

Glenfarg Community Council Minutes

Welcome

CCllr Chair Ponton extended a welcome to all present and in particular to one of our new PKC Cllrs Mr David (Dave) Cuthbertson. Dave is well known to our GCC and we congratulated him on his return to his role.

Attendance

CCllr Ponton, CCllr Pilmer, CCllr Fraser, CCllr Christie, CCllr Macpherson, CCllr Murray, PKC Cllr Cuthbertson and five members of the public.

1. Apologies

Received from PKC Cllrs Watters, Robertson and Freshwater. GCC CCllrs Horsman and Macleod.

2. Approval of last Business Meeting Minutes

CCllr Pilmer, Secretary, stated *for the record* that the Minutes for the 2nd May Business Meeting had been approved and seconded by CCllrs Macleod and Murray on the 9th May 2022.

3. Village Inn Update

Mr David Aird, assisted by two members of the public, gave an update on the current status of a proposed Village Inn. The update consisted of an Architect's Plans for a site within the boundary of the Village Hall's grounds that comprise of a unit complete with terracing, associated internal necessities and Planning expectations. It was noted with general disappointment, to all those present, that a position of impasse/Status Quo remains to secure a functional Village Inn within the grounds of the Village Hall. The GCC was requested to intervene and act as an intermediary between the Village Hall Trustees and the Village Inn Group to try to resolve the state of impasse/Status Quo to the ultimate satisfaction/desire of both parties and especially the Village community as a whole. It was noted that the GCC Secretary was instructed to contact the Secretary of the Village Hall Trustees to request that an official meeting with all interested parties is to be held as soon as is practical to discuss matters as agreed. *Action CCllr Pilmer*

4. Action Points

Scottish Water (SW) proposed extension to the Water Treatment Works at East Blair

CCllr Pilmer gave an update on the previously stated project to the extent that SW had held a number of private meetings with the immediately affected householders at East Blair to update them on their (SW) latest developments. CCllr Pilmer stated that nothing extraordinary had been declared apart from SW confirming that a Pre-Planning discussion with PKC Planning Department had intimated that their proposal required to be revisited to mitigate a number of points. These points referred to the scale of the development and all of the works involved, the type of storage tanks on display in the countryside and other locations to lessen/mitigate the development. CCllr Pilmer pointed out the scale of the development's impact, by SW, again to the immediate East Blair residents and the village as a whole. Matters discussed further were the access road, the six-day working week, the carbon footprint, the environmental impact, the projected time, the impact on public and wildlife, the various Scottish Government legislation articles and SW's commitment to be carbon neutral by 2040. SW advised CCllr Pilmer that matters with PKC Planning were still at a very early stage and that no further progress with PKC Planning was envisaged to happen much before September 2022. It was agreed that SW will keep the immediate East Blair residents and CCllr Pilmer updated with any news. *Action CCllr Pilmer*

Greenbank Road One way poll results.

Following the conclusion of the survey the votes that were cast resulted in the following totals: 52 Yes and 42 No. Following a discussion with those present at the meeting, it was agreed that in view of the impending speed restrictions, that are outstanding for the overall traffic movement

throughout the village, including the possibility of a major three-year construction at the Scottish Water Treatment plant that this topic would be reserved meantime. Should matters/opinions change then the topic would be revisited again.

Speed limits within the village

CCllr Ponton confirmed that matters were "in hand" by PKC Roads Department to alter the road marking roundel of 40mph to 30mph on Main Street southbound. Also, that the overall reduction for Main Street to 20mph is pending work. PKC Cllr Cuthbertson confirmed that there are speed reduction work measures being carried out all over Perthshire and Kinross and that Glenfarg will be attended to however, he did not have a date as to when our village's works would be carried out. An update will be given at a forthcoming Business Meeting or via the Village's media platforms.

Allotment update CCllr Fraser stated that discussions were ongoing with two parties as the establishment of the allotment. A site has been identified that lies between Marinden Park and the Primary School that is believed to belong to Stephens Builders. The acquisition for the site and the subsequent infrastructure support from PKC will take time to be established. It was noted further that the residents of Marinden Park would be expected to be notified to make them aware of a future proposal that would involve traffic movements both for the development and subsequent long term should this proposal be a reality. A further update will be given at the next GCC Business Meeting. *Action CCllr Fraser.*

5. Reports for virtual meetings Binn Wind Farm Report

CCllr Ponton gave an update on the proposal for the Community Benefit Fund that should arise out of the wind generation profit from the Turbines. The beneficiaries would be Glenfarg, Bridge of Earn, Abernethy and Auchtermuchty area. Presently discussions are taking place with Foundation Scotland (who manage a number of Scottish based Community Benefit activities that includes Glenfarg's Lochelbank WF) to take on the management of the Community Benefit Fund. Matters are still at the proposal stage with Terms, Conditions and Fees being the discussion points. It was stated that Bridge of Earn Community intend to control matters themselves whereas the other three Communities intend to have Foundation Scotland manage the Community Benefit Fund on their be halves. The establishment of a Directorship is still to be formed and this would be expected to be two or three representatives from each of the four communities including the Wind Farm operators Greencat. Greencat's representative(s) would be on the Directorship for a given period of time thereafter they will stand down. CCllr Ponton stated the CCllr Murray was involved with this topic too and that it was her intention that village membership on the Directorship should be offered to any interested person e.g., CCllrs, members of the public. This is still to be actioned some time in 2022 and more details will be made public once they are known. *Action CCllrs Ponton and Murray*

Kinross-shire Local Committee PKC Cllr Cuthbertson stated that a meeting had taken place although the facility to have interaction from five Community Councils wasn't enabled for this meeting. Steps are to be taken address this matter for the next meeting.

