

GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL - MINUTES OF MEETING

Monday 2nd September 2019
Glenfarg Village Hall

PRESENT: CCllr Ponton (Chair), CCllr Horsman, CCllr Loudon, CCllr Pilmer, CCllr Taylor, CCllr Watson.

Also present: PKC Cllr Purves and two members of the public.

APOLOGIES: CCllr Fraser, PKC Cllr Robertson, PKC Cllr Watters.

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.
Proposed CCllr Loudon Seconded CCllr Horsman

3. ACTION POINT UPDATES:

Roads and Pavements: CCllr Pilmer reported that he had asked the Roads Dept for details of the schedule of road cleaning but had yet to receive a reply. Cllr Purves stated that there had been no cuts to the relevant budget so he would enquire about the schedule. It was felt appropriate to bring up the issue at the next Kinross-shire Forum meeting.

Speed Limits: Cllr Purves has enquired about the speed limits on Main Street, with particular reference to the Copperfield estate entrance. As the village environs expand, there is a possibility that the 30mph limit would need to be moved further south.

Social Housing: Cllr Robertson has replied to our query, stating that housing officers would visit any council tenant if there were a case of neglect or misuse of property. A member of the public asked if the Community Council had a role to play if there was a case of anti-social behaviour. The Chairperson stated that the CC had no more influence than a member of the public. CCllr Pilmer has had meetings with a Community Police Officer, and was assured that the police make regular visits to Glenfarg.

Scottish Water: CCllrs Fraser and Pilmer had visited the Water Treatment Works and CCllr Fraser had written a report.

Nursing Fund and Festive Lighting: CCllr Fraser had met with a representative of a company which specialises in festive lighting to discuss increasing the Christmas lights to the south end of Main Street. Talks are ongoing and, as there is an 8 week delivery, nothing could be done in time for this December. It was agreed to leave both these items for consideration by the new CC.

3. PLANNING REPORT

CCllr Pilmer reported on the notified Applications and Decisions:

Applications

Extension to dwellinghouse

2 Ash Grove Glenfarg Perth PH2 9PH

Ref No: 19/01153/EI | Received: Thu 11 Jul 2019 | Validated: Mon 29 Jul 2019 |

Status: Awaiting decision

Decisions

Erection of a dwellinghouse (existing)

Strawearn House Glenfarg Perth PH2 9QL

Ref. No: 19/00889/LAW. Approved

4. POLICE REPORT

No police officer was present. CCllr Pilmer regularly informs the community of any relevant incidents that have been reported in the Commander's Bulletin. In light of a few incidents in recent months, residents are reminded to be wary of cold callers offering their services.

CCllr Ponton asked if there was any progress on the possibility of a local Speedwatch scheme, where rural areas are offered the use of speed guns. Cllr Purves replied that he has had discussions with relevant authorities. Each set costs £1,250 and funding could be sought for a single set that would be shared between Kinross-shire communities. Police would train individual users – 3 people are required per time, who note speeds and registration numbers. Police would then send offenders a letter and constant offenders would be visited.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT:

CCllr Horsman had supplied a Treasurer's Report as follows.

TREASURER REPORT 2nd September 2019

1. GCC – BALANCE ON ACCOUNT £393

Income – Nil

Expenditures – Examiner of accounts gift £25

2. GCC NEWSLETTER ACCOUNT – BALANCE £12 643

This balance is made up as follows :

	Newsletter	Microgrant	Nursing Fund
At 1 st July 2019	8 367	508	4 011
Income	55	Nil	Nil
Expenditures/payments	248	50	Nil
	<u>8 174</u>	<u>458</u>	<u>4,011</u>

Income/Expenditures since last meeting:

Newsletter:

Income – Newsletter advertisers and Shop Tin £55

Expenditures – Newsletter Printing £248

Microgrant:

Income – Nil

Expenditures – D Fraser iro of telephone box restoration costs £50

3. SCHOOL FUND £141

No Change

TOTAL FUNDS HELD £13,177 at 2nd September 2019**6. AOCB:**

Binn Community Turbines: CClr Ponton reported on recent discussions regarding the four turbines planned for the Binn site, two of which could be owned jointly by the communities of Glenfarg, Abernethy, Strathmiglo and Bridge of Earn.

CCllrs Ponton and Pilmer represent us at meetings, which comprise Binn Eco Park, Greencat Renewables and the four CCs. Greencat Renewables are the company developing the project but, owing to a limit imposed on the government subsidies, they are only able to profit from the output of two of the turbines.

The Chairperson of the meetings is an expert from the energy saving trust, appointed as a mediator by the four CCs. He has advised that the CCs should employ a management company to advise them. This would cost in the region of £25,000. A grant would be necessary to fund this and would need to be sought by an organisation other than the CCs. Glenfarg Renewable Energy Association (GREA) was considered to be an appropriate organisation for this and had agreed to take on the task.

There was some discussion around the advisability of the communities taking on the ownership of these turbines. A loan would be necessary. CClr Ponton had been advised that the CCs would not be liable for maintenance costs. The CC gave its approval to an independent management company being appointed and would discuss their findings at the appropriate time.

Community Council Elections: The closing date for submission of nomination forms is 4pm on 26th September. This has been advertised on the Grapevine, in the newsletter and on the notice board.

Green Routes: Funding is being sought for a Green Route to the west of Glenfarg. PKC had requested a letter of support from the CC, in order to apply for external funding.
(CCllr Loudon)

Bridge of Earn Doctor's Surgery: It was noted that this surgery has now been closed and patients have been directed to other surgeries in Kinross or Perth.

Kinross-shire Community Transport Loop: Cllr Barnacle has asked the CC to send a representative to meetings of this group. CCllr Fraser has agreed to take on this role.

Arngask Primary School: The Parents and Friends of Arngask PS had requested that a climbing frame be installed on a wall of this school. This has now been approved and the group has applied for funding to the Lochelbank Wind Farm panel.

Friends of Wallace Park: The group now has costings for the planned developments in the park. Applications for funds are being prepared. Cllr Purves informed the group that the deadline for applications to the Community Investment Fund had been extended, and encouraged the group to apply.

**The next meeting of the Glenfarg Community Council
will be held on Monday 4th November 2019, 7.30 in the Village Hall.**