

Glenfarg Community Council Business Meeting 7:30pm, Monday 4th March 2024, Glenfarg Village Hall.

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Date of next Business Meeting

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Attendees: CCllrs Christie, Pilmer, Murray, Ponton, Macleod, Smart. PKC Cllr Robertson, PKC Cllr Waters and eight members of the public.

Welcome by the GCC CCllr Christie acting as “Chair.”

1. Apologies: CCllr Fraser, PKC Cllrs Cuthbert and Freshwater, Police Scotland PC Samson

2. Approval of last Business Meeting Minutes

CCllrs Ponton and Fraser 12/01/2024

3. Police Report

In PC Samson’s absence CCllr Pilmer advised on the following since 8th January:

20 calls and four crimes reported.

Traffic statistics: Community officers are aware of complaints about speeding in Glenfarg. These have been added to the Speeding Matrix and Police Scotland will make every effort to carry out speed checks across the area during their patrols.

Update

A 22-year-old man was charged and remanded for committing a number of Housebreakings in the Kinross areas during October 2023.

Two men, aged 31 and 22 will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal in connection with offences relating to the intention to commit theft after a series of incidents at farms in the Kinross area.

The incidents happened at various farms across the area in April 2023 involving the males driving a blue van.

The 22-year-old man has been arrested and charged in connection with the incidents. The 31-year-old will also be the subject of a report to the Procurator Fiscal.

The incident received a lot of local attention at the time and Kinross community officer Police Constable Ben Samson would like to thank the members of public who contacted police to report incidents and with information.

Crimes of note (since last meeting 08/01/2024)

DATE	OFFENCE	RESULT
24/01/2024 - 05/02/2024	Vandalism (Balvaird Castle) MO – Smash and break windows	Subject to live investigation

Traffic Statistics

Community officers are aware of regular areas where there are complaints about speeding in and around Glenfarg. These have all been added to our speeding matrix and we will continue to make efforts to carry out speed checks across the area during our patrols.

Local officers from Kinross have been carrying out speed checks in the area recently which included Glenfarg. No tickets were issued.

Check out the Twitter page of @PSOPerthKin or #KinrossCPT and feel free to follow.

Community Team Activity

We often post on our Twitter page @PSOSPerthKin with updates on what we are doing out and about in the local area under #KinrossCPT. Please feel free to follow us!

On Thursday 1st February 2024, PC Samson and PS Craig attended at the Glenfarg coffee morning. This was the second visit and a good opportunity for engagement with local members of the community.

Kinross CPT would encourage members of the public to sign up to rural watch Scotland (www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk) and neighbourhood watch Scotland (www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk) for updates and alerts on local issues, crime prevention advice etc.

4. Action Points

Overgrown Path and verges. CCllr Pilmer reported that he had inspected the area of concern in relation to a footpath from Copperfields to Callford Brae and that a written statement was passed on to PKC's Cllr Robertson who has passed the matter on to the relevant PKC department for remedial activity to be carried out. CCllr Pilmer added that PKC Cllr Freshwater confirmed by email that the PKC Roads department are to continue to cut verges in relation to road Junctions. This matter was raised due intended rewilding activities.

5. Meetings – Virtual and Public

Kinross-shire Committee meeting. CCllr Ponton reported that she had attended the meeting on behalf of the GCC Chair and that the following topics were raised:

Greenspace activities will depend on Budget funding for the plans. Still to be ratified.

An *Occupational Therapist* role for rural areas (rather than centrally based) to meet the community's needs was discussed. This was met with approval and that it is likely that a post would be advertised locally in due time. Perhaps through the GCC Newsletter and other media routes.

Road Safety Officer activities. This PKC RSO role was discussed and that the present incumbent (retiring) and lack of others could lead to matters of business impairment for signage, vehicle speed monitors and limits due to the lack of manpower. PKC Cllr Robertson explained that the role is an overwhelming responsibility and that the workload has increased. It is known that this department does need to increase its manpower to cope with the ever-increasing workload to tackle the PKC area.

Funding of £15.3m (Scot Gove funding for 80%) has been set aside for South Kinross-shire development as reported by PKC Cllr Watters. Further discussion points related to Strategic Travel commitments for local areas, Cross Council Border transport route agreements e.g. cycle and walking paths/routes all good making good sense to encourage the use of public and personal (bicycle) transport. Sustainability Group – Fossoway. A local questionnaire has taken place to engage the community on its ambitions and a report has been/will be provided in due time. The topic of a Community Investment funding programme was mentioned although this could be directed to worthwhile projects in their area.

Scottish Water Glenfarg Water Treatment Works upgrade Liaison Group meeting. CCllr Christie gave a report on a meeting that took place in January. The GCC believes that the PKC planning committee decision is pending and that we should be notified of an outcome mid to late March 2024.

