

Glenfarg Community Council Business Meeting 7:30pm, Monday 5th May 2025, Glenfarg Community Centre (Village Hall).

Agenda

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Date of next Business Meeting

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Attendees: CCllrs Ponton, Pilmer, Christie, Fraser, Macleod and Smart. PKC Cllr Watters. N.Lindsay BLC Energy and 5 members of the public.

Welcome by the GCC Chair CCllr Ponton.

1. Apologies: CCllr Murray, Police Scotland PC Samson. PKC Cllr Cuthbert, PKC Cllr Robertson

2. Approval of last Business Meeting Minutes held on Monday 3rd March 2025

CCllrs Ponton and Murray 07/03/2025.

3. Police Report

In PC Samson's absence CCllr Pilmer, Secretary, advised that due to Operational matters Police Scotland were unable to attend and that their bi-monthly report would be forwarded, by email, to the Secretary. Also, the Secretary was asked to write to a higher Police Scotland authority requesting that a Police representative is required for the next GCC Business Meeting. *Action CCllr Pilmer*

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

Community Team Activity

Police Scotland, often post on their Twitter page @PSOSPerthKin with updates on what they are doing out and about in the local area under #KinrossCPT. Please feel free to follow.

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. Solar Power generation project

Introduction. Neil Lindsay of BLC Energy Ltd gave an introduction and presentation about the proposed 30 Mega Watt Solar Power project in line with the Binn Eco Park's wider Renewable and Solar Energy goals. The proposed site is to be located southwards of the Binn Eco Park and eastwards of Balvaird Castle.

Community Engagement. A media item for the project is to be supplied for the village Newsletter and two exhibitions are proposed with the first one suggested to take place in early June, courtesy of the Community Centre, although details are still to be confirmed and a website is expected to be formed too. The project requires planning permission that remains to be confirmed by PKC Planning, and it is expected that this will be sought before the end of 2025.

Community Benefit Fund. A discussion reviewed the proposed sums of £400 and £500 per Mega Watt per annum over the duration of the Solar generation (circa 40 years) although subject to negotiation should the project go ahead. The sums proposed could go towards the community itself in two forms as follows: 1. One to support local projects and 2. A Grant scheme for supporting local households struggling with energy and living costs. All subject to further discussion.

Future Community actions. N. Lindsay to consult with CCllr Ponton regarding media topics and proposed exhibition timescales.

The CCllrs conducted a further discussion as to how to receive funds and to review the possible *set up* of a Community Benefit Development Trust (CBDT) in consideration of any future money

distribution. It is known that a CBDT is being set up in the Bridge of Earn community for future funds from the present Community owned Binn Wind Farm Turbines and we need to explore this *set up* as a potential possibility for Glenfarg. A local known person was suggested as a potential source of CBDT information, and it the GCC agreed that the person be approached for advice. *Action CCllr Ponton*

5. Correspondence and Action Points

Correspondence

Speed related vehicle topic and Action Point letter. CCllr Pilmer raised the matter of a letter from PKC's P. McAdams in relation that confirmation was given that the implementation of a National 20mph strategy for Cities, Towns and Villages is planned for the 2025/2026 Financial year. Transport Scotland are tackling major routes and PKC will be focussing on residential areas. It is envisaged that Community Council areas can review and instigate further calming measures. A further comment raised the point of physical traffic calming measures on the Main Street B996 due to the letter stating that the residents did not support it. This point was disputed by the members of the public present and a further discussion took place about the implementation of other traffic calming measures such as chicanes/give ways. This additional traffic calming topic will be addressed once the 20mph limits are put into place and be reviewed by the GCC in the future.

PKC Local Development Plan 3 (LDP3) Letter. CCllr Pilmer reported about the proposed LD3 Plan for the PKC area. It was noted that during the LDP2 proposal that no development areas were suggested for commercial/community/ landowners/developers and other parties in identifying sites in our small community. The GCC is aware of the current development conclusion of Copperfields and two further small, localised developer sites only at present.

