

**GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING MONDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2014  
GLENFARG VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT CClrs** Mackenzie (Chairman), Watson (Secretary), Vaughan (Treasurer), Arnold, Johnston and Macpherson. Present by invitation Cllr Barnacle. Also present Jan Macpherson (minutes). Eight members of the public attended.

**APOLOGIES** CClr Ponton and Cllr Robertson.

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** 21 July 2014 were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by CClr Mackenzie seconded by CClr Johnston.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**Cyclists** The Secretary responded to the e-mail query on this matter received prior to the last meeting, but there has been no reply. The Chairman has approached the Scottish Cycling Union on three occasions, but so far has had no response.

**Effigy in Arngask Churchyard** The Secretary contacted David Munro. P&K Heritage Trust have contacted Historic Scotland. David Munro confirmed that it is significant and is thought to be of Margaret Murray of Tullibardine; it may have been in the Chapel of Arngask which predates the existing Church building. Historic Scotland believes it should be left in place, rather than being moved inside, but should be protected with a plastic dome. It was felt that the Heritage Trust should make the next move, and it may be possible to apply to the CBF for help towards the cost of the dome.

**Micro Grants** Only £45 now remains in this fund, and the report on how it was spent is due to be submitted shortly. It was confirmed that a homemade planter had been stolen from the bridge.

**Lomond Hotel** Some screening is now in place, but there is still a delay due to a planning condition with respect to balcony screening. It was felt that there is no longer any reason for building not to go ahead.

**Minutes Secretary** It was noted that a permanent Minutes Secretary is still required. This does not have to be a Community Councillor, although more are needed. It was suggested that the CClrs take the minutes on a rota basis until someone is found.

**Elm Row** The potholes in Elm Row have been reported to the Roads Dept. They were due to inspect this area shortly but no feedback or work carried out so far.

**POLICE REPORT** PC Dougie Stapleton was not present as he is off work with a back injury but the Chairman read out a printed report. There was little to report, but members of the public are reminded to beware of bogus door-to-door salesmen – genuine ones should have authorisation – and fraudulent letters asking for bank details to enable winnings to be paid. A tractor had been stolen from the Path of Condie, which is outside the Glenfarg CC area, but members of the public should be aware of it. Cllr Barnacle stated that PKC is concerned by a drop in attendance of police officers at CC meetings, but has been told that this is inevitable with the re-organisation of the police.

**GLENFARG PATHS GROUP** Tim Corcoran explained that this group had been formed as a result of the Glenfarg Conversation, and introduced Rob Duncan, who had produced a leaflet describing four walks. Rob explained that the idea had come from his being a newcomer to the village and finding there was no information about local walks. He had identified four walks all starting and ending at the village shop: Church Brae, Hilton of Duncreevie, back through the community woodland and the park; Balcanquhal and Balvaird Castle; to Rossie Ochil, the windfarm and the Wicks o' Baiglie road; the Milnathort road, over the Path of Condie and back by the reservoir road. He has consulted someone at PKC, who is organising signs for the above routes and will negotiate permission with the landowners for the erection of the signs. It was agreed that Rob could go ahead with plans for the signs and printing of the leaflets. PKC may have funding for this, but the CC may also be approached.

The stile at the Hilton has been blocked and PKC is working towards getting this re-opened.

Cedric Wilkins plans to write to the owner of the Avenue, asking him either to deal with the problem of flooding or give permission for the paths group to carry out the work. It was noted that PKC had already identified what needed to be done, but couldn't carry it out because it was on private land, so presumably this information could be made available. It was felt that the avenue would be a safer route for children walking to and from school than Greenbank Road.

The Secretary had contacted George Lawrie of TRACKS regarding the path that starts at the top of Church Brae, but had had no reply. The path originally proposed was to be fenced and a gated crossing for stock installed, but it is thought that the current landowner is not willing for this to go ahead. It was suggested that Tim Corcoran should contact George Lawrie direct.

**COMMUNICATION BETWEEN CC AND COMMUNITY GROUPS** Groups formed as a result of the Glenfarg conversation were not sub committees of the CC, but there should still be good communication between them. It was agreed that a formal arrangement was not necessary, but that the groups would be able to approach the CC for support as required and would, from time to time, be invited to meetings to report on what was happening. It was agreed that any planning applications should be taken to the CC before being submitted to PKC.

