

**GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING MONDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2014  
AT GLENFARG VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Donald MacKenzie (Chairman), Janet Watson (Secretary), Dave Arnold (Minutes), Rob Duncan, Daniel Horsman and Alex Johnston. Also present: PKC Cllrs Willie Robertson and Michael Barnacle, PC Sadie Allan and four members of the public.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs Margaret Ponton and Gillian Vaughan.

The Chairman opened the meeting with two announcements: (1) Bill Macpherson has resigned from the CC; (2) Ruby Peace, our oldest resident, has left Glenfarg and is now living in a care home in Milnathort. It was proposed by the Chairman that the CC send her a card, a bunch of flowers and our good wishes. This was agreed unanimously;

**CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBERS** Rob Duncan was proposed by Donald Mackenzie and seconded by Janet Watson. Dan Horsman was proposed by Janet Watson and seconded by Donald Mackenzie. Their membership of the CC had been validated by PKC. The chairman welcomed the two new members and wished them every success in their new roles.

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** This was held on 1<sup>st</sup> September. The Minutes were agreed and signed as being a true record of the meeting. Proposed by CClr Johnston, seconded by CClr Watson.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

1. The Effigy in Arngask Churchyard. How to best preserve this historic effigy is still being discussed/investigated. An application has been made to the Lochelbank Community Benefit Fund to pay for advice from a stone conservation specialist. A decision on the application is due on 12<sup>th</sup> November.
2. Micro Grants. The latest tranche of Grant funds has now been received.
3. The Avenue. There was a general discussion on the need to improve The Avenue and in particular how to install effective drainage. Cllr Watson made it clear that the gravel along the War Memorial wall was infill from when P&KC laid the drainage pipe and had not been dumped or caused the flood. From the floor, Ced Wilkins said he had emailed Jan Pedley with suggestions for Balfour Beatty who were offering volunteers for local projects. It was unclear whether this request was sufficiently detailed for Balfour Beatty. It was also thought that Tim Corcoran and the Paths Group might be looking at the possibility of TRACKS taking over The Avenue. It became clear this matter requires a more co-ordinated approach and, as a first step, the Secretary was asked to contact PKC to see if they hold any plans (inc. drainage) for The Avenue.
4. Hilton of Duncricvie Core Path. The Paths Group is still looking at ways of linking the two existing paths and ensuring they are usable. However they have been unsuccessful in contacting the TRACKS Officer. Cllr Robertson offered to speak to George Lawrie, the TRACKS Officer to try and get some action on this long standing matter.
5. Tennis Club Pavilion. The rubble has been removed and the area grassed, as originally planned.

6. Binn Farm Landfill Site. A letter has been received from the operator (SITA) explaining its decision to close the Landfill Site in September. This was in response to the chairman's letter of concern about how the matter had been handled.
7. Glenfarg Emergency Plan. Cllr Arnold gave an update on the Glenfarg Emergency Plan:
  - a. The Plan is now ready for uploading onto the village website. It was agreed unanimously that it will include Cllrs landline home numbers only (i.e., not their home addresses, e-mail addresses or mobile numbers).
  - b. Safety helmets, tabards, etc., for use by Cllrs and volunteers have been purchased. They will be located in the Village Hall in the near future.
  - c. A new version of the EP will be issued to all Cllrs in the next week or so.
8. Police Report. PC Sadie Allan was present and referred to her written report that had been circulated prior to the meeting:
  - a. Tools were stolen from a van in Melville Terrace, Glenfarg.
  - b. There have been some break-ins in Kinross.
  - c. Some counterfeit notes (mostly £20 but some £10) have been circulating in the area. Banks, shops, etc., have been alerted.

PC Allan also confirmed that PC Dougie Stapleton has been moved to other duties and that she is now the Community Officer for Glenfarg and all of Kinross-shire. Cllr Arnold commented that this makes her our fifth Community Police Officer in around two years and that this was unsatisfactory.

9. Treasurer's Report. In the Treasurer's absence, the Chairman gave a summary of her report (circulated prior to the meeting). He noted that the total funds held was a healthy £12,010 but added that a good proportion of that was already earmarked for various community projects.

The Treasurer requested permission to pay PKC for the erection of the Christmas Lights in Main Street (this should be around £500). This was agreed unanimously.

10. Road Safety Report. Cllr Vaughan accompanied by Cllrs Arnold and Watson had a meeting with PKC's Road Safety Officers on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014. The Chairman in the absence of Cllr Vaughan relayed the main points of her report (which had been circulated prior to the meeting):
  - a. Road Safety & Lighting at the Ladeside/Church Brae/Greenbank Road crossroads will be the subject of surveys by PKC.
  - b. A Road Safety Survey will also be carried out by PKC of the junction of Ladeside with Main Street i.e., by the hotel. PKC will consider putting in white lines to deter parking on the corners, also extending the junction and footpaths out into Main Street.
  - c. PKC will investigate and cost the installation of electronic speed signs at either end of Main Street.

It was suggested that the Nursing Fund might be used to purchase the electronic speed signs, although other suggestions may also be made. A final decision would be made when full costings were available.

11. Planning Report. Cllr Johnston, as lead of the Planning Sub-Committee, gave a summary of his Planning Report (which had been circulated prior to the meeting). This summary included:
  - a. A potted history of the cattle court/agricultural storage shed at the Hilton of Duncreevie. The latest application is 14/01826/FLL.

