

Glenfarg Community Council

Draft Minutes of meeting held on 5th Feb 2013

Present

CCllrs MacKenzie (Chair), Watson (Secretary), Vaughan (Treasurer), Armstrong, Arnold, Johnston, Macpherson & Ponton

By Invitation

Cllrs Giacopazzi & Cuthbert, PC J Pentley

Members of the public

There were 4 members of the public present

Apology

Cllr Robertson

Previous Minutes

Proposed by CCllr Johnston and seconded by CCllr Ponton

Matters arising

1. Dog Fouling – CCllr Arnold reported on meeting with Dog Warden and acquisition of new signs which have been installed throughout area.
2. Road Sweeping – Secretary reported that she had been advised by P&KC that Glenfarg area was scheduled for fortnightly road sweeping (usually a Tuesday) Pavement sweeping with motor brush every 2-3 months.
3. Drains – Drains are cleared annually other than on special call out. Cllr Giacopazzi is to pursue a survey of Hayfield Road, junction area of Duncrievie Road/Church Brae/Ladeside and Greenbank Road from War Memorial.
4. Hedges – Secretary reported that there is no formal width requirements for hedges. However with the exception of some in Birch Lane all problem hedges have been dealt with by the property owners. “There needs to be a 2.4 metres vertical clearance above the surface of the footway” (P&KC website)
5. Cable exposed at entrance to Stephen's site (Duncrievie Road nr. Wallace Park) – Developer had covered cable but recent rainfall has again exposed cable. A second cable is also now exposed. Secretary to pursue with developer.
6. Binn Eco Farm Exhibition – held in Glenfarg Village Hall
7. Footpath Hilton of Duncrievie – meeting of G Lawrie (TRACKS) and landowners to take place.
8. Parking at Ladeside/Main St Junction – police observation ongoing
9. Snow clearing – snowplough not scheduled to clear Church Brae

Police Report

Previous report received for January meeting (postponed) reported 2 thefts for period and PC Pentley reported on apprehension and charging of vandals (Lion feature). He also reported on thefts throughout Perthshire of diesel, heating oil and agricultural equipment & vehicles. He stressed the need to secure all items, especially in remote areas, and that if any suspicions aroused please report to Police immediately. He also stressed that members should not challenge suspects (some can be dangerous) but should record number plates, vehicle and person descriptions. He also warned of unscrupulous cold callers offering e.g. garden services. They may target elderly or vulnerable.

Planning

There have been 3 applications noted since last meeting. No objections.

A new application has been made for outline planning permission for 2 houses in the field adjacent to The Knowe.

Treasurer's Report

GCC account balance - £13600.28

(This includes £6005.63 from Glenfarg District Nursing Association)

Expenditure since last meeting Marquee Insurance, Local Vocals micro grant, Salt Spreader and Hall rental.

Newsletter account balance - £2709.84 (+ £298 in new subscriptions)

Archive cabinet purchased (situated in Church Hall)

School Fund £841

Investment Fund (part of GCC account)

Christmas Lights

Treasurer and 3 CCLrs met with Tayside Contracts & Blachere Illuminations on site. Due to unsuitability of poles in certain parts of the village the only feasible section is from Hotel to Marindin Park (19 poles). Cost £8359. There would be additional annual cost for installation & removal. At present we would have free storage from P&KC but this may change in future.

Adult Gym

CCLr Ponton reported on cost of 7 piece adult gym equipment. £6866 incl. VAT plus £2000 delivery and installation costs.

Additional Tents for Fete

Fete committee submitting application for CBF funds

Storage

The issue of storage facilities for various groups and organisations within the community will, at this stage, be addressed outside this meeting.

Discussion & decisions

GCC agreed to pursue the purchase of Christmas lights, this being the wish of majority of responders to earlier survey, plus the village would be brightened even to passing traffic on the motorway. The Treasurer will make an application to CBF for shortfall in funds.

GCC will consider the other potential expenditures at the next meeting.

Invite to Foundation Scotland representative

It was agreed that CCLr Ponton invite a Foundation Scotland Representative to GCC's next meeting, to guide the community towards making the best use of the funds available..

Wallace Park

GCC were made aware that different organisations and groups may be involved in individual plans for Wallace Park. It was proposed that GCC try to introduce a Wallace Park co-co-ordinating body which may ensure maximum benefit for all parties.

Community Benefit Fund

CCLr Ponton reported.

There have been personnel changes in Foundation Scotland.

There is currently £30k available for allocation. 2 recent applications were turned down but due to

lack of applications, there may be some successful applications which on another occasion may have failed.

GCC agreed that a request for upper limit of grant application be increased.

CBF panel now meet 3 times annually. Next meeting Apr 2013.

A.O.C.B.

1. Correspondence received and sent circulated to CCllrs
2. Supporting the Role of Community Councils – Chairman MacKenzie attended meeting in Kinross. CCllrs are requested to prepare response to Subjects and Issues statement for next meeting.
3. Wallace Park flooding – Cllr Cuthbert to pursue issue of blocked ditch at bottom of park, dangerous area of soft mud between corner of football pitch & flagpole, and the opening from car park which allows vehicle access.
4. Avenue Trees – resident reported trees may be a danger in high winds. Area to be checked.
5. Village Hall Committee meetings – Since retirement of CCllr Connolly there has been no GCC representative on the Village Hall Committee. Secretary will ask Village Hall for meeting dates and a volunteer from GCC will attend.
6. TRACKS – discussions continue on path from Hilton and steps by Stables.
7. Post Box painted.
8. Neighbourhood Watch – James Mason has volunteered to be NW co-ordinator for village. He will develop this service throughout the area and will report to GCC next meeting. Proposal that he have a link from Glenfarg website. Secretary to arrange.
9. Village Store – Chairman MacKenzie reported on the community support for the Village Store and stressed the importance of this village asset.

Date of next meeting – Mon 4th March at 7.30pm