

**GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING MONDAY 21 JULY 2014  
GLENFARG VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT** CCllrs MacKenzie (Chairman), Watson (Secretary), Johnston, Vaughan (Treasurer) and Macpherson. By invitation, Cllrs Cuthbert and Barnacle, and Messrs Lindsay and Watson from Glenfarg Renewable Energy Association. Also present Jan Macpherson (minutes).

**APOLOGIES** CCllrs Arnold and Ponton, Cllrs Giacomazzi and Robertson.

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** 12 May 2014 were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**Cyclists** CCllr MacKenzie had contacted British Cycling regarding a complaint from a resident about groups of cyclists passing through the village. The e-mail has been acknowledged, but no reply received so far. A resident had said that the CC minutes as reported in the newsletter addressed only one side of the argument. It was noted that the point being made presented a counter argument to that set out at the previous meeting. This was noted. However, in response to his complaint about the Minute, the meeting agreed that this was a true record of that meeting. The Secretary was asked to write to the resident.

**Ingress of water at War Memorial** This had now been addressed, although PKC had been unable to treat the problem from the spring where it started because this is on private land. It was suggested that the area between the wall and the grass be gravelled, and it was estimated that 2 x 1 ton bags of gravel would be required. The CC would purchase the gravel from the newsletter fund and CCllr MacKenzie would ask GDIB if they could carry out the work. The planters in the area were also discussed, and this matter is in hand.

**CBF** A microgrant had been awarded to BUD and a letter of thanks has been received. It was noted that two planters had been removed from Duncrive, but it isn't know if the matter was reported to the police.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** Already circulated. The PKC admin grant had been received without restriction. The newsletter account stands at £10,874, made up of £5,291 for the newsletter, £397 in the general fund, £295 in microgrants (which it was noted is still available to be awarded) and £4261 in the nursing fund. Suggestions for using the nursing fund included a defibrillator to be placed in the new tennis pavilion in the park and solar powered "slow down" signs for both ends of the village. The latter was thought to be a good idea, and CCllr Vaughan will make enquiries. CCllr Macpherson said that he had been doing some work with Kinross Volunteer Group and would soon be able to report how much of their work is directly related to Glenfarg.

**POLICE REPORT** In the absence of an officer, a written report had been received from PC Sadie Allan, and it was noted that PC Dougie Stapleton is no longer a Community Officer. Items mentioned in the report were: fly tipping on country roads, which is both dangerous and a health hazard, and members of the public are asked to report any incidences they see; heavy plant machinery being stolen from farms; delivery of fraudulent letters notifying recipients of financial gain and asking for bank details; charity collectors (usually genuine, but residents should be cautious); break-ins to cars, targeting sat nav systems in particular. Cllr. Barnacle notified the meeting of a suggestion that one police report should be issued to all CCs in the Ward, rather than individually, but it was felt that local information would be lost.

**GLENFARG RENEWABLE ENERGY ASSOCIATION** Neil Lindsay stated that a grant application had been made for a micro hydro plant somewhere on the River Farg, and went on to give a presentation on the feasibility of a solar energy site near the village. Scottish and Southern Energy had been very helpful in suggesting suitable sites and one, previously identified by the Forestry Commission, near Mr Lindsay's home, Glendeuglie, had been selected. The landowner is in agreement, and there would be no change in land use, which is currently sheep grazing. A grid application for 4.5 MW, ground-mounted units has been submitted and, depending on the outcome, further plans will be implemented. If the offer is acceptable, there will be a public exhibition, and a planning application submitted. One way to raise funds for the work to be carried out would be via a share offer, and a good indication of a rate of return could be given. This has proved successful in other areas. If the scheme went ahead it would be the first in Scotland and the community would be paid per KW, which could be up to £40K per year. Mr Lindsay will send a letter to all residents in the near future, and all the information will be published in the newsletter and on the village website. Mr Lindsay was asked if he had been in touch with any other CCs in the area with a view to sharing a turbine, but he hadn't.

