

**GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL - MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020**  
**Glenfarg Village Community Hall**

**PRESENT:** CCllr Ponton (Chair), CCllr Fraser, CCllr Horsman, CCllr Warder, CCllr Pilmer,

Minutes G Christie.

**Also present:** PKC Cllrs Watters, PKC Cllr Purves and one member of the public

**APOLOGIES:** PKC Cllr Robertson, CCllr Duncan

**1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

**2. ACTION POINT UPDATES:**

(i) Community Police Visit

CCllr Pilmer confirmed that Community Policeman Matthew Ross shall attend the coffee morning on 12<sup>th</sup> March to discuss all community matters. It was stressed that although a number of meetings had been arranged recently at the coffee mornings, this was not to be taken as the norm as it was acknowledged these are not convenient for those in the village that have work commitments

(ii) Road Sweeping and Drainage

CCllr Warder will send a note out advising cleaning dates so that cars can be moved to allow the sweeping to take place.

(iii) Lomond Flats

PKC Cllr Fraser accepted an invite for a tour of the new flats. He was advised that the underground car park is above the water table level and there are two sump pumps in place for drainage. The flats are of a good standard and some interest has been shown. The showhouse is almost complete on the top floor. There is good sound proofing in the build, with one parking space per flat and one visitor space. There is to be an open day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

(iv) Festive Lighting

An Email has been received from PKC allowing permission for the extension of the festive lighting to the south side of the village. The cost of installing the extra sockets is around £100 per light (£800 in total). CCllr Horsman expressed concern at the costs of installing the lights over the past Christmas period. PKC Cllr Purves advised it may be worth querying the invoice received for this past year and may be worth applying for funding for Christmas lighting.

In the last survey, Christmas lighting proved to be popular for spend. It was decided that the go-ahead would be given for CCllr Fraser to obtain an updated quote and proceed with the purchase as it was felt this would complete the Christmas lights in the village.

(v) Greenbank Crescent

PKC Cllr Robertson has sent a survey out to the immediate area and a good response had been received from the residents. This will be reviewed in the next month following a review of the completed surveys.

(vi) Transport Forum

Cllr Fraser advised a meeting was to be set up with PKC Cllr Barnacle. No date has been forthcoming. PKC Cllr Purves advised that he shall take an action to take this forward. There are options of private funding to be explored. With the lack of action from PKC lately Cllr Fraser felt looking into other options should be explored in tandem with the PKC options. Time is limited on this as the timetable could change to the detriment of Glenfarg.

(viii) Grapevine

This site has now re-opened with new administrators in place.

### **3. PLANNING REPORT**

Nothing to report

### **4. POLICE REPORT**

No police officer was present. Cllr Pilmer read out the following:

No serious crimes to report.

It was raised to watch security on garden sheds and outbuildings.

Anything suspicious call 101

### **5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Cllr Horsman had supplied a Treasurer's Report as follows:

#### **TREASURER REPORT 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020**

#### **1. GCC – BALANCE ON ACCOUNT £464**

Income – Nil

Expenditures – Village Hall Fees £12

#### **2. GCC NEWSLETTER ACCOUNT – BALANCE £13 988**

This balance is made up as follows:

	Newsletter	Microgrant	Nursing Fund
		£	£
At 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2020	8 036	1 595	4 011
Income	560	Nil	Nil
Expenditures/payments	214	Nil	Nil
	<u>8 382</u>	<u>1 595</u>	<u>4 011</u>

Income/Expenditures since last meeting:

**Newsletter:**

Income – Newsletter donations and advert renewals £560

Expenditures – Danscott Printing £214

**Microgrant:**

Income – Nil

Expenditures – Nil

**3. SCHOOL FUND £141**

No Change

**TOTAL FUNDS HELD £14 593 at 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020**

**6. AOCB**

**Crash Barriers**

Given recent events and the amount of accidents in the Glen, although we are aware that there is no funding available in the current PKC budget, it was felt this matter should be brought to the Council's attention again.