**DEVELOPMENT OF A LONG TERM VISION** It was suggested that if the CC set out long term aims for the village it could benefit community groups. It was agreed that there could be some kind of broad vision statement rather than anything specific, using terms such as ‘sustainable’, ‘self reliant’ etc. If the results of the conversation were converted into some sort of vision statement it would ensure that the ideas that came out of the conversation would not be lost. PKC would be consulted prior the next meeting to find out what would be possible.

**EMERGENCY PLAN** It was explained that this was intended to help the CC regarding what to do between an incident occurring and the arrival of the emergency services. It includes information on the types of emergency that could occur – from weather, fire, major accident through to aircraft accidents and terrorist attacks – lists of people with specialised resources, places of safety – church, hall, school, Earnside coaches – location of fire hydrants and contents of an emergency kit. Some items are still required for the kit, and it was agreed to use money (it is thought about £100 will be needed) from the administration grant for this. Storage for the kit was still required and it was noted that there is space upstairs in the village hall. It is a requirement of the Scottish Government that this plan is in place, and it must be reviewed at least once a year, and certainly when there is a change in CCllrs, all of whom will be given a copy. Cllr Arnold was thanked for all his work on this plan, and it was adopted formally.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** Already circulated. The chips laid at the War Memorial following the drainage work had been paid for by the CC, and GDIB was thanked for its help in laying these. A microgrant had been awarded to the Church to purchase small tables. An informal request for money (approx £100) to replace trees behind the school had been received, but it was agreed that ad hoc requests would not be accepted, and it was suggested that a microgrant should be applied for to carry out this work. There is an upper limit of £250 for unconstituted bodies.

There had been a proposal to use money from the Nursing Fund to purchase “slow down” signs for both ends of the village, and enquiries had been made. Each sign would cost £1500 plus delivery, or £1800 plus delivery for solar powered ones. PKC would purchase the signs on behalf of the CC, would do a site visit to advise exactly what was required, and would install and maintain the signs. A member of the public objected to the Nursing Fund money being used for this purpose, preferring to see it being spent on additional defibrillators e.g. at the Tennis Pavilion. Although the documents are no longer available the bank has advised that the money was designated for “health and well-being” and it was felt that traffic calming measures fell into the category of well-being. It was also felt that one defibrillator was sufficient as CPR could be maintained for the time taken to take the defibrillator to all parts of the village. There was nothing to prevent the Tennis Club applying to the CBF for a grant to buy a defibrillator if they wished to do so.

**PLANNING** There was very little to report since the last meeting. One new application was for alterations to plans for an extension to a house near Balcanquhal. Decking at a house in New Fargie had been approved and the Temple Hill wind turbine project, to which the CC had lodged an objection, had been refused.

**CORRESPONDENCE** Already circulated. Items of particular note were:

**Binn Farm Eco System** All households have been notified of a public meeting in the Church Hall on 12 September

**SITA intends to close the land fill site** at the end of September because of the low volume of general waste now that so much waste is being recycled.

**Scottish Rural Parliament** There will be a meeting regarding the establishment of this on Saturday 6 September

## **AOCB**

It was noted that the official opening of the new Tennis Pavilion is to be on Saturday 6 September.

An article about the CC is being prepared for the October newsletter

There has been no response to the requests for additional CC members, and anyone interested was urged to speak to any CCllr. Two members of the public present – Rob Duncan and Dan Horsman – volunteered.

Balfour Beatty has offered help under a community scheme for local projects. They cannot offer money, but can offer manpower and expertise. It was felt that this could be well-used in Glenfarg and Cedric Wilkins will contact Steve Pedley, from BB, who lives in the village.

A question was asked as to what is going to happen to the area around the Tennis Pavilion where there is still some builders' rubble etc. Tim Corcoran, from the Tennis Club, said that they have been advised not to sow grass seed yet, and the rubble will be removed.

An area in the park had been fenced off some eighteen months ago, due to flooding, but nothing further has happened. Cllr Barnacle will make enquiries. A member of the public felt that there was an opportunity to upgrade the park.

**Date of next meeting**

Monday 3 November 7.30pm Village Hall