

Glenfarg Community Council Monday 4th May 2020 Agenda and Business meeting via email

Welcome

GCC Chair Cllr Ponton thanked her team for their attendance through email and expressed her gratitude to the owners of the Village shop, to all villagers and many others for their valued help at this troubled time in our community.

Attendance through email: Cllr Ponton, Cllr Pilmer, Cllr Fraser, Cllr Horsman, Cllr Duncan, Cllr Warder, G.Christie Minutes Secretary

1. Apologies - none to report due to Covid public gathering restrictions

2. Approval of last business meeting Minutes. Proposer Cllr Pilmer and Seconder Cllr Fraser

3. Action Points update:

Crash barriers feedback carried forward to next Business meeting. *Action PKC Cllr Purves*

Greenbank Crescent feedback carried forward to next Business meeting. *Action PKC Cllr Robertson*

Footpath from Ladeside to Elm Lane feedback carried forward to next Business meeting. *Action PKC Cllrs*

Festive Lighting

Following the Council decision in January 2020, eight new light column mounted Christmas festive lights have been ordered from Lite Ltd at a cost of £1,910.88 excluding VAT. This covers the lights, fixing brackets and delivery.

Cllr Fraser asked the supplier to hold back delivery for the time being as the Council depot is currently closed. It maybe that we will have to get these delivered to Glenfarg as a temporary holding station and that the Council will collect them from us.

In addition, to the cost of the light fittings, there will be a charge of £800.00 for the Council to install commando sockets on each column. Update to follow at next Business meeting. *Action Cllr Fraser*

Glenfarg Website

A quick recap. The developers of the new apartments in the village offered the services of their marketing company, Reflex Blue Ltd, to provide a mobile friendly update to our Glenfarg.Org website.

Following two meetings with the web site designers and associated interested parties (J Watson and B McPherson) it was decided that moving to a completely new website was probably a step too far in one go given the wide ranging sources of information and functionality of the existing site. Therefore, it was agreed that Reflex Blue would update the existing website to provide a modern version. This would initially sit alongside the existing site to allow us to road test it prior to a change over.

Reflex agreed to bring their web designer to the next meeting to thrash out the detail however, the meeting had to be cancelled due to the Covid 19 restrictions. Reflex Blue subsequently agreed to design an initial draft proposal for presentation to the group when the Covid 19 restrictions are lifted and Councillor Fraser will prepare a future update. *Action Councillor Fraser*

Community Transport

Councillor Fraser reported that in light of the revised time table for route 56 and the decision by Stagecoach to withdraw their support of the service it is arguably the 'beginning of the end' for our bus service. The Council are now supporting the service however, there is no doubt they are monitoring its use and should there be further budget cut backs our bus service could be vulnerable. Councillor Pilmer did carry out a survey through Survey Monkey and the results were passed on to PKC's Margaret Roy. Two main points that came out of the survey were the slight alteration of bus timings and support for an extended service at Cuthill Towers.

With this in mind Councillor Fraser has approached the Council to explore our options.

The Council appears to be enthusiastic about creating a pilot project along the lines of an initiative being run in the NW of Scotland where the local council are, financially, supporting a locally managed mini bus style service. Councillor Fraser is hoping the timing of our approach to the Council may be beneficial to maximising any opportunity.

Margaret Roy – Public Transport Team Leader at PKC was to arrange a meeting with interested parties invited (GCC, Community Transport Association Scotland, a PKAVS staff member, Community Engagement Officer and Ward Councillors) however, this has been postponed due to the current restrictions.

It should also be noted that coinciding with our GCC approach to PKC, our PKC Councillors are also fronting an initiative through the Public Transport Forum to introduce a local community bus service based on smaller busses serving the Perthshire rural areas. This could involve three circular routes all intersecting each other one of which would pass through Glenfarg.

It is Councillor Fraser's belief that one of these initiatives will be required in the next few years as our scheduled bus service comes under more pressure through lack of use. An update is expected for the next GCC business meeting. *Action Councillor Fraser*

Binn Turbines Greencap Project

Councillor Ponton reported that she had received a letter from Greencap relating to a planning application in retrospect for the Turbines.

4. Planning report

Councillor Duncan reported:

Binn Farm Energy from Waste Facility

Binn Farm have resubmitted a Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) for the Energy from Waste facility. A public consultation event was due to be held on 30th April at the Beinn Inn, Glenfarg but was cancelled for obvious reasons. If P&KC Planning agree to it, a 'virtual' consultation event may be organised.

