

# **GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL - MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Held on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 at 7:30pm, Glenfarg Village Hall**

**PRESENT:** CCllr Ponton, CCllr Pilmer, CCllr Horsman, CCllr Fraser and two members of the public.

**APOLOGIES:** CCllr Macleod, CCllr Christie

## **1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION:**

GCC Chair CCllr Ponton welcomed everyone present to the meeting and explained what the format of the meeting would be.

## **2. APOLOGIES**

Two reported.

## **3. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2021 AGM BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

Proposer: CCllr Ponton, Seconder: CCllr Horsman.

## **4. ADDRESS FROM THE CHAIR COVERING PERIOD 2021-2022**

Margaret Ponton Chair GCC

The process of producing a 'Community Council' speech led me to think about the word 'Community'.

The concept of "community" is to promote feelings and associations of mutual well-being, happiness and togetherness.

In ecology, a community is an assemblage of populations - potentially of different species - interacting with one another. Species interact in three ways: competition, predation and mutualism:

- Competition typically results in a double negative—that is both species lose in the interaction.
- Predation involves a win/lose situation, with one species winning.

- Mutualism sees both species co-operating in some way, with both winning.

The two main types of ecological communities are **major** communities, which are self-sustaining and self-regulating, and **minor** communities, which rely on other communities (like fungi decomposing a log) and are the building blocks of major communities.

Glenfarg is a minor community, working alongside other small communities to attain mutual wellbeing. The Council is the elected body and thus the conduit but the building blocks. I wrote the following in 2017.

So, what should the Community Council be doing?

It is to be a voice for the local area.

It should articulate the views and concerns of people in the local area.

It must involve the people of the community.

It should give views on planning matters in the community council area.

It should carry out activities that serve the interests of the community.

I would like to think that during my 7 years as Chair and over 15 years serving the community, that the above points have been the focus of the Council.

I was looking back through historical minutes of Council meetings to confirm the progression we have made over the years, only to find it a disappointing reflection of our business meetings.

I noted the inclusion of pot holes and road cleaning going back though many years of agendas.

It saddens me to think that these issues are only addressed by continual letter writing and complaining. Surely PKC can do better at scheduling basic services and repairs. I have heard lack of people, lack of money and covid as the main reasons that services are declining. More is now expected of Community Councils than ever before. It is our duty to keep the pressure on and at the same time, become the butt of residents' continual complaints.

We are now involved in an ever-increasing number of committees and groups who are needing a bigger and bigger slice of constantly reducing pot. For Glenfarg to keep the standards we have will mean a hugely increased effort on the part of Councillors spending time fighting our corner in the bigger sections of our local area. We don't want to be the ecological competitive losers or fall foul of neighbouring predators; we have to strive for mutualism.

On a more positive note – during the last 7 years, we have seen the Village increase in size with the building of Copperfields and the conversion of the old Lomond hotel site into luxury flats. We have even recently seen the purchase of the former

Glenfarg Hotel building and are now watching it emerge from its cocoon, hoping to see the building eventually back to its former glory.

The Village has purchased an extension to the community hall and are looking forward to using the new facilities it will provide. Again, community is the key part of this project and everyone will have the opportunity to use the facility to improve overall wellbeing.

There has been a lot of hard work happening in the background to provide the Village with licenced premises to replace the facilities lost following the closure of the 2 hotels. This exciting project is much needed and we all look forward to having a new social space.

There have been new developments in Wallace Park. It's great to see the new path being used by all ages. There is a date of 7<sup>th</sup> November mentioned as a start for the installation of fitness equipment and a zip wire. This is the final phase of the Friends of Wallace Park group and its hopeful that all of the community will be a friend of the park and look after this wonderful amenity. There are already people who have been planting, strimming, weeding and generally caring for the area. I certainly hope this continues and grows.

There are many more groups, working tirelessly to improve our lovely wee Village. I am sorry, I haven't mentioned you all, but I acknowledge everyone's efforts in making our community what it is.

