# The Glenfarg Newsletter

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# Editorial

The front page of this month's newsletter shows young Hamish Milne, winner of the competition to design the colours for the animals in the park. See page 49 for details.

Also in this issue Alison Harrison has a report on a very successful Art Exhibition in the Village Hall and an article on award winning designer Linda McKeen and I interview Struan Hepburn on his having achieved the prestigious Queen's Scout Award.

I think we need have no concerns about who will take over as editor of this magazine when you see the work of Arngask Primary 3/4 who made their own newspaper. See the centre pages. Here you will find news of the great "Leek Lobbing Veggie Olympics".

There have been some complaints about village information not being distributed evenly in the various media available. The many options there are to access this information are set out on page 23. The most immediate way is always going to be Facebook and I'm afraid the only way to get this information is to join up. You can always as they say 'lurk'. Which means just read not write.

Well, you still have the Newsletter. It may not be up to the minute but it is your reference book for local advertisers, contact numbers for the village and some stories as well.

The trees in the park.. see Tim Corcoran's article on page 18 with the Tennis Club's position on the subject.

Thanks go again to our regular contributors who sent in their copy nice and early. On submissions, one small point: if you are not a regular and want to contribute please inform the editor at the beginning of the month before the cut-off date so that space can be allocated.

Robin Watson

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# **Diary Of Events**

Date	Event	Where
11th June	Pop Up Pub	Village Hall 7.30pm
13th June	Folk Club AGM	Backstage at The Green
20th June	Folk Club - Kirsty Bromley & Lucy Wise	Backstage at The Green
21st June	Glenfarg Community Company AGM	Arngask Church 7.30pm
25th June	Glenfarg Fun Day	12 noon Village Hall
27th June	Folk Club - Ribbon Road	Backstage at The Green
11th July	Folk Club - Christine Bovill	Backstage at the Green
25th July	Folk Club - Kinrick	Backstage at The Green
30th July	Commemorative Service	Black Watch Museum 11 am
21st August	Open Gardens	Start at Village Hall

### HAS YOUR DRIVING LICENCE EXPIRED?

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Many people do not realise that a Driving Licence is only valid for 10 years. It is estimated that over 2 million people are currently driving around with out-of-date licences. You might want to check that you are not one of them – it could save you a hefty fine.

# A Village Hall for All

A quick guide to regular village hall activities. Does anything take your interest?

Day	Time	Organisation
Monday	6.00pm - 7.30pm	Cubs
	8.00pm - 10.00pm	Ladies' Badminton
Tuesday	5.15pm - 6.15pm	Beavers
	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Yoga
Wednesday	9.30am - 11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group
	6.00pm - 7.00pm	Rainbows
	6.00pm - 7.30pm	Brownies
	6.00pm - 8.00pm	Guides
	8.00pm - 10.00pm (In winter)	Badminton
	12.30pm - 1.30pm 1st Wed of month	Soup and Chat
	7.00pm - 11.00pm	Accordion & Fiddle Club
Thursday	7.30pm - 9.00pm	Scouts
2nd Thursday Sept to May	7.30pm	WRI
Friday	10.00am - 11.00am	Chair Exercise

To check on the Village Hall bookings, go to the village website www.glenfarg.org and look at the on-line calendar under 'Hire the Hall'



### **Church News**



Abernethy and Dron and Arngask Parish Church of Scotland

The search for our new Minister is now underway. A Nominating Committee has been elected by the congregation and is preparing to search the length and breadth of the country for a Minister who can come and lead us. We wish the committee well and hope they have a successful search. We are very fortunate that the Rev. Douglas Main has been appointed as our Locum Minister as he has indicated that he hopes to be with us until the new Minister is appointed. Welcome Douglas, we look forward to our time together and to share your humour and enjoy your compassion. If anyone would like to contact the Rev. Main, whether a member of the congregation or not, they can do so via any Church Elder or from his contact details on the Church Website.

Those who have visited the Church recently, either for Service or meetings, may well have noticed that the extremely wet winter has not been kind to the fabric of our building. We have need of some major remedial work on the west end of the building. 'It never rains but it pours' seems to be a very apt expression! As always, however, our building is available for hire, particularly as we don't have a Hotel in the village; either Church Hall or (with some restrictions) the main Church. The current bookings are on the Church Website, contact Sheona Reid to book.



