

**GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING MONDAY 2nd March 2015
AT GLENFARG VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: CCLrs Donald Mackenzie (Chairman), Janet Watson (Secretary), Gillian Vaughan (Treasurer) Dave Arnold, Rob Duncan, Daniel Horsman (minutes), Alex Johnston, and Margaret Ponton. Also present: PC Sadie Allan and Tracey Ramsay (Senior Community Capacity Building Worker PKC) and one member of the public.

APOLOGIES: N/A

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: This was held on 26 January. The Minutes were agreed and signed as being a true record of the meeting. Proposed by CClr Johnston, seconded by CClr Vaughan.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Wallace Park Wall This has been brought to the attention of PKC and the Park Dept are in discussions with the Roads Dept over who is responsible.
2. Dog Bin PKC have agreed to remove the dog bin adjacent to the play park in Wallace Park and will not be relocating it.
3. Trees by tennis courts PKC are in agreement with GCC that the trees are not to be removed.
4. No other matters arising.

A LONG TERM VISION FOR GLENFARG:

The Chairman began by highlighting some of the history behind the need for this vision.

- GREA highlighted the potential benefits to the community if renewable energy projects are successful in going ahead.
- Glenfarg Conversation provided ideas and priorities from the community.
- It is very much something that GCC will begin but it will continue beyond our tenure.
- GCC need to agree on what 'long term vision' means for the community and what our 'vision statement' is.

CCLr Ponton noted the time and effort Tracey has given in producing a well researched profile of the community. Tracey stated that a long term vision for Glenfarg is a 'BIG' task and should promote an inspirational hope for the future. The Chairman acknowledged the key decisions GCC already make with resources from Lochelbank and posed the question how do we prioritise in the future when resources could be larger. CClr Arnold stated that Glenfarg and Duncricvie are to be the best place to live in Scotland offering safety, health and enjoyment from the community ethos. CClr Vaughan added that there needs to be a balance in achieving this to ensure we cater for all. CClr Duncan discussed the identity of

the village and how this could be used to put Glenfarg on the map of visitors. His research had found other villages have art, music and bike festivals. Tracey felt the best way to start is to increase the community involvement/voice to gauge if the priority is the physical environment, catering for the young and/or old or leaving a legacy for future generations. Cllr Johnston noted that GCC have already started proceedings with the Glenfarg Conversation and Paths Group. He questioned if a priority is to attract visitors and noted the appeal of Folk Feast and the regular Folk Club held in the village. Cllr Ponton believes we need to increase the pride and ownership of the village through its community. Cllr Duncan highlighted the need to involve the younger generations in the vision (school and teenagers). The Chairman agreed and acknowledged the GCC should make better use of social media to deliver their messages (Twitter). A member of the public stated it should be broken down into parts within the community, reaching out to the clubs, school, age groups, families and businesses. Tracey stated the best visions are short statements, don't over complicate. The statement needs to be unique to Glenfarg. Tracey offered to work with and support a small group to look at ways to encourage the community in a community dream. The Chairman, Cllr Arnold and Cllr Horsman volunteered and will organise a date to meet with Tracey to discuss.

POLICE REPORT:

PC Sadie Allan was present and updated the meeting on the following points;

1. Bogus Workmen possible bogus callers were reported in the local area but turned out to be genuine workmen working in the area.
2. Quad Bike An unlicensed quad bike has been sighted in Glenfarg and the police are appealing for witnesses to come forward. PC Allan stated they needed 2 members of the public willing to give statements to help pursue the individual(s).
3. Irresponsible/Careless Driving A car has been heard and spotted between Glenfarg and Duncreevie driving without due care and attention. Again PC Allan stated the police are looking for help from the public with information.

Cllr Arnold acknowledged that Linsey Penman (Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator) is doing a great job in keeping the members informed of updates in the area.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer gave a summary of her report (circulated prior to the meeting). She noted that the total fund held was a healthy £11,492.31. Revenue from adverts, the shop donation tin and subscriptions have been received and there is still close to £1,000 to be received from advertisers. Microgrants have been issued to Neighbourhood Watch to replace signs, GOBS for admin costs, Glenfarg Paths Group for printing of leaflet and Glenfarg Arts Group to cover village hall rental.

NEWSLETTER:

Cllr Watson reported that Robin Watson, who has been acting editor of the newsletter, has agreed to take on the role permanently.