In recent events it was noticed a lot of water crossed the road and then froze. This was common on most of the local roads. Apart from crash barriers, which are on PKC radar, it was felt there were other alternatives that could be explored. These include road surface, crash barriers, field drains, double white lines and a reduction in speed limit which does not have to be expensive. PKC Cllr Purves will take this back to the next Council meeting.

**Binn Group**

A presentation was given to the four local community councils on what Binn Group are proposing. By 2025 there should be no waste going into landfill, and Binn Group are proposing to build an incinerator which shall convert waste into energy. Although the stack shall be around 70m high, as it will be built in a dip, this should not be visible. Experts have looked at the particulate fall and there is no danger to the local population. Similar projects abroad are very successful and this shall be the largest energy to waste schemes in the UK. Plans are currently with PKC. Experts see this as a good model. One area of concern was traffic; however, it is envisaged that this shall not increase. A comment was made on speeding however, Mike Harkins (MD) advised that each vehicle is fitted with trackers so if an incident is reported it will be acted on. Majority of traffic appears to go through Gateside.

**Binn Turbines Greencap Project**

Presentation made to four local communities. Councillor Ponton advised that all feedback had not been compiled in one place yet. Deadline of 30/3 to sign off. Emails going back and forth to progress. Councillor Ponton will keep us advised

#### Glenfarg Village Community Centre

Still finalising quotations for works as it's been difficult to get quotes. As it is all one project, if upgrading the house, the hall has to be brought up to current building regs also. All kitchen equipment is purchased and ready to install. It is hoped parts will be open for fete week. There is a Hall Committee meeting next week. Plans are being looked at for staffing.

#### Reflex Blue (Marketing Company for Lomond Flats)

Councillor Fraser advised that as part of community relationships, Reflex Blue are offering a free upgrade to our current website. Councillor Fraser has already met with Bill McPherson and others who currently administer the website for their input. Some concerns were expressed that a few of the groups on the Website don't keep things up to date. Councillor Fraser advised training would be provided to all groups and he has agreed to move this forward.

#### Footpath from Ladeside to Elm Lane

Concerns were raised that this footpath is falling into disrepair. PKC will look into ownership and responsibilities.

#### Damage to grounds at Wallace Park Gate

Damage has been noted at the gate to the park. These grounds shall be reinstated on completion of the park works.

#### VE Day (May 9<sup>th</sup> – 75 years)

It was asked if the village was planning anything to celebrate 75 years since VE day. SSAFA – the armed forces charity, are holding a concert and display of military vehicles on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May. It was agreed to publicise this on the webpage. It was also agreed that the GCC Secretary would approach the school to see if they are interested in doing a display in the hall which the GCC would support.

#### Flooding Issues

Councillor Fraser has been speaking with SEPA / Scottish Flood Forum. Working with them there is an opportunity for the village. They identify most *at risk* households, put trackers in place and the community alerted so that flood prevention measures can be put in place. Councillor Warder will circulate details.

#### Litter

The litter in the Glen is causing concern, particularly "Police Aware" tape being left following removal of crashed vehicles.

#### Road Condition around Lomond Flats Site

It was agreed that the Construction Officer would be approached with a view to agreement that all roads would be reinstated on completion of all works. Particular concern was raised in respect of a tracked vehicle currently being used.

#### Potholes

Concern was raised regarding potholes around the village, particularly in Main Street. It was recognised that this is a UK wide problem. PKC Councillors advised that there is a backlog and that they are trying to get roads back to a decent standard.

#### Police Speed Gun

Many areas are looking at usage of this equipment. Training and equipment have to be funded. PKC looking at various areas that can provide funding. Will be discussed at next Kinross Community Project meeting.

Close of Meeting: 8.42pm.

**The next meeting of the Glenfarg Community Council  
will be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020**