

**GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING MONDAY 12 MAY 2014
GLENFARG VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT CClrs MacKenzie (Chairperson), Watson (Secretary), Arnold, Johnston and Macpherson. Also present Jan Macpherson (minutes). Three members of the public attended.

APOLOGIES CClrs Vaughan (Treasurer) and Ponton.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING 3 March 2014 were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by CClr Macpherson, seconded by CClr Johnston.

MATTERS ARISING

Ladeside Drains may be a capacity issue and P&KC will investigate further.

Junction of Main Street and Ladeside Potholes have been repaired.

Kinross Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach attended, and gave a talk at the Soup and Chat meeting at the end of April. It was suggested that a donation be made from the Nursing Association fund, as several people from Glenfarg use the service, but there is only one volunteer from the village.

Folk Feast Camping in Wallace Park went ahead without incident. Camper vans remained on the hard standing as requested, and cars were parked responsibly. Rubbish was collected and no damage was caused.

PKC admin grant There has been communication with PKC regarding the conflicting instructions as to how money used from the grant should be recorded. There is also a gap of three months between the year end in March, and June when the grant is paid out. PKC agreed to help financially if required.

Newsletter A new editor has been found.

Bus Shelter on Main Street. It was thought that this was hard to justify. It was noted that a condition of building houses at the southern end of the village is that a bus stop be provided on each side of the road where the access road from the new estate meets the main road.

Litter in Glen The Secretary had written to John Ferguson regarding the overflowing bins at the end of the Binn Farm Road and litter blowing off lorries, with a follow up as he said he hadn't received the letter, but so far there has been no response. It was suggested that John Macgregor be contacted direct.

Lomond Hotel A project update was promised, but so far has not been received. Cllr Giacopazzi reported that Councillors have met with the planning department, but because of extensive changes to the original plans being made, the planning application would have to be re-submitted. New hoardings have been promised, but are still not in place. It is not known if the application for a demolition warrant for the chimneys has been submitted. PKC have already ordered the demolition of chimneys, so Building Standards will be approached via Cllrs Giacopazzi and Robertson to ask if the order can be enforced. It was suggested that a notice be put in the newsletter and on the website saying that promised work has not been carried out, and that the matter is being pursued. The chairman expressed the view that whilst the Community Council had sought to work constructively with the developers, it now seemed as if the CClrs and the community were being treated as fools and irrelevancies. Nothing that has been promised has been implemented to date.

Auchterarder and District Community Council had suggested that local CCs hold an information meeting on local landscapes. This has now been superseded by P&KC's organisation of consultation on Local Landscape Designation, and Cllr Macpherson attended a meeting where each person present was given a map and asked to mark areas considered suitable for this scheme. A notice will be put in the newsletter and on the website.

TRACKS No further developments at the moment. It was noted that there is a difference between Rights of Way and Core Paths, although some paths fall into both categories. Gates on Core Paths may not be locked by the landowner. The matter of clarifying precisely the respective roles of the CC and of the newly created Paths Group that emerged from the Glenfarg Conversation will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Glenfarg Renewable Energy Association is now a constituted body, and has asked to attend the next CC meeting to update the CC on its work to date..

TREASURER'S REPORT Already circulated. It was agreed that £100 should be given to the school as usual. Following discussion at the last meeting re the relocation of the village notice board, it was reported that Mark Crossey (village shop) has applied to Historic Scotland for a grant to refurbish the whole of the outside of the building, and doesn't want the notice board to be put on the wall of the shop until the outcome of that application is known.

POLICE REPORT A written report had been received to the effect that there had been one incidence of house-breaking in the Glenfarg area and enquiries were continuing. It was not clear if this was in the Glenfarg Neighbourhood Watch area, and PC Dougie Stapleton would be asked to liaise with that group. A warning was also issued that householders should, as always, be wary of bogus workmen.

PLANNING Report already circulated. There was some discussion about the cattle court at Duncricvie, and it was explained that an agricultural permit is seen as notification from a farmer to PKC and only in very exceptional circumstances is it refused, and Community Councils are not notified. What was subsequently erected, however, required planning permission, and so this was applied for retrospectively. This application has since been refused.

It has been confirmed that there are no plans to commence building in the field next to Wallace Park this year.

Concern was expressed regarding the emptying of the septic tank at the new tennis pavilion in case this involved heavy vehicles driving over the park, but it was thought that the tank would have a 3 year capacity, so this was unlikely to be a major problem.

CYCLISTS A letter had been received from a villager expressing concern over the number of cyclists, both individuals and members of clubs taking part in organised events, and the resulting road safety implications. Some cyclists are found to be rude and aggressive, although these do appear to be in the minority. The police can warn any cyclists who are abusive. It is felt that cyclists are becoming a major problem in Duncricvie, so it was agreed to approach the Scottish Cycling Union for advice. The Chairperson will write to the Scottish Cycling Union, and the Secretary will respond to the original letter.

CORRESPONDENCE Already circulated.

War memorial Water is coming off the Avenue and under the wall with the risk of seriously undermining it. It has been established that there is a natural spring behind the war memorial and PKC's intention is to divert the water from the source away from the memorial garden. Drainage pipes could be purchased at a cost of £80 and placed in the gully to protect the wall, and it was agreed that PKC would be asked for an estimated date for the work to be carried out, before deciding whether to take this temporary measure.

Micro grant request 'Brighten up Duncricvie' (BUD) has applied for a CBF micro grant of £97 for planters and compost. There has been some misunderstanding and poor communication between BUD and GDIB (Glenfarg and Duncricvie in Bloom) which has led to a sense, some years ago, that GDIB was not interested in improvement in Duncricvie.. It was agreed, however, that the request was justified, so it was decided to make the award and to try to foster a better relationship between the groups.

AOCB There was no other business.

Date of next meeting

Monday 21 July 7.30pm Village Hall