PLANNING:

Cllr Johnston, as lead of the Planning Sub-Committee, gave a summary of his Planning Report (which had been circulated prior to the meeting). On the whole it has been quiet on the planning front with no applications, no refusals and two acceptances. The decision on the application highlighted in the last minutes for a solar panel farm at Shire End Farm has been deferred. The official reasons have not been disclosed as yet but Cllr Johnston stated that much of the discussion centred around the cumulative impact of such a project and on what a project of this size would actually look like (70,000 solar panels).

The Chairman highlighted this deferment as an excellent involvement of a community council in action in ensuring projects like this do not get the go ahead without first hearing the views of the communities affected.

DECISION ON THE USE OF THE NURSING FUND

The Chairman urged the CC to make a decision on this matter so that it could be brought to a close.

The CC asked the community for alternative ideas for the funds and received in total 42 responses of which 24 were in clear favour of purchasing Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) plus 5 in partial agreement. It was noted that the most popular alternative suggestions were to provide outdoor gym equipment and defibrillators (AED).

A member of the public had organised a petition asking the community to choose between AED or VAS and had collated 26 signatures in favour of AED over VAS. The Chairman stated that there was already an official means for the community to voice their opinion and one which gave the option of suggesting alternatives. The Chairman noted that the petition only gave the choice of two closed options. Cllr Vaughan stated that the funds were for the benefit and wellbeing of the community and that VAS come under this. The Chairman raised concerns over the view of AED and that the community should not be over reliant on AED and rather CPR was key. This was echoed by Cllrs Vaughan and Johnston. Cllr Vaughan proposed we organise more CPR training for the community and then look at possibility of locating other AEDs. Cllr Johnston suggested, given that the phone box had been offered to the community by BT for a £1, a further AED could possibly be located in it. Cllr Watson to look into phonebox purchase and ongoing maintenance costs. Cllr Ponton suggested we should not ignore the request for outdoor gym equipment and should look to organise a Wallace Park action group. Cllr Horsman suggested this should be made part of the long term vision for Wallace Park and that families should be involved to facilitate the Wallace Park action group. The member of the public who organise the petition was keen on utilising the phone box for a further AED. The Chairman agreed with Cllr Ponton we need to move forward with a Wallace Park action group and agreed with Cllr Horsman on involving families and the younger generation in this. This will be discussed with Tracey at the first meeting of the long term vision for Glenfarg.

The Chairman proposed the following:

- Purchase two VAS to be initially placed at either end of Main Street in Glenfarg. But through discussion with PKC look to install points at Duncriveie so that VAS can be relocated to different locations easily.
- Organise CPR and AED awareness for the community. A sign up sheet will be organised to gauge numbers. Cllr Vaughan and Horsman will contact Heartstart and First Responders.

- Identify groups that may approach Lochelbank Community Benefit Fund about possibility of funding a second AED to be potentially located in the phone box at the end of Greenbank Road.

The above was agreed by the whole CC. The chairperson asked the member of the public present who had presented the counter argument and organised the petition referred to above, if he agreed with the proposals. He indicated that he did.

CORRESPONDENCE AND AOCB

1. Binn Farm Historic Scotland have opposed the proposal amid concerns of viewpoint being spoiled. Cllr Duncan and Ponton stated their concerns and asked for support from CC to make a decision on signing pre-agreement contract. Cllr Ponton stated they would be looking to ensure the agreement includes future increases in payments and that these payments are index linked. Cllr Ponton also suggested organising a meeting between Glenfarg CC, Strathmiglo CC, Abernethy CC and Bridge of Earn CC to discuss the pre-agreement contract. Cllr Johnston suggested Foundation Scotland (fund administrators) should also be invited. The Chairman stated that Cllr Duncan and Ponton have the full backing of the CC to make the decision post discussion with the other CC's. Due to work commitments Cllr Vaughan will deputise for Cllr Ponton if she is unable to attend the meeting.
2. Maude Swanson Cllr Ponton stated that Maude is offering her services to assist the communities over the next few months. The Chairman and Cllr Vaughan suggested she could help with the vision for the Glenfarg.
3. Cllr Ponton stated the community path gritter is in a state of disrepair and asked the CC to allow repairs. This was approved.
4. Lochelbank Verge Cllr Johnston highlighted the state of disrepair that the verge at the Lochelbank turnoff is currently in after suffering heavy traffic loads. Cllr Watson will make PKC aware.
5. GOBS Microgrant Cllr Watson informed the CC of a thank you from GOBS for assistance with administration of the scheme.

The next Community Council Meeting will be held on
Monday 11th May