Key Matters from meeting 23/01/24

Introduction

The liaison group was formed to allow the community council to regularly meet with the management of the SW major project team and receive updates on the progress of the project and to raise awareness of concerns being expressed by the community.

Key Matters Discussed

- 1 The prefabricated plantroom delivery related to the 'air curtain' project is expected to arrive in Mid-March 24. The delivery route will be from Milnathort and as such will not pass through Glenfarg village. The WTW WhatsApp page will be used to provide updates.
- 2 Road improvement work may commence in April which will include reinforcing road edges, upgrading layby is and pruning of overhanging vegetation.
- 3 Property's close to the intended route from Ladeside to the site will have condition surveys carried out by independent surveyors prior to the work starting. These will be used as a basis for any claims for damage caused by the heavy goods vehicles passing.
- 4 SW are looking at possible solar operated road signs that will warn of any HGV approaching.
- 5 SW will be employing a biodiversity specialist to offer independent advice and reporting in respect of the wildlife and vegetation surrounding the work. Bat boxes to be erected prior to demolition of some smaller buildings.
- 6 SW advised that they will review the site gatehouse location in relation to the properties next to the WTW.
- 7 The planning application is expected to go to the planning committee in March 24.

A member of the public stated that there had been a number of additional planning document amendments to the originals that were part of the initial Planning Application. A discussion took place concerning the “process” for amendments e.g. construction and the impact that would take place on the environment and the village. It was suggested that because of this planning application going to the Planning Committee for a decision in mid-March, that members of the public could attend the meeting by invitation/on line if applied for. It was suggested further that a deferral could be asked for in relation to the public being allowed/given the opportunity to read the amendments and make further comment(s) before a committee approval. It was suggested further that the GCC could write to the committee/attend the meeting. *Action CCllr Pilmer*

CCllr Pilmer mentioned that the CCllr Fraser Chair had attended a local Kinross-shire meeting to do with Community Funding.

6. Flooding Issues

CCllr Christie reported that some work carried out revealed that at least 20% drainage efficiency was being achieved in the Greenbank area and that more favourable drier weather would be required for PKC to carry out the required remedial work. This is an ongoing matter and a further report will be made available in due time although further work is now a necessity. *Action CCllr Christie*

CCllr Pilmer reported on Sandbags being delivered by the Bridge of Earn based Rapid Response Team and are now stored at the entrance gate to the Schoolhouse, Greenbank Road. It was discussed further that more Sandbags would be an asset too therefore, could we acquire more? *Action CCllr Pilmer*

7. Village Inn Update

Two members of the public gave an update on the latest news about this topic. The new Architect has drawn up plans for an extension to the rear of the Schoolhouse part of the building as a new complex. This complex would encompass dining/bar/café facilities as well as outdoor seating and be part of existing Hall structure. This was met with approval by the those in attendance, applauded by PKC Cllrs and it is hoped that a new vision can now take place formally with the public being invited for comments. A cost for the complex was not available on the evening other than a commitment to seek a “ball park figure” and the requirement to source funding for the building etc thereafter. Another update will be forthcoming at the next GCC business meeting. It was noted that the whole “project” will be passed over to another team in due time. *Action members of the public and Village Hall Trustees.*

8. Glenfarg Transport Group

CCllr Smart reported that the GTG is continuing to going from strength to strength and recently had a public usage of circa 800 passenger journeys in a week amounting to a 700% increase in passenger movements. Drivers – two permanents with volunteers backing up its busses. The public social partnership with PKC and others is a worthy route to ensure that public transport is available timeously. Funding is always prevalent and sources are being sought continuously. It was suggested that the scheme could be introduced towards the Fossoway Community as a next vision. PKC Cllr Robertson stated that this example of a CTG could be of use in the Carse of Gowrie area. *Action Cllr Smart.*

9. Planning

CClIr Christie reported on the following:

Reference	Date	Applicant	Details	Action / Decision
23/02043/FFL	10/01/2024	Williams	Alteration and Extension to dwellinghouse and formation of raised patio at Ochil Cottage, Main Street, Glenfarg	Awaiting decision
23/01838/FFL	24/11/2023	Bussey	Replacement extension to dwellinghouse & formation of balcony 2 Candy Farm Cottage Glenfarg	Refused
24/00245/FLL	21/02/2024	Reid	Part change of use of agricultural building to provide horse stables and welfare facilities (in retrospect) at land 400m south of Brampton House	Awaiting decision
24/00144/FLL	13/02/2024	Darrow	Extension to dwellinghouse and formation of raised terrace at New Fargie House, Newfargie, Glenfarg, Perth PH2 9QT to private dwelling house	Awaiting decision
23/00826/FLL	19/05/2023	Burgess	Erection of garage and dwellinghouse on land 25m west of Duncrievie House, Duncrievie, Glenfarg	Approved

10. Finance Report

CClIr Murray reported the Treasurer's Report 04/03/24.