**PLANNING** Report already circulated. The discussion over the cattle court at Duncrive is ongoing, but it was felt that there was no need for the CC to be involved. Other applications are for a house and garage at the top of Church Brae, decking at New Fargie, and a storage facility on Hayfield Road for GDIB, which has been approved. An application for a single wind turbine near Plains Farm has been rejected. Glenfarg CC objected on the grounds that it would be distracting to drivers on the narrow road.

**LOMOND HOTEL** has now been demolished. Appreciation was expressed to PKC Councillors who made efforts on behalf of the CC. The CC thought that it's own efforts may have played some part in encouraging action. There are plans to erect new hoardings at the front, and security fencing at the back, of the ground. The developer intends to start construction based on the original planning consent but is also awaiting clarification from P&KC on the amendments presented at the village hall meeting. The site owner sought support from Glenfarg CC, but it was decided that more information was required on the current situation. Cllr Barnacle would make enquiries with the Planning Department.

**CO-OPTED MEMBERS** The CC has the power to co-opt members and it is felt that new, younger members are needed to ensure continuity. No response has been received to the adverts in the shop and the newsletter, and Cllrs were urged to think of probable new members, and use the personal approach. An article for the October newsletter would be prepared detailing the CC's achievements in recent years.

### **AOCB**

- The Friends of Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust have been working in the old Arngask churchyard, and have found a number of interesting artefacts: a cupola from a building pre-dating the existing church, a watchtower and a small statue. David Munro was consulted regarding the latter item and it is thought to be of Margaret Murray née Barclay, and date from around 1527. It is likely to deteriorate rapidly now that it has been uncovered, and needs to be kept inside. There are ecclesiastical legal restrictions that may prevent the item being kept in the church, but it could be kept in the village hall. The CC will consult David Munro as to whether it is of historical significance.
- A response has been received from Binn Waste Management concerning litter in the Glen, and the bins at the end of the Binn Farm road. The company has carried out extensive litter picking in the Glen and the Baiglie straight and will continue to monitor the situation. They have measures in place to ensure that their own vehicles don't drop litter, but have no control over others. The bins are supplied by PKC for the use of local residents, but it appears that some passers-by also use them. The secretary will respond.
- Potholes at the junction of Ash Grove and Elm Row are becoming significant and the Roads Department will be informed.
- Gazebos purchased by the fete committed with a grant from the CBF are now available for community use in Glenfarg and Bridge of Earn. There will be no charge for community groups, and £30 per 24 hours, or £50 per weekend, per gazebo, for private hire.
- Details have been received on the Lochelbank Community Fund awards made at the April panel meeting.
  - Glenfarg Tennis Club £2,000 to equip and furnish the Tennis Club's new clubhouse
  - Bridge of Earn Bowling Club £1,900 to fund materials and work to renew the bowling green edging and turf, thus making the green safer and more useable for club members and visitors
  - Glenfarg Fete Committee £2,000 to purchase gazebos which would provide cover for stall holders and the public, allowing the Glenfarg Fete to go ahead whatever the weather.
- Pollution in the River Farg in May has been classified as a "very serious incident", and witness statements have been given to SEPA. Scottish Water will be prosecuted, and it is thought that they will plead guilty. The water is now clear, and restocking will not be undertaken, but will be left to happen naturally. Information about the pollution was disseminated very promptly, with leaflet drops and signage. Some villagers have asked about compensation, but this was not thought to be necessary.
- The CC still has no official minute secretary and Cllrs were asked to think of people – perhaps senior school pupils – who would be prepared to take this on, or perhaps be part of a pool.

**CORRESPONDENCE** has already been circulated to Cllrs. Following a question it was clarified that the PKC CC website is intended to be a service to CCs and no input from Councils is required.

### **Date of next meeting**

Monday 1 September 7.30pm Village Hall