- b. The refusal of a wind turbine at Colliston Farm Duncreevie despite the lack of any objections. Cllr Barnacle noted there was currently a lot of inconsistency in decisions regarding wind turbines and that this may be improved following the Local Landscape Review which is ongoing. He also mentioned that the application for the proposed wind turbine at Temple Hill, which had been refused, is now the subject of an appeal to the Scottish Government. He also said that there was unlikely to be a public hearing and that a decision would be made on the written evidence provided and an unaccompanied visit to the site by the Reporter.
- c. The Planning Application for the proposed Wind Farm (four turbines) at Binn Farm is due any time. It is understood that no construction traffic will pass through Glenfarg.
- d. The Forestry Commission has purchased Springhall Farm, south-west of Glenfarg, and proposes to plant mixed woodland for commercial and recreation purposes. A general discussion about this proposal ensued and included:
  - i. The possibility of a community-owned wind turbine on site (Ced Wilkins, Glenfarg Renewable Energy Association);
  - ii. Whether any public footpaths will be included (CCllr Duncan).

It is understood the Forestry Commission has organised a “Drop In Scoping Meeting” in Glenfarg Village Hall, 3.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December. The Secretary was asked to ensure that details of the meeting are widely circulated and to advise those groups with a vested interest (Paths Group, GREA, etc.) to ensure they have a co-ordinated approach/objectives.

12. Wallace Park. There was a general discussion on how Wallace Park could be improved:

- a. Cllr Barnacle reported that PKC had investigated the cause of the boggy area on the corner of the football pitch – which had been fenced off some time ago. A broken drain had been found and repaired so the area should now gradually dry up. Once dry, the fencing will be removed.
- b. CCllr Duncan noted that access to the Park for baby buggies, wheelchairs and mobile scooters was difficult due to the lack of dropped kerbs, the kissing gate leading to Birch Lane, etc. CCllr Duncan was asked to draw up a wish list of improvements and pass them to the Secretary for onward transmission to Dave Stubbs (the PKC Access Officer).
- c. Sadie Allan said that the children’s fixed wooden table/toys near the play area were dirty and covered with mould and asked if they could be cleaned. Cllr Robertson said that this would be an ideal task for community payback. All agreed. Cllr Robertson will pass details of the Payback Office to the Secretary.
- d. Two boughs have been brought down in the recent gales. One is on the Druid’s Mound near the changing rooms and the other is in the small copse near the path that runs parallel to Duncreevie Road. Neither is considered a safety hazard. Cllr Robertson volunteered to report them to the Parks Department.
- e. CCllr Arnold noted that the flagpole is now extremely rusty and is beyond repair. He asked if it can be removed. The Secretary will write to PKC requesting removal.
- f. CCllr Duncan observed that a dog mess bin is very near the children’s play area and asked if it could be moved. The Secretary was asked to write to PKC to see if

it could be moved some 6 metres towards the alleyway that leads to Elm Row i.e., next to the signpost.

- g. The Elm Row entrance to the park was observed to be very boggy, with a raised drain. Secretary to ask PKC if this can be improved.
13. Further Discussion on the Development of a Long Term Vision for the Community. This item had to be postponed because Tracy Ramsay, the Community Capacity Worker was unable to attend the meeting. This matter will now be discussed at the next meeting (12<sup>th</sup> January 2015). It was suggested that it would also be useful to have a member of the Planning Department present. Secretary to investigate.
14. Correspondence. The Secretary circulated a list of correspondence received since the last meeting. With regard to the question of blocked drains, it was noted that routine, programmed cleaning of drains is no longer carried out. They are now only cleaned in response to a complaint.
15. AOCB.
  - a. The Secretary reported that the domain name glenfarg.scot is not yet available. It will be released at some future date. The Secretary has registered our interest.
  - b. Neighbourhood Watch. No-one has come forward to take over from James Mason. All present were asked to keep looking for a replacement.
  - c. The Secretary reported on her initial investigation into purchasing a new CC noticeboard (which will be sited on the side of the Village Shop next to the mailbox). After discussion it was agreed that a good quality, weatherproof noticeboard capable of taking around 15 A4 size pages is the ideal. The Secretary was asked to investigate further and obtain quotes.
  - d. Cllr Robertson raised concerns about the availability (or not) of the reports written by Conservation Officers. It appears they are currently not routinely seen by Cllrs, CCllrs and the public when dealing with Planning Applications. He is pursuing this matter through the Council. CCllr Johnston, as lead of the Planning Sub Committee, totally agreed and supported Cllr Robertson.
  - e. CCllr Vaughan (via a note) reported that details of our Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) had been passed to the Scottish Ambulance Service. SAS are now mapping location of all PADs so when someone dials 999 for medical help, the call handler can tell them where the nearest PAD is held.
  - f. The resignation of Bill Macpherson from the CC means there are vacancies on the Newsletter Sub Committee and on the two Binn Farm Liaison Forums (the Binn Eco Park Community Forum and the Binn Wind Farm Community Liaison Group). After a very brief discussion, CCllr Horsman is elected to the Newsletter Committee and CCllr Duncan was appointed as a representative (with CCllr Ponton) at both Binn Farm liaison groups.

The next Community Council Meeting will be held on  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015