construction engineers for the infrastructure work and they are now working on the detailed infrastructure plans. These are to be submitted to P&KC in September and permits for the work are expected by end November. If that happens infrastructure work will begin in January and, if there are no weather delays, the plan is to commence building the first house in April.

BINN FARM UPDATE

Cllr Duncan report that the pre agreement document between Element Power and the 4 communities had been discussed in detail and amendments had been made. He felt that the 4 communities are now in a position to sign this on 15th July. The objection submitted by Historic Scotland has been withdrawn.

The meeting agreed to sign the agreement.

RESPONSE TO ROAD CLOSURES

There was felt to be a lack of communication between P&KC and the community regarding road closures. The information that was available was too little and given too late. The road marking at the end of Church Brae have not been reinstated. The CC will communicate our concerns to the Council.

CORRESPONDENCE AND AOCB

1. Parking at the shop - The shop keepers have asked for there to be no permanent parking outside the shop. In accordance with the Highway Code, there should not be parking at a dropped kerb and the Chairman will speak with them to find a suitable way forward. The CC will write to the Council requesting a white line at the dropped kerb.

2. Elections - Each candidate shall submit a supporting statement by 24th September.
3. Broadband - There has been no planning application as yet for the second pair of cabinets which would provide this service to the south end of the village. Superfast Broadband is available in the north end of the village currently.
4. Glenfarg History - Jen Lindsay has researched in detail the names on the war memorial and would like to give the information to Glenfarg. It was agreed to accept this offer and to keep it in the newsletter archive store in the church hall. John Armstrong will also be approached to see if the material will be useful to him in his work on village history. The information will be made available on the website.
5. Wallace Park - A reminder is needed for the repainting of the wooden ride on toys in the park.
6. Fete Funds - It was felt more clarity was needed into the funds raised from the Village Fete. The application process for the distribution will start soon.
7. Local Development Plan - Glenfarg is not mentioned on this - it was felt the area has nowhere further to develop.

The next Community Council Meeting will be held on

Monday 7th September