Action points (completed from previous report/meeting): - Top up from Foundation Scotland has been received. - Called Malcolm Jack from Foundation Scotland to discuss the two micro-grant funds. Spoke about the form required to be filled in for the Binn Skips Wind Farm Fund.

Action points to be completed going forward: - Receipts for Micro Grants, need to approach each micro-grant granted for proof of expenditure. (Still to be continued). Send out all newsletter advertising invoices. Next major thing on the list. - Complete form for the Binn Skips Wind Farm Micro-Grant Fund. Apply for Micro-grant to cover Christmas Lights.

Account Movement 8th January 2024-4th March 2024:

Treasurer Account: Balance 08/01/24: £575.35 Money In: £0 Money Out: £0

Newsletter Account: Balance 08/01/24: £5142.38 Money In: £1703.83 Money Out: £235.20

PDF of Accounts attached as an Addendum

Advertising revenue for the village Newsletter. It is hoped that more advertisers will come forward because advertising assists with the financial upkeep of the Village's Newsletter.

A discussion took place regarding the funding of the Christmas lights and that it is an expenditure that is becoming costly year on year. Need to find out how other communities fund their lights. *Action GCC CCllrs*

A request for a Microgrant regarding the purchase of a Mobile phone was put on hold pending further information. It was agreed that rather than a phone be bought could one not be sourced from a donation benefactor because we as a community understand upgrade phones often replace phones that are left redundant – but in perfect working order? Secretary was asked to advise the applicant. *Action CCllr Pilmer*

11. AOCB

CCllr Smart thanked a Mr Ponton for clearing a blockage in a burn in relation to the flooding of a footpath adjacent to Copperfields.

A member of the public raised the query of Gazebos and that one required replacing for Community activities. CCllr Pilmer pointed out that the GCC had a number stored in a local Farm building and that one/more could be made available as a replacement. *Action Cllr Pilmer and a Mr Aird*

A member of the public raised a point of safety concerning Glenfarg Hotel looking unsafe on its frontage. The apparent factors are: broken windows and the subsequent/possible access in to a building that could be dangerous. *Action PKC Cllr Watters*

Binn Transport vehicles appear to be on the increase in numbers travelling through the village. Secretary to write to Binn. *Action CCllr Pilmer*

Large storage container on Village Hall site for Scouts approved by Village Hall Trustees as confirmed by the Village Hall Chairman who was in attendance.

Duncrievie road problem with a support wall degrading into a private garden and the pavement degrading. *Action PKC Cllr Watters*

Wester & Easter Deuglie residents concerned about the public road surface condition deteriorating from Hayfield Road up hill for many metres – perhaps water related. *Action PKC Cllr Watters*

Meeting closed at: 9:20pm

**Date of next meeting:
Monday 6th May 2024**

**Proposer: CCllr Macleod 08/03/24
Seconder: CCllr Smart 08/03/24**

Addendums

- 1. Treasurers' Report as attached in PDF Format**

Treasurers Report 04/03/24:

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GCC Treasurer Account Statement:

Nil Statement due to no movement

GCC Newsletter Account Statement:



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GLENFARG NEWSLETTER
BEECHWOOD COTTAGE
DUNCRIEVIE ROAD
GLENFARG
PH2 9PA

Your Account

Sort Code 80-16-79
Account Number 06003354

TREASURERS ACCOUNT

01 January 2024 to 31 January 2024

Money In	£70.00	Balance on 01 January 2024	£3,673.75
Money Out	£235.20	Balance on 31 January 2024	£3,508.55

Your Transactions

Date	Description	Type	Money In (£)	Money Out (£)	Balance (£)
15 Jan 24	GEOFF CHRISTIE 100000001272315261	FPO		235.20	3,438.55
23 Jan 24	PIZZA VIA GLENFARG NL 00151331632BBKWBGM 090129	FPI	70.00		3,508.55



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GLENFARG NEWSLETTER
BEECHWOOD COTTAGE
DUNCRIEVIE ROAD
GLENFARG
PH2 9PA

Your Account

Sort Code 80-16-79
Account Number 06003354

TREASURERS ACCOUNT

01 February 2024 to 29 February 2024

Money In	£1,633.83	Balance on 01 February 2024	£3,508.55
Money Out	£0.00	Balance on 29 February 2024	£5,142.38

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23 Feb 24	FOUNDATION SCOTLAN FOUNDATION SCOTLAN	FPI	1,533.83		5,042.38
26 Feb 24	500059	DEP	100.00		5,142.38