

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

Agenda

Welcome

1. Apologies

2. Approval of last Business Meeting Minutes

3. Police Report

4. Correspondence and Action Points

5. Meetings Virtual and Public

6. Planning

7. Finance Report

8. AOCB

Roads Topics, Defibrillator, Wallace Park Bench, Community Council Elections, Greenbank Road, Other topics

Date of next Business Meeting

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Attendees: CCllrs Ponton, Pilmer, Christie, Murray, Fraser, Macleod and Smart. PKC Cllr Robertson and 8 members of the public.

Welcome by the GCC Chair CCllr Ponton.

1. Apologies: Police Scotland PC Samson, PKC Cllr Cuthbert, PKC Cllr Freshwater

2. Approval of last Business Meeting Minutes held on Monday 5th May 2025

CCllrs Christie and Fraser 07/07/2025.

3. Police Report

In PC Samson's absence CCllr Pilmer, Secretary, advised that another Police Scotland officer was able to report as follows.

One Crime of note to report but no details. 24 Calls to Police Scotland regarding our Ward although some of these were duplicated.

Police Scotland are to hold a "Drop in" public meeting on Sunday 27th July 10:00am to 12:00 Midday at the Community Centre.

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. Correspondence and Action Points

CCllr Pilmer stated that four letters had been received.

Letter 1. Notification about Tree Felling operations in the Deuglie area. This matter was circulated on media and PKC are still to confirm when the Tree Felling operations shall commence.

Letter 2. Lochelbank Wind Farm Panel recruitment. Two new replacement nominees have been noted for our Glenfarg community to start in position in November.

Letter 3. PKC notification to communities about ensuring that Voters from households in our Ward are correct and registered for the PKC and Government elections. Letters/emails to be issued to PKC households.

Letter 4. PKC notification regarding a Timetable for the forthcoming Community Council (CC) Elections to commence in August, thereafter the new Community Council body for Glenfarg will be expected to take over for a period of three years in November 2025. The CC Elections will follow advertisement through the Grapevine email, Village Newsletter and Media.

5. Meetings – Virtual and Public

CCllr Fraser reported on the Solar Panel exhibition, for the Binn land area, in the Community Centre as held in June. Members of the public were shown visual display boards and an interactive display of what could be viewed from the Balvaird Castle grounds. There is to be another public consultation later this Autumn. Details to follow in due course.

CCllr Fraser reported on Scottish Water topics related to the Water Treatment Works upgrade. Church Brae is to receive a new Anti Slip road surface coating.

Two Defibrillators have been offered to the village whereby a discussion took place for what type of Cabinet facility would be best and their two locations – Tennis Court and Old Phone box were suggested as suitable locations. A Defibrillator is now in place at the Scottish Water's Water Treatment Works entrance.

A “thank you” was proposed for the two ESD Convoy operators who manage/escort the large vehicle movements from the Lay-by (south end of Glenfarg) to the WTW and their return. It was noted further that the present Lay-by is subject to a proposed enlargement to cater for larger loaded vehicles.

CCllr Smart reported on the Kinross-shire Committee Meeting. Key point discussed related to the multi junction area of the M90/A91/Mawcarse, the road accidents minor or major and how best to alleviate the problems. Road signage and Speed restrictions were discussed and Cllr Robertson stated that the matter was being investigated by PKC and that there would be a practical course of action taken to improve the multi junction area. Hopefully by sometime in the autumn. Members of the public were encouraged to report collision/accidents/incidents to the Police no matter how minor or major they are. Collation of evidence is paramount to assisting with road improvements.

6. Planning

CCllr Christie reported.

Reference	Date	Applicant	Details	Action / Decision
25/00552/FLL	08/05/2025	Scottish Water	Installation of pipework, erection of fencing and associated works at Glenfarg Water Treatment Works The Reservoir Glenfarg Perth PH2 9QL	Awaiting Decision
25/00446/FLL	06/05/2025	Scottish Water	Erection of pH correction gallery building, installation of pipebridge, formation of replacement access track with layby/passing place and associated engineering works at Glenfarg Water Treatment Works The Reservoir Glenfarg Perth PH2 9QL	Awaiting Decision
24/00435/FLL	15/03/2024	Melville	Erection of dwellinghouse and access (in principle) at Land 40 Metres North West Of The Old Manse Greenbank Road Glenfarg Perth PH2 9NW	Refused
25/00827/FLL	19/06/2025	Scottish Woodlands	Permanent retention of vehicular access and track Land 150 Metres South West Of Abbots Deuglie House Glenfarg Perth PH2 9QJ	Awaiting Decision
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	Approved

7. Finance Report

CCllr Murray reported.

Treasurer's Report 07/07/25: Action points (completed from previous report/meeting):

Insurance paid to PKC.

