

# actuallyGLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL - MINUTES OF MEETING

**Monday 4th November 2019  
Glenfarg Village Hall**

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

**Also present:** PKC Cllrs Robertson, PKC Cllr Watters and three members of the public.

**APOLOGIES:** CCllr Taylor, PKC Cllr Barnacle, PKC Cllr Purves, Community PC Stapleton.

## **1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

## **2. ACTION POINT UPDATES:**

GCC Elections: CCllr Ponton reported that, with the membership of the GCC coming up for election in November this year, there were now 12 vacancies. Six nominations had been received, the minimum required to form a community council, and these candidates would be automatically elected at an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> November, called by Cllr Watters.

It is hoped to co-opt more members to the CC in the near future.

Additional Green Routes: Cllr Robertson gave an update on the plans for additional green routes in the Glenfarg area. The routes will include a Path of Condie loop and an Arngask loop to the east of the M90. Map to be displayed on the CC noticeboard.

SUSTRANS funding is now in place. Plans need to be ratified by Council and money spent in the next financial year 2020/21.

## **3. PLANNING REPORT**

CCllr Pilmer reported on the notified Applications and Decisions:

Change of use of dwellinghouse to form extension to village hall (Class 10) and ancillary restaurant (Class 3)

The School House Greenbank Road Glenfarg Perth PH2 9NW

Ref. No: 19/01573/FLL. Received: Thu 19 Sep 2019. Validated: Thu 19 Sep 2019.

Status: Approved

Extension to dwellinghouse

2 Ash Grove Glenfarg Perth PH2 9PH

Ref. No: 19/01153/FLL. Received: Thu 11 Jul 2019. Validated: Mon 29 Jul 2019.

Status: Approved

## **4. POLICE REPORT**

No police officer was present. CCllr Pilmer read out the following report.

No serious crimes to report.

Bank Scams are something to be aware of in as much that anybody phoning and asking for payments over the phone by passing on your details is to be ignored. Just hang up.

BT Scam relating to Internet access claiming that your line/computer/ipad is at fault and that the caller needs to have access to your computer to sort. Ignore and hang up.

Bicycles, gardening equipment, tools on sight in vehicles, sheds and garages unlocked. Please ensure that items are lockfast or out of sight.

Security lighting. Now that we have moved in to the darker early evenings and mornings please repair any outside lights or have new ones fitted. Your local electricians will be delighted to offer expert advice and install or repair lighting.

The GCC recommends the Village Newsletter for local tradesperson contacts.

## **5.TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

### **TREASURER REPORT 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

#### **1. GCC – BALANCE ON ACCOUNT £523**

Income – P&KC Top up grant £270

Expenditures – Cllr expenses – £109.50 Village Hall fees - £30

#### **2. GCC NEWSLETTER ACCOUNT – BALANCE £12 723**

This balance is made up as follows :

	Newsletter	Microgrant	Nursing Fund
		£	£
At 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept 2019	8 174	458	4 011
Income	80	Nil	Nil
Expenditures/payments	Nil	Nil	Nil
	<u>8 254</u>	<u>458</u>	<u>4,011</u>

Income/Expenditures since last meeting:

#### **Newsletter:**

Income – Newsletter advertisers and Shop Tin £80

Expenditures – Nil

#### **Microgrant:**

Income – Nil

Expenditures – Nil

### **3. SCHOOL FUND £141**

No Change

**TOTAL FUNDS HELD £13,387 at 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

### **6. AOCB:**

Flooding & Emergency Plan: CCllr Fraser reported on conferences he had attended on our behalf.

*Scottish Resilient Communities Conference* – GCC has an Emergency Plan, which is useful as a point of reference. CCllr Fraser felt that he needed to know which services to call in an emergency and who in the village had useful skills/ equipment. The conference included presentations from school pupils involved in resilience in the curriculum. The involvement of primary pupils was most impressive and CCllr Fraser was taking up the subject with the new PS head teacher. *CCllr Fraser*

CCllr Fraser had also attended the conference on flooding, with presentations by SEPA.

Festive Lighting: CCllr Fraser has been investigating the possibility of extra festive lights at the south end of Main Street. Basic white lights could cost £1,600 but extra storage and installation costs are unknown. Cllr Watters to investigate.