Glenfarg Community Transport Group CCllr Fraser and one member of the public updated the meeting with regards to a Charitable Group that is to be set up that would allow the acquisition of funds and utilise the monies raised for various activities. A Community (dial a bus) vehicle was discussed and it was noted that there are various schemes ongoing in Scotland presently. The initial necessity is to have Charitable trust set up (an OSCAR) and PKC will be approached to ascertain what is required for this to be done. Glasgow Community Council Transport Group's elected head a Mr A.G.Dunn is a source of information and it was muted that correspondence with him would be of great benefit to move the topic forward. It was stated further that the current 55 Bus was being used and proving to be of a travel benefit. The survey carried out by this GCTG raised interesting information.

The EMBRA Bus was discussed too. This being the electric coach that travels between Dundee and/Perth and Edinburgh stopping at various points where the public have booked tickets from and to. Visit the website.

A good point of information relating to Bus Timetables from Glenfarg is that a space is being developed on the Village Web Site page whereby Bus Timetables will be published. Notification of when this is "live" will be made known through our media platforms/GCC Business Meeting. Further updates *Action CClr Fraser*.

6. Planning Report

CCllr Christie reported on four applications and decisions

7. Police Report CCllr Pilmer reported one main incident within the Glenfarg Ward. A person had been arrested on Greenbank Road having been found with an offensive weapon a number of weeks ago. The Police Commander's bulletin is being published weekly via our media platforms and has covered topics such as: Scamming, Drugs and Alcohol, House security. CCllr Pilmer took the opportunity to thank the Emergency Services (ES) for attending to an accident involving a male pedestrian and cyclists on the Glenfarg to Milnathort Road on Sunday 3rd July. A member of the public (nurse) was able to look after the casualty until the ES arrived consisting of a Paramedic Fast Response vehicle, An Ambulance, the SCAA Helicopter and three Police vehicles.

8. Finance Report CCllr Murray presented the following report on the next page:

TREASURER REPORT 4th July 2022

TOTAL FUNDS HELD £5 721 at 4th July 2022 CCllr Murray added further that discussions were taking place between him and CCllrs Horsman and Macleod with a future vision to move all current financial practical activities to an "on line" platform rather than the paper-based system used at present. *Action CCllrs Horsman, Murray, Macleod*.

CCllr Fraser asked if the Mother & Toddler Group had spent the Microgrant money on their new Shed. To be checked. *Action CCllr Pilmer*

CCllr Fraser noted that there may be an error in a statement with Glenfeargach for a payment. CCllr Fraser to contact the Treasurer to discuss. *Action CCllr Fraser*

CCllr Pilmer stated that the Covid Grant money for £300 awarded to the Village Fete Committee (VFC) must be accounted for with regards to their expenditure for the Lochelbank Windfarm panel and Foundation Scotland. A simple Accounts statement of income vs expenditure would be sufficient from the VFC. *Action CCllr Pilmer*

9. AOCB

GCC local elections announcement August 2022. CCllr Pilmer updated those present that an official announcement will be issued by PKC in August 2022 notifying CCs about the *process* to hold their election by November 2022.

A member of the public raised the following matters:

Roads and pavements. Flooding on Main Street at the entrance to the Private Cul-de-sac involving road level as a result of new tarmac. Gullies on Main Street and further afield within the village not having been cleaned out yet. A request to ask the Road Sweeper vehicle not to drive on to pavements was made. These points were noted by PKC Cllr Cuthbertson and hopefully they will be raised with the necessary PKC departments for action.

Antisocial activities on Greenbank Road involving dog mess and working on vehicles. It was stated that the Dog Warden can be contacted by any member of the public whereas the working on vehicles is down to the person who is carrying out the activity to adhere to all aspects of safety and environmental protection etc.

Overgrown vegetation at the old Hotel infringing onto the pavement on Ladeside. The matter can be reported by any member of the public to PKC for addressing by the Greenspace team.

Old Hotel and its condition. It is known that the next auction is in a number of weeks and hopefully it will be sold and something done with the site. All before the onset of autumn and winter that could lead to further degradation of the building.

Public Speed Monitoring. PKC Cllr Cuthbertson reported that this project is to commence sometime in the future whereby specially trained members of the public will monitor the speed of vehicles noting down registration numbers of vehicles in excess of a roadway's speed limit. The information collated is passed on to the Police for further action. PKC have to purchase the equipment and carry out the specialised training. No date was given as to when this may commence/take place. Meeting closed at 9:15pm

Date of next GCC meeting Monday 5th September 2022 at 7:30pm. Agenda to be confirmed and published nearer that date.