Action Points

Police Scotland visible in Village. CCllr Pilmer confirmed that he had written to the Community Police requesting for a more visible focus in the Village. Police Scotland's local Community PC Samson replied that this would be carried out as per operational activities.

Greenbank Road PKC Cllr Robertson. CCllr Ponton explained that in PKC Cllr Robertson's absence that he had raised this matter again, prior to the evening's Business Meeting, and that his questions with Social Housing remain unanswered. A general discussion took place, and it was understood that matters concerning the physical condition of the outside of the properties in question had seen some improvement but no complete reinstatement back to their original condition as gardens with partition fencing. Vehicles, their parts, and other factors are of great concern as is their location in the gardens' grounds.

It was noted that the Community Centre has been the subject of vandalism to windows, antisocial behaviour was being carried out in the grounds, that the Front Door has had to be locked in the evenings when functions are being carried out and CCTV is to be investigated as a further security option. All unacceptable for our Village residents.

6. Meetings – Virtual and Public

Lochelbank RWE Wind Farm Panel Meeting Cllr Pilmer reported on the Key Matters discussed on the evening of the 22nd April. Only twofund applications were proposed both from Bridge of Earn.

A point not recorded in the Minutes is that two Glenfarg Panel members are due to finish their term later this Autumn and an advertisement for their replacement will be placed through the Village media outlets in due course courtesy of the GCC/Foundation Scotland (the Fund administrators).

Kinross-shire Committee Development Meeting. CCllr Fraser reported on the key points discussed because of this new committee meeting and had circulated the presentation to the CCllrs as of the 23rd April. Communities, Infrastructure & Economic Development, Roads, Environment were the topics.

7. Planning

CCllr Christie reported.

Reference	Date	Applicant	Details	Action / Decision
25/00354/FLL	21/03/2025	Scottish Water	Formation of compound Land 160 Metres North East Of Doran Cottage Duncreevie Glenfarg Perth PH2 9PD	Awaiting decision
25/00350/CLP	21/03/2025	Glenfarg Partnership Ltd	Alteration and extension to Myrtle Cottage Greenbank Road Glenfarg Perth PH2 9NW	Approved
25/00264/CLE	27/02/2025	William Allison	Installation of biomass boiler and all associated works at Store And Yard East Fordel Farm Glenfarg	Approved
24/01843/FLL	09/01/2025	Bussey	Extension to dwelling house at 2 Candy Farm Cottage Glenfarg Perth PH2 9QL	Refused
25/00522/FLL	10/04/2025	Scottish Water	Formation of bridge, haul road with turning point, installation of gatehouse and erection of fence hoarding (for a temporary period) at the reservoir, Glenfarg	Awaiting decision

8. Finance Report

CCllr Fraser reported that in the absence of the Finance CCllr that the report was unavailable for the evening. It is to be forwarded to the CCllrs in due time.

The matter of Bank Business Account charges to the client was discussed and it was with concern that the CCllrs were made aware of this financial cost now being faced by the GCC. It was agreed that we need to look into other Banks that do not charge, however the sad reality is that it would appear to be across all High Street associated Banks. A question to be asked of other Community Councils by CCllr Fraser as to what they do for Bank Business activities and are they charged? *Action CCllr Fraser*

9. AOCB

The Glenfarg Hotel. Unacceptable matters in the Village led onto a discussion about the physical condition of the Glenfarg Hotel and concern was raised with PKC Cllr Watters about the impending consequences/outcome. The GCC is unaware of who owns the Glenfarg Hotel to raise the concerns, and it was noted that an Hotel in High Street, Crieff had been demolished because of PKC intervention. Whether or not PKC intervention will happen for the Glenfarg Hotel remains unknown at this time.

Meeting closed at: 9:20pm

Date of next Business meeting:
Monday 7th July 2025