I cannot finish without thanking my fellow councillors, both Community and Local – for their work and support during my time in the Chair. It has meant a lot to have a positive and active team to rely on.

Now it's my time to hand over the position to someone else. It's their turn to fend off the emails, phone calls and general day to day issues. I will happily sit in the background and support the new Council in their journey forward.

Thanks to you all.

*Margaret*

Margaret Ponton

Chair

Glenfarg Community Council

Additionally, to the above, Cllr Ponton took time to thank CCllrs Horsman and Macpherson who were standing down from the GCC. Mr Horsman had been a CCllr and Treasurer for seven years and his expertise with due diligence on financial matters including his wider community work was very much appreciated. Mr Macpherson returned to the GCC for the business year to give his expertise and support with matters relating to media, internet web business for the Glenfarg Village and his wider community work. He was thanked in his absence.

## **5. ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

The Treasurer, CClr Horsman, gave a detailed statement of the financial accounting period 2021 to 2022 for the GCC as per the two following pages:

GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL - GLENFARG NEWSLETTER

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

FOR YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

|   | 2021/2022    | 2020/2021    | 2019/2020    |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Glenfarg Newsletter</b>                        |              |              |              |
| <b>Income</b>                                     | <b>£</b>     | <b>£</b>     | <b>£</b>     |
| Newsletter advertising, donations & subscriptions | 1,895        | 1,753        | 1,076        |
| Sale of village marquee                           | -            | -            | 500          |
| Community Covid19 Grant                           | -            | 260          | 320          |
| Partial Insurance Refund                          | 122          | -            | -            |
| <b>Total income</b>                               | <b>2,017</b> | <b>2,013</b> | <b>1,896</b> |
| <b>Expenditure</b>                                |              |              |              |
| Newsletter expenses                               | 1,000        | 816          | 959          |
| Editor expenses (stationary and travel)           | 30           | -            | -            |
| Defib maintenance and training                    | -            | 92           | -            |
| Donation - Santa Suit                             | -            | -            | 20           |
| Contribution to annual cost of Christmas Lights   | 708          | 768          | 374          |
| Covid Village Supplies                            | -            | 250          | 297          |
| LITE Christmas Lights installation                | -            | 570          | 2,293        |
| Shop Security Expenses                            | -            | -            | 370          |
| P&KC Public Liability Insurance                   | 202          | -            | -            |
| Glenfeargach Webhosting                           | -            | -            | 84           |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>                          | <b>1,940</b> | <b>2,496</b> | <b>4,397</b> |
| Surplus/(deficit) for year                        | 77           | (483)        | (2,501)      |
| Surplus b/fwd                                     | 4,712        | 5,195        | 7,696        |
| <b>Surplus c/fwd</b>                              | <b>4,789</b> | <b>4,712</b> | <b>5,195</b> |
| <b>Foundation Scotland Covid Recovery Fund</b>    |              |              |              |
| <b>Income</b>                                     |              |              |              |
| Foundation Scotland                               | 3,000        | -            | -            |
| <b>Expenditure</b>                                |              |              |              |
| Grants awarded (see below)                        | 2,700        | -            | -            |
| Surplus/(deficit) for year                        | 300          | -            | -            |
| Surplus b/fwd                                     | -            | -            | -            |
| <b>Surplus c/fwd</b>                              | <b>300</b>   | <b>-</b>     | <b>-</b>     |
| <b>Lochelbank Community Benefit Micro-grants</b>  |              |              |              |
| <b>Income</b>                                     |              |              |              |
| Foundation Scotland                               | -            | -            | 1,191        |
| <b>Expenditure</b>                                |              |              |              |
| Grants awarded (see below)                        | 981          | 285          | 293          |
| Surplus/(deficit) for year                        | (981)        | (285)        | 898          |
| Surplus b/fwd                                     | 1,310        | 1,595        | 697          |
| <b>Surplus c/fwd</b>                              | <b>329</b>   | <b>1,310</b> | <b>1,595</b> |
| <b>Arngask School Fund</b>                        |              |              |              |
| Annual payment                                    | 141          | -            | 100          |
| (Deficit) for year                                | (141)        | -            | (100)        |
| Surplus b/fwd                                     | 141          | 141          | 241          |
| <b>Surplus c/fwd</b>                              | <b>-</b>     | <b>141</b>   | <b>141</b>   |
| <b>Glenfarg Nursing Association Fund</b>          |              |              |              |
| <b>Income</b>                                     | -            | -            | -            |
| <b>Expenditure</b>                                | -            | 4,011        | -            |
| Surplus/(deficit) for year                        | -            | (4,011)      | -            |
| Surplus b/fwd                                     | -            | 4,011        | 4,011        |
| <b>Surplus c/fwd</b>                              | <b>-</b>     | <b>-</b>     | <b>4,011</b> |