# Private David Duncan Reekie 1/6 Black Watch died 30 July 1916

At the Black Watch Museum, on the hundredth anniversary of each day of the First World War, a short commemoration service is held for men of the Regiment killed 100 years ago that day. A named cross is placed in the Memorial Wall to commemorate their sacrifice with the service being held at 11:00 am. On the 30 July this year, the above Private David Duncan Reekie, who was a native of Glenfarg, will be included in that service. Members of the soldier's family are welcome to attend, as is anyone with a connection. It would be good if a number of people from Glenfarg could be there; just arrive about 10:45.

# Calum the Postie Turns 50

How did I know our postie was turning 50? By coincidence, Calum and his wife, Carla, were sitting in the seats next to Gordon and I at the Ultimate Eagles concert in Perth Concert Hall in February. During the interval when Calum was away, Carla asked if I could make a 50<sup>th</sup> birthday cake, themed to Calum's hobbies, fishing and photography, for his birthday in April.

We agreed on a figure sitting with a fishing rod in a wee boat, with a camera and their pet greyhound featuring in the design.



So many people we know think that Calum's a great postie, who has taken the time over the last 6 years or so, to really get to know his customers. Gordon thought it would be a good idea to ask people if they wanted to donate towards a 50<sup>th</sup> birthday gift so we left a tin in the shop (thanks guys for helping) while we were on holiday.

On his birthday, a bemused Calum appeared at our door with Carla and their daughter, Beth. Once the penny dropped that there was a personalised birthday cake waiting for him, he was amazed, and he was even more gobsmacked when we handed over

£110 in donations from kind villagers which will now go towards a new camera lens. Thanks to all who donated, it really made Calum's birthday special! Leigh Smith

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# **Congratulations Struan**



Local lad Struan Hepburn has been awarded the prestigious scouting award, the Queen's Scout Award. The Queen's Scout Award is the highest youth award achievable in the Scouting movement in the Commonwealth countries including the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, where Scouts operate under the patronage of her Majesty the Queen.

To qualify for this award the scout must take the five Queen's Scout Award Challenges, which are:

- Take up a Skill for 6 or 12 months, and show progress and lasting interest.
- Take up a Physical Activity for 6 or 12 months.

- Provide Service to an individual or the community for 12 months.
- Plan, complete and review a four-day and three night expedition in open or adventurous country by foot, cycle, horse, canoe, kayak, boat or dinghy.
- Complete a five-day and four night residential project in an unfamiliar environment with people who are not known.
- Following completion of the first four elements of the Award, make a presentation, to a suitable audience, of your achievements so far in working towards the Queen's Scout Award.

All Members should complete twelve months of either the Physical Activity or the Skill.

Well, Struan has met all of these challenges and here is how he achieved them.

For his skill challenge he learned how to drive a car. He told me that he wanted to do that anyway so that fitted in well.



The physical activity challenge was for StruanQueen's Award Badgelearning Tae Kwon Do, earning in this discipline a black belt.

As a Service to the Community, Struan spent 3 years helping Jan Pedley with the Beavers group.

Struan went on the scouts' expedition to Iceland, and also camped at Cape Wrath, helping with conservation work such as beach cleaning. Another expedition took him to Poland, plus educational trips to Auschwitz and the Somme.

All in all Struan has shown a prodigious amount of dedication and has worked exceptionally hard to achieve this award. Congratulations Struan and good luck with your law degree.

# **Glenfarg's Got Artistic Talent**

The second annual art exhibition took place on the last day of April and first day of May and was well supported by artists and visitors alike. No less than 19 artists displayed their paintings and photographs, as well as local crafters displaying their wares. The event attracted 200 visitors who enjoyed delicious home made cakes and scones with a cuppa.



The age range of the artists ran from teens to nineties and the standard of work was particularly high, as evinced by the number of sales of pieces of artwork.

Glenfarg Arts Project made a surplus of around £450 which is being added to a fund for the purchase of village display boards for future events.

Mark Crossey, Janet Watson and Alice Mee did a sterling job and would like to thank:



- Ineke Watt for her beautiful poster and hard work on the biographies
- Arngask Primary School pupils for their enthusiastic response in supplying examples of their work
- Kinross & District Art Club for the loan of stands and easels
- Fife Man and Van for so efficiently conveying and helping erect/take down stands
- Linda McKeen of the Rose Cottage Studio for being a wonderful addition to this year's event and providing a "have a go" craft table for children and adults alike to try their hand at paper-crafts
- those who gave up part of their weekend to help set up and man the event
- all the many bakers, artists, crafters and visitors
  - all of you are what made the exhibition such a success!