There was discussion about the options on the table for the Nursing Fund. The purchase of lights may not be the best use of this fund as it is intended for Health & Welfare. Alternative uses could be put to the community. It was agreed that decision should be left to the new CC but a decision on lights would need to be made in the summer 2020.

CCllr Horsman confirmed that he had arranged for the installation of the lights this year.

Binn Wind Farm Community Turbine Project: CCllr Ponton gave an update. Four turbines have been delivered to the Binn site - two for Greencat and two which could be taken into ownership by the communities of Abernethy, Bridge of Earn, Strathmiglo and Glenfarg. Although the CCs of these areas have been involved in talks over several years, the details of any possible agreement with Greencat are still to be discussed with the communities themselves.

Councillor Loudon, at her last meeting as a Councillor, voiced serious concern over the possibility of the communities being pressured into this project without any due diligence being done and without their whole-hearted support. It is important that the communities are made aware of the financial and legal implications of this venture.

A grant of £25k has been made to allow the communities to obtain independent advice on potential risk and reward. A public meeting is to be held in each area, probably in early January 2020.

Mr D Arnold and festive clothing: Mr Arnold has acted as Santa at village events for several years but now wishes to hand over this role and the costume. Since he and his late wife had spent some considerable time and money on making the costume, he was asking for a recompense of £20 to go to a charity. It was agreed to send £20 to a charity of Mr Arnold's choice. *CCllr Horsman*

CCllr Ponton commented that the CC is not allowed to hold assets. It was decided to ask the Village Hall Committee to take ownership, since events requiring Santa's presence are usually held in the hall. *CCllr Horsman*

Police Community Bus: Community PC Stapleton has suggested that this bus should visit the village. It was felt that it would be best sited at the primary school, for the pupils, with the wider community also invited to attend. *CCllr Pilmer*

CCllr Pilmer reported that Community PC Stapleton is moving on. It was felt that, when we are advised of our new Community Police Officer, they should be personally invited to attend a CC meeting. *CCllr Pilmer*

Main Street Damage: A member of the public had reported that recent work carried out, which involved removal of a section of the wall on Main Street, initially left a dangerously unfenced burn. This has now been fenced and the wall rebuilt, but the wall appears to be missing stones and the pavement has been damaged.

Cllr Robertson reported that he had investigated this. SSE carried out the work and PKC have asked them to rectify any damage. Cllr Robertson will follow this up.

Road Sweeping: A member of the public felt that Glenfarg streets are not being swept as well as those in Kinross and Milnathort. At a time of rain and falling leaves, this could be dangerous. Despite requests, we have not been informed of the schedule for street cleaning. Cllr Robertson to obtain the schedule, which will be advertised via the Grapevine to allow residents to move their cars at appropriate times. *CCllr Pilmer*

Lomond Building Site: A member of the public has commented that the pavement in front of the Lomond site is frequently blocked by building materials, without any signage or provision for pedestrians. There is also the constant problem of building and personal litter. It was noted that constructors' vehicles were also parking on the pavement in Greenbank Road. It was decided to write to the construction company about these matters. *CCllr Pilmer*

Crash Barriers in the Glen: CCllr Ponton noted that there were more broken fences and police tapes in the Glen, suggesting that accidents had occurred. The CC have asked PKC to consider additional crash barriers. Cllr Robertson to ask for an update.

Telephone Box: Work on this has been almost completed. The CC had been asked to consider signage on the inside of the box, but CCllr Fraser informed us that this was not possible. An official opening to take place as soon as possible, with the community then informed that the box was ready to receive books and information. A price for printing the Glenfarg Paths leaflet to be investigated. *CCllr Watson*

Grapevine Email Service: CClr Watson reported that the editor of the service wished to give up this role by the end of the year. CClr Watson has written to thank her for her work over the last two years. A new editor is to be sought. *CClr Watson*

Available Funds: Cllr Watters reported on upcoming deadlines for local funds.

- Community Investment Fund, deadline 17<sup>th</sup> January
- Local Action Partnerships – community representatives are needed on these panels. LAPs may invite community organisations to bid for funding to help achieve a particular outcome. Deadline for applications is the first week in February.

Close of Meeting: CClr Ponton then thanked those CClrs who were standing down from the community council. The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

**The next meeting of the Glenfarg Community Council  
will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020**