|   |                                 |                 |                 |              |                 |                 |               |                 |                 |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Represented by:   |                                 |                 |                 |              |                 |                 |               |                 |                 |
| <b>Bank accounts</b>  | <b>2022</b>                     | <b>Receipts</b> | <b>Payments</b> | <b>2021</b>  | <b>Receipts</b> | <b>Payments</b> | <b>2020</b>   | <b>Receipts</b> | <b>Payments</b> |
|   | £                               | £               | £               | £            | £               | £               | £             | £               | £               |
| Newsletter Current account  | 5,118                           | 2,017           | 2,921           | 8,039        | 2,017           | -               | 10,801        | 3,087           | 2,781           |
| Arrgask School Fund Current account   | 0                               | 0               | 141             | 141          | 0               | 0               | 141           | 0               | 100             |
|   | <b>5,118</b>                    | <b>2,017</b>    | <b>3,062</b>    | <b>8,180</b> | <b>2,017</b>    | <b>0</b>        | <b>10,942</b> | <b>3,087</b>    | <b>2,881</b>    |
| Certified that the above accounts have been presented for examination and found correct with vouchers exhibited at 31 August 2022 |                                 |                 |                 |              |                 |                 |               |                 |                 |
| Treasurer: Daniel Horsman   | Date Prepared: 1st October 2022 |                 |                 |              |                 |                 |               |                 |                 |
| Chairperson: Margaret Ponton  |                                 |                 |                 |              |                 |                 |               |                 |                 |
| Examiner: Margaret MacDonald  | Date signed as correct:         |                 |                 |              |                 |                 |               |                 |                 |
| Examiner's Designation:   |                                 |                 |                 |              |                 |                 |               |                 |                 |
| Examiner's Address:   |                                 |                 |                 |              |                 |                 |               |                 |                 |
| <b>ASSETS</b>   | <b>2022</b>                     |                 | <b>2021</b>     |              | <b>2020</b>     |                 |               |                 |                 |
| Public Access Defibrillator   | 300                             |                 | 450             |              | 600             |                 |               |                 |                 |
| Christmas Lights  | 1,768                           |                 | 2,652           |              | 3,536           |                 |               |                 |                 |
| Christmas Lights (2020)   | 1,834                           |                 | 2,064           |              | 2,293           |                 |               |                 |                 |
|   | <b>3,902</b>                    |                 | <b>5,165</b>    |              | <b>6,429</b>    |                 |               |                 |                 |
| Note: The PAD and Christmas Lights are over 10 years.   |                                 |                 |                 |              |                 |                 |               |                 |                 |
| <b>MICRO-GRANT SUMMARY</b>  |                                 |                 |                 |              |                 |                 |               |                 |                 |
| Glenfarg Village Store  |                                 |                 | 150             |              |                 |                 |               |                 |                 |
| D Fraser (GITS)   | 244.32                          |                 | 42.23           |              |                 |                 |               |                 |                 |
| D Fraser (GITS)   |                                 |                 | 93.4            |              |                 |                 |               |                 |                 |
| GITS phonebox restoration   |                                 |                 |                 |              | 239             |                 |               |                 |                 |
| E Hayward Orchard Project   | 88.35                           |                 |                 |              | 54              |                 |               |                 |                 |
| J Armstrong (GITS)  | 148.28                          |                 |                 |              |                 |                 |               |                 |                 |
| G B&TG  | 250                             |                 |                 |              |                 |                 |               |                 |                 |
| Glenfarg Fete Committee   | 250                             |                 |                 |              |                 |                 |               |                 |                 |
|   | <b>980.95</b>                   |                 | <b>285.63</b>   |              | <b>293.00</b>   |                 |               |                 |                 |
| <b>COVID RECOVERY FUND-GRANT SUMMARY</b>  |                                 |                 |                 |              |                 |                 |               |                 |                 |
| G B&TG  | 500                             |                 |                 |              |                 |                 |               |                 |                 |
| Coffee Morning Group  | 200                             |                 |                 |              |                 |                 |               |                 |                 |
| GDIB  | 500                             |                 |                 |              |                 |                 |               |                 |                 |
| Glenfarg Scout Group  | 500                             |                 |                 |              |                 |                 |               |                 |                 |
| Glenfarg Community Cinema   | 200                             |                 |                 |              |                 |                 |               |                 |                 |
| Arrgask Hall  | 500                             |                 |                 |              |                 |                 |               |                 |                 |
| Glenfarg Fete Committee   | 300                             |                 |                 |              |                 |                 |               |                 |                 |
|   | <b>2,700.00</b>                 |                 | <b>-</b>        |              | <b>-</b>        |                 |               |                 |                 |