# **Glenfarg Tennis Club**

First of all, can I say on behalf of the Tennis Club to everyone in the village how sorry we are if they've been upset by the disappearance of the trees in Wallace Park. I hope in this article to explain that the demise of the trees was necessary when you consider the species, their setting, their history and the present uncertainty about the weather. We did not take the decision lightly nor in haste, but once we had permission to take them down, they were removed safely with the minimum of fuss and the maximum of good housekeeping. Perth and Kinross Council were consulted assiduously and the Community Council were included in all communication.

In December 2013, one of the trees in the park blew down onto the tennis courts.

The species has been identified as -

*Tsuga heterophylla* a large evergreen coniferous tree growing to 165-230ft (50-70m) tall, exceptionally 273.42 ft (83.33 m). With a trunk diameter of up to 9 ft (2.7 m) it is the largest species of hemlock.

We sought advice and found that

(a) the failure of one of the trees in the cluster had compromised the root structure of the other trees.

(b) the trees were about half their natural height so would grow to 100ft, or until they fell over, and were growing on a slope which would severely restrict their chance to form a good root structure, and

(c) they had been planted to be maintained as a hedge 22 years ago and had grown out of hand ever since.

We attempted to claim the cost of the repairs of the fence and the courts from PKC and then their insurers. It was announced that it was an act of God, and we had to bear the costs, (around  $\pounds700$ ) ourselves.

At this point, we applied to the community council and PKC for permission to remove the trees at our own cost. Our communications hereafter were with Richard Brough, Greenspace Policy Officer (Trees and W oodlands) Perth and Kinross Council. We had failed to make the trees safe, and still had responsibility for any damage they might cause, but had come to the end of our options.

We had discussions with lawyers over the next year about our liability should anything untoward happen as a result of a tree fall or any other accident with property we could be seen to be loosely linked. Our advice suggested that our liabilities as office bearers were reduced if we had charitable status. Alex Swanson undertook to seek charitable status for the club which he has now achieved.

Then, in October 2015, we were approached by PKC to complete a new lease for the land area and the buildings under our control in Wallace Park. We were happy with 90% of the new lease, but unlike the old lease, they made the tennis club responsible for the integrity and safety of the fencing and surrounds.

We wrote back saying we were happy with the majority of the lease, but we couldn't commit to having responsibility for the fence, although it is ours, and were worried about the safety of passersby, children and dogs in the vicinity of the trees.

We got an email from Richard Brough who said he had heard from the Community Council who were asking what his view was on the removal of the trees.

The email is reproduced below.

#### "Dear Tim

The community council has sent the email below and I've advised them the Council has no objection to the tennis club removing the trees at their expense subject to an agreed plan for replacement planting. Do you have a plan we can see? Thanks Regards Richard"

That was on 5/4/2016. We discussed it at the tennis club committee later that week and on balance of opinion, we decided to go ahead.

I communicated extensively with Richard Brough, sending him planting options, method statements, risk assessments, insurance certificates, invoices, etc and twice informed him when the work was going to be carried out.



The job itself was a £2-3000 contract, which was carried out with exceptional safety and the minimum inconvenience to park users for less than £500.

I must make it clear that I liked the trees and Tara disagreed with their removal, but for the sake of the tennis court and fences, and the safety of all park users, their children and their dogs, we were responsible for doing something.

In order to return the area to a green-field site, all the wood product was removed to a safe location, but if there are any old-folk or needy, we would be willing to supply a trailer load to any qualifying causes.

It is impossible to include the full audit trail in this magazine, but rest assured it is available to anyone who wants to see it by just asking me, in person, please. All emails regarding this episode are available to you and you can use all or part or none of it as you choose. We are also available to answer any questions.

Tim Corcoran



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#### Open Stage Mondav 6th June

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One of the most popular nights of the year, and one in which we present 4 different acts for our entertainment. On this occasion our guest are, in alphabetical order, Roy Bayne, Dominic Boyce, Erin Scott and, finally, Sons of Scotia. A great night in store.

#### AGM

#### Monday 13th June

Always the most important Club event of the year. All members are encouraged to attend to vote-in their new committee and to express their own views and suggestions on the general management of the Club.