Spoke to Bank of Scotland regarding charges for services provided on all Glenfarg Community Council Accounts. Was told by the bank that all Treasurer Accounts (of which they all were) have been changed to community Accounts which now incur charges for services. Asked what services they provided, of which they responded with 'none'. But the bank has made all these types of Accounts (business) chargeable if the business/community you council is not a registered charity. So therefore, there is no way round these charges, unless we change banks or go to an online one such as Monzo/Revolut. The Charges are £4.25 per month so £51 for each account per year, £153 total per year across all Accounts.

A discussion took place about the Account charges, and it was agreed to await further news from PKC Cllr Robertson because these Account charges are affecting all Community Councils and other groups (if they are not Registered Charities). PKC's Head of Finance is to respond to Cllr Robertson to discuss/offer a solution.

Paid for use of the hall for meetings.

£500 paid by Foundation Scotland into the Micro-Grant Account. Purpose of award: Unrestricted cost of living increase award from Foundation Scotland. Should this money be used for something different other than Micro-Grants as it is a cost-of-living increase award? Discussion agreed to leave money in the Microgrant account and to publicise the Microgrant topic through Social Media.

Action points to be completed going forward: Produce new Micro-Grant form, to be put online and on Glenfarg Website with associated receipt capability.

Account Movement 5th May 2025 - 7th July 2025:

Treasurer Account: Balance 07/07/25: £366.60 Money In: £0 Money Out: £114.75
Newsletter Account: Balance 07/07/25: £3226.02 Money In: £116.08 Money Out: £418.84
Micro-Grant Account: Balance 07/07/25: £2753.06 Money In: £0 Money Out: £4.25

8. AOCB

Greenbank Road. A discussion took place regarding an area that is the subject of public concern and the wellbeing of the community. Cllr Robertson gave a summary of matters as stated to PKC Housing and a brief overview of their reply.

Following further discussion it was agreed that the Community Council contact PKC to highlight a number of concerns. *Action CClr Ponton*

Bein Inn B996 road junction Closure in August affecting the Community Transport Group.

The alternative road route, via Auchtermuchty, shall put a strain on the Community Bus Timetable including the associated extra miles' operational costs. Unless an alternative compromise can be found it means that the operation of the community bus may well be restricted to the Glenfarg and Kinross route for the duration of the roadworks closure. The Wicks o' Baigle route and M90 (due to ongoing roadworks) are not suitable. The X56 route by Stagecoach shall have to accommodate its own amendments *Action CTG and PKC*

The Glenfarg Hotel. No news as to who owns the building. Further deterioration has been noted.

Defibrillator. Covered previously Item 5.

Community Benefit Trust. Topic carried on until next meeting.

Bike Track in Copperfields Wood. A member of the public had passed a message onto CCllr Murray who stated that the topic was to be discussed between the Bike Track persons and Stephen's Builders who own the wood. Safety is paramount for all users.

Wallace Park Bench. CCllr Pilmer to write to the Greenspace Ranger c/o PKC requesting to carry on with new bench's location. *Action CCllr Pilmer*

Community Council Elections. Covered previously in Item 4.

Litter Pick. Offered by the Rapid Response Team from Bridge of Earn who offered their services for a joint community action. To cover the Glenfarg B996 to Beinn Inn or thereabouts. The matter is to be dealt with by a member of the public from the Greener Glenfarg group. CCllr Pilmer to send correspondence details accordingly. *Action Greener Glenfarg*

Ladeside/Duncricvie Road pavement problems for walkers. The condition of the pavements for safe access was discussed and it was agreed that Cllr Robertson would photograph the surface problems and report them directly to PKC for investigation and a proposed remedial action plan.

Glenfarg.org Website maintenance and Domain operation. It was noted that the two members of the public who have supported the operation of the website and Domain stated the need for the operational side to be taken over by new people/or an operator. The Domain is not due for renegotiation until March 2026. However, it was noted that there must be experts within the community that could offer their services. CCllr Ponton to discuss the topic with Glenfeargach Services.

Community Transport Group. CCllr Smart notified the meeting that there are two Trials to be piloted shortly. One was an evening link to Kinross Park and Ride to supplement the current evening PKC 56 bus service with the arrival of Edinburgh busses. Second is to offer a Rural Bus service via an "App" for people who may wish to be collected/returned from a rural location in our area. *Action CTG*

GITS Group. A "thank you" was extended to the GITS group of volunteers for cleaning the local Bus shelters.

ESD Scottish Water. Convoy operators *Thank you* Covered previously in Item 5.

Meeting closed at: 9:10pm

Date of next Business meeting:
Monday 1st September 2025

Minutes approved;
Proposer: CCllr Ponton Date: 10/07/2025
Seconder: CCllr Murray Date: 10/07/2025