The present Treasurer is to carry out a "handover" in relation to the incoming Treasurer. This will be agreed between the two persons and to be carried out prior to the GCC Business Meeting to be held in January 2023.

## **6. ANNUAL PLANNING STATEMENT**

Cllr Pilmer presented an overview of the Planning period from 2021 to 2022, in the absence of CCllr Christie, as follows:

### AGM Planning Report 2021 - 2022

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The Overall Planning Report (OPR), as accrued in Excel Spreadsheet format for the GCC, covers the Business period 2021 to 2022. This OPR is available from CCllr Christie and the Secretary.

The most noteworthy applications commented on were two Duncreevie developments whereby the GCC did not support those particular Planning Applications in accordance with important and relative matters. It was stated further that the Copperfields private housing development was nearing completion and that most other developments in the Glenfarg Ward were of a small nature involving extensions or similar.

A possible major construction at the Scottish Water Treatment Plant was noted as an impending three-year project - should this be given planning approval.

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## **7. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICE BEARERS**

CCllr Ponton, Chair GCC, requested that the appointment “action” would not take place at this AGM but at the forthcoming Business Meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022. This appointment “action” is as a result of the conclusion of the recent PKC CC Elections whereby the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 meeting will be hosted by an PKC Cllr who will Chair the inaugural meeting, carry out the necessary procedures and business. All CCllr nominations, their appointments to CC positions (Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary) and Sub Committee positions are to be announced on that evening. During the interim period, CCllr Ponton and CCllr Pilmer are to remain in their positions as Chair and Secretary respectively for business purposes.

## **8. APPOINTMENT OF SUB COMMITTEES**

To be confirmed on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 for Planning, Emergency Plan, Transport, Communications and Media, Lochelbank Wind Farm Panel, Data Controller, Minute Secretary.

## **9. APPOINTMENT OF FINANCIAL AUDITOR**

Cllr Horsman confirmed that an auditor would be required for our next financial year's accounts.

## **10. MEETING DATES FOR 2023**

All Mondays unless stated otherwise:

9<sup>th</sup> January, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 1<sup>st</sup> May, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 4<sup>th</sup> September, 30<sup>th</sup> October (AGM), 6<sup>th</sup> November.

### **AGM CLOSE OF MEETING**

GCC Chair CCllr Ponton then thanked all those in attendance. The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

**The next Annual General Meeting of the Glenfarg Community Council is to be held at 7:30pm on Monday 30th October 2023, Glenfarg Village Hall.**