#### Kirsty Bromley and Lucy Wise Monday 20th June

Door entry £TBC following AGM

Kirsty is a young contemporary singer based in Sheffield with an effortless, crystal clear voice. Tonight she duets with Lucy, an equally young Australian singer-songwriter based in Melbourne. We have great hopes for this interesting Brit-Oz folk combo.

#### **Ribbon Road**

#### Monday 27th June

Door entry £TBC following AGM

Newcomers to the Club, this trio from the NE of England

comprises husband and wife Geoff and Brenda Heslop and Jill, also a Heslop! Brenda leads the vocals with her captivating voice whilst Geoff and Jill provide tight harmonies and simple instrumental arrangements for her heavitfully crafted capage

beautifully crafted songs.

#### Singaround

#### Monday 4th July

Door entry £TBC following AGM

Having just completed the first half of our calendar year, we will give our singers a wee break and make tonight a "theme-free" affair. All welcome as always.

#### Christine Bovill Monday 11th July

Door entry £TBC following AGM

Christine has wowed our audiences with her amazing voice for some years and has gained a huge reputation throughout Scotland for her Piaf show which she has presented to huge acclaim throughout the country's festivals. Tonight she will entertain with a mix of folk, blues, jazz and, of course, Piaf. A brilliant night on offer.

#### Singaround\* Monday 18th July

Door entry £TBC following AGM

"Overseas Travel, Foreign Climes and Sunshine" will be our theme for this week. All welcome as usual.

\*Please note that for all our singarounds we give a theme – but if you can't think of a song that fits, anything off theme will do! Nonsingers are also always welcome to come and listen.

#### Kinrick

#### Monday 25th July

Door entry £TBC following AGM

A warm welcome awaits the return of one of Fife's finest folk groups. Always hugely entertaining, the likely lads Dave Spittal, Alex McKenzie and John Blackwood are reinforced by the vocal talents and musicianship of Brian McArthur.

#### Anthony Toner Monday 1st Aug

#### Door entry £TBC following AGM

Another member of the Belfast singersongwriter club, Anthony has been described as "John Prine meets James Taylor". He offers superb guitar skills, catchy melodies and great lyrics. A multirecording artiste, he has travelled extensively and tonight he is entertaining us in Kinross!



# **Glenfarg Grapevine**

Do you feel 'out of the loop'? Are you missing out on village news? Or are you an organiser, needing to reach as many people locally as possible?

Then you need to make use of ALL our wonderful means of communication. Please remember, these are run by volunteers. They will not copy from one medium to another - you need to make use of them all.

### **Community Website**

www.glenfarg.org

for all the information about our village

club contacts / service dates / hall calendar / group and CC minutes etc

### Facebook

join the Glenfarg Grapevine closed group for instant community news / details of events

### **Email Service**

sign up via the community website to receive a weekly email of upcoming events plus emergency announcements

### Noticeboards

The shop window is the place for general posters and the CC noticeboard (round the corner) for CC and Perth Council news

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# Glenfarg and Duncrievie in Bloom

Another hectic couple of months gone by and an even more hectic couple of months ahead. As many of you will have seen, the work to restore the old railway wall at the south end of the village has been coming on a treat. Thanks to SSE and the Dry Stone Walling volunteers, the wall has been transformed. Thanks also to the Tennis Club for allowing the volunteers to use the facilities at the clubhouse. The levelling of the verge is taking place as I write this and, when the final planting takes place, the entrance to our village will be amazing.

There has also been much activity in the Glenfarg Green as the shrubs purchased through our "Fiver for a Flower" appeal have now been planted out so, fingers crossed, these should be flourishing in no time. Our little plug plants arrived mid April and thanks to some gentle coaxing and TLC from our greenhouse owners, we are confident our planters will again be spectacular this summer.

Speaking of greenhouses, GDIB are now the proud owners of a greenhouse, kindly donated to us by Stewart (Garage)Taylor's mum. The Fab Four, despite no longer sporting their hairstyles of the 60's, were still able to set off for Coupar Angus, dismantle the greenhouse and, with Stewart's help, bring all the parts back to Glenfarg. Now all they have to do is remember how to put it together again - right lads? Having this greenhouse will provide much needed space for GDIB to grow on plants, over-winter plants and maybe even start making up our own hanging baskets. Thank you Mrs Taylor and of course Stewart, Eric, Brian, David & John.

On 21 August GDIB will again be hosting an Open Gardens Day, a fundraiser which has been so popular on previous occasions. As always the success of such events depends on the volunteers who open their own gardens to the public or who serve cream teas and man the plant stall. If you can help with either of these things please contact me on 830343 or Irene on 830441.

See you all soon on the Big Planting Day (watch shop window for date) and again on the Summer Watering Rota.

Kate Armstrong

# **Glenfarg Bridge Club**





We had our prize-giving at the end of April. Sheila Harley won the cup hands down with a total of 14340 points and Vivienne Hebblethwaite was runner up with 4870 points.

Vivienne also won the consolation prize on our last day of play in the Church Hall, lucky lady.

Also in April members and spouses had a lovely luncheon at the training college in Perth. We will be trying to arrange a Christmas luncheon in December this year once the college returns after the summer break.

We are always looking for new recruits and have recently changed our venue to the Bowling Club where we will be until September. So please feel free to come along and join us on a Friday at 1.30pm. Surely there are a few of you out there who are free to come and play bridge on a Friday afternoon.



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# Glenfarg S.W.I.



Forteviot W.R.I. institute provided entertainment for our meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> April. Their varied programme included songs, Poetry, and a Quiz.

#### **Competition winners-**

Something new from something old -1<sup>st</sup> Alison Harrison, 2<sup>nd</sup> Allison Messenger, 3<sup>rd</sup> Catherine Fairweather. Toffee Apple- 1<sup>st</sup> Alison Harrison, 2<sup>nd</sup> Allison Messenger, 3<sup>rd</sup> Liz Yull. Flower of the Month- 1<sup>st</sup> Margot Moran, 2<sup>nd</sup> Allison Messenger, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sheila Harley

Glenfarg won the Ramage Dawson competition with a sketch called Golden Memories going forward to the Elizabeth Gardiner competition which they also won.

The A.G.M with supper on the 12 May was our last meeting of this session. Elected Committee members- Margot Moran (president), Lynda Stuart, Andzia Scott, Jeannie Black, Allison Messenger, Edith Oswald, Helen Quartermaine.

#### **Competition Winners-**

3 crafts on a Board-1<sup>st</sup> Allison Messenger, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeannie Black, 3<sup>rd</sup> Margot Moran

3 Pancakes- 1<sup>st</sup> Allison Messenger, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lillias Johnston.

Flower of the Month- 1<sup>st</sup> Allison Messenger, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lillias Johnston, 3<sup>rd</sup> Margaret Scott.

Jubilee Cup Winner for most points in Handcrafts and Housewife- 1<sup>st</sup> Equal Allison Messenger and Alison Harrison.

Edeavour Cup Winner and runner up in H & H- Margot Moran.

Jenny Adam Rosebowl for flower of the Month- 1<sup>st</sup> Equal Allison Messenger and Lillias Johnston.

The first meeting of the new session is on the  $8^{\mbox{\tiny th}}$  September.



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# **Glenfarg Community Cinema**



It's Official - The Cinema Is Fantastic!

Well, that's how 100% of the audience voted on the last film night of the season. To make it a special night, the committee decided to offer an Indian meal before the showing of the multi-award winning film Slumdog Millionaire. Fortunately for us, Margaret Ponton had been on a cookery course run by the proprietor of the popular Indian restaurant, Tabla. Praveen Kumar also provided us with the spice mixes we would need and, under Margaret's guidance, a team of volunteers set about chopping, mixing and cooking. Many thanks to all the cooks, the servers and the washer-ups!

The menu included Tandoori Drumsticks, Vegetable Sambhar (lentils in lightly fried spices and coconut), Sabzi Jalfrezi (mixed seasonal vegetables), Onion Pakoras (with Tabla's special batter) and Railway Boti (a slow cooked lamb curry, this classic Indian dish is prepared and served on trains). The various spices were sent over from Praveen's family farm in southern India.

After the meal, we settled down to watch the film. Many of us had seen Slumdog Millionaire before, but were more than willing to see it again on the big screen. For others, it was a new experience. Directed by Danny Boyle, it won 8 Academy Awards including Best Film and Best Director. Shot in Mumbai, it tells the story of 18 year-old Jamal who is one question away from winning a fortune on Who Wants To Be A Millionaire. But as the film shows how Jamal has known the answers to the questions so far, we learn about the harrowing experiences he has gone through in his young life. Dev Patel, who you may have seen as the young manager of the Best Exotic Marigold Hotel, plays Jamal. In his latest release, The Man Who Knew Infinity, Dev plays a maths genius opposite Jeremy Irons as his Cambridge mentor. An actor to watch, I think.

The Community Cinema is now closed for the summer. We will return in September with a brand new programme, and hope to see you there.

### Linda McKeen



Truly, Less is More!

Local artist Linda McKeen displayed some of her beautiful stitched textile work at the art exhibition and the story of one piece in particular caught my imagination.

Visitors to the exhibition visiting the small room, where the children's art was displayed, would also see Linda's craft table full of folded paper items, where children and adults could have a go. Linda also displayed a very striking white dress, with two-tone green embroidery and delicate bubble-like stitching in black. If you looked closely at this dress, you might have noticed that on either side of the top of the zipper, were a stitched < and a > symbol facing each other. I'll tell you more about that later.

From Kent originally, Linda moved to Rose Cottage in Drunzie 17 years ago. She arrived in the creative world very late having spent most of her working life in the corporate world surrounded by paperwork. She enjoyed art at school but definitely did not like sewing and never picked up a needle even to sew on a button until about 10 years ago.

On a whim, Linda decided she wanted to make a patchwork quilt and that was the start of a long creative journey. Far from hating sewing she found it was something she loved and wanted to take further, so Linda enrolled

on a part time four-year City & Guilds Stitched Textiles & Design course, followed by a two year full time HND Textiles course, both at Dundee. She then went on to achieve a BA in Creativity & Design with Robert Gordon University/Gray's School of Art. Linda completed her degree last year and was awarded a Distinction. She was awarded the 'Nine Trades of Dundee Tailor Trade Award' for the dress.

During 2014, Linda's tutor had observed and complimented her use of colour, but challenged her to produce something more monochrome and had also suggested that "less is more". The dress mentioned earlier was the result and it is interesting to learn that the "less" and "more" symbols came in handy when Linda's dress was damaged by a fellow student working nearby, who was burning parts out of fabric for her own creation and accidentally scorched the back of Linda's dress! The clever use of the symbols not



only disguised the scorch mark, but was a clear nod to the tutor's suggestion that "less is more". The dress was selected to represent the university at the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Game, set and match, say I.

Alison Harrison

# Community Right To Buy

### A brief guide for residents in the greater Glenfarg Area

This legislation gives communities the first option to buy any land for community benefit, land in which an interest has been registered e.g the Glenfarg Hotel grounds and buildings thereon.

Q - What will this cost us?

A - There is no compulsory financial commitment required from the residents.

- Q How will it be funded?
- A Applications can be made to various funding bodies for sums up to £1m.
- Q What's the benefit to the community?

A - After initial start up investment all profits can be allocated to village projects.

Q - How much can the community expect annually?

A - From previous audited and declared accounts it is not unreasonable to expect upwards of £50k per annum

Q - Are there any other benefits to the community?

A -

- 1. Local employment opportunities
- 2. Social benefits for ALL residents
- 3. Knock on benefits of providing visitor/tourist facilities
- 4. Opportunities for local businesses to provide goods and services.
- 5. Opportunity to create additional amenities for the community.

Q - How will it be run?

A - By a Community Body company with members and an elected board of directors.

Q - Who will run it on a day to day basis?

A - A professional hotel industry manager would be appointed and full & part time staff recruited.

Q - What's the timescale?

A - On having an application approved by the Scottish Ministers the whole process, with no delays, should be completed within 6 months of the approval.

More detailed information may be obtained from kate.armstrong@glenfargcommunityco.co.uk



# Arngask Primary School

#### P6/7

Our new topic is Scottish Wildlife and we have been researching, and presenting leaflets and posters on different Scottish endangered species / plants/ animals. We have learnt that honey bees aren't endangered however bumble bees are.



The Corncrake lives in large vegetation and eats slugs, snails and earthworms. It is on the protected list.

We have been looking at Mindfulness and how it can be beneficial to our health and wellbeing by relaxing us and helping us to concentrate for longer. For extra PE, we have been running/ walking for 15 minutes daily to improve our fitness and stamina levels.

Mrs Marshall has promised us that soon we will be