Erection of 5 Dwellinghouses and garages Plots 1-5 Duncreevie Farm

PKC Planning were contacted on behalf of the GCC to request that the same Environmental and Safety Conditions that were attached to the previous consent be upheld. CCIr Duncan also requested clarification regarding the position of Duncreevie on the LDP. PKC will send CCIr Duncan an OS plan of the development boundaries which he'll pass on in due course. Please note that all matters of correspondence to date related to the original conditions of 05/02080/FUL that were placed on this development.

5. Police Report

CCIr Pilmer stated that there were no serious crimes within our community to report. The Community Police visit to the Village Hall Coffee hub had been well received and in the future the Community Police shall return. Police Scotland's Area Commander's Bulletins have now been added to the Grapevine FB on a weekly basis.

6. Finance Report

TREASURER REPORT 4th May 2020

1. GCC – BALANCE ON ACCOUNT £464

Income – Nil

Expenditures – Nil

2. GCC NEWSLETTER ACCOUNT – BALANCE £13 859

This balance is made up as follows :

	Newsletter	Microgrant	Nursing Fund
At 2 nd March 2020	8 382	1 595	4 011
Income	140	Nil	Nil
Expenditures/payments	269	Nil	Nil
	<u>8 253</u>	<u>1 595</u>	<u>4 011</u>

Income/Expenditures since last meeting:

Newsletter:

Income – Advertisers £140

Expenditures – Shop Security Donation £269

Microgrant:

Income – Nil

Expenditures – Nil

3. SCHOOL FUND £141

No Change

TOTAL FUNDS HELD £14 464 at 4th May 2020

7. AOCB

Covid 19 Resilience

CCllr Fraser reported that there were some concerns at the outset of this crisis on how the lockdown might affect our vulnerable residents. He stated further that he believes that we have managed to circumvent most of the concerns using the proactive support of our local village shop and their agreement to act as a hub for villagers requiring assistance.

It is as a result of their superb interaction that most of the concerns appear to have been answered and that there has been a tremendous uptake on any 'reach outs' for village volunteers to date.

In addition, to village assistance, there is support being provided by other charity groups which is very welcome.

However, it would appear that the more vulnerable persons in our community will be in isolation for some time to come (perhaps until a vaccine is available) as such it is imperative that we don't lose sight of their needs as sections of our community are returning to their near normal routines. CCllr Fraser has requested information from the Council and this is being looked at which will provide more detail of those affected. There are also regional and national volunteering services which he has joined to pick up on any local cries for assistance. *Action CCllr Fraser*

Security at the Village shop

The Village Shop's owners were offered funding from the GCC as a show of appreciation to assist with payment for CCTV facilities for the security and theft prevention of valued food stocks. This was agreed by the CCllrs because the Village Shop owners have demonstrated valued assistance especially due to the Covid 19 outbreak. Rather unfortunately food stocks, that they had bought for the villagers, were removed by persons unknown in a deliberate act of theft from an adjoining outbuilding.

Lochelbank April 2020 report

CCllr Pilmer stated that a meeting of the Lochelbank Wind Farm Panel (LWFP) had taken place at the beginning of April to discuss the pending funding applications. The attached Lochelbank Summary of Awards report was circulated to the GCC CCllrs. This report will be passed on to the Editor of the village Newsletter for inclusion in the next issue and a copy is to be placed into the GCC noticeboard. CCllr Pilmer thanked the two Glenfarg villagers, Mrs Rutherford and Mrs Wilkins, for their LWFP attendance and support. *Action CCllr Pilmer*

Winter gritting

The GCC has been contacted by PKC's Roads Dep't asking for feedback relating to the gritting in our area over the winter period of late 2019 to early 2020. CCllr Pilmer will reply

with a request that certain areas within the village require to be gritted frequently and timeously. They are: bus stops, primary school access, school bus routes and pavements.
Action CCllr Pilmer

Co-option of G.Christie as a Community Councillor

It was agreed that we co-opt Mr Geoff Christie as a Community Councillor and this will be carried out in due time. There may well be a delay due to Covid 19 restrictions however, we shall process the matter with Mr Christie and PKC accordingly. *Action CCllr Pilmer*

Close of meeting Monday 4th May 9:00pm

Next proposed GCC Business Meeting is Monday 6th July 7:00pm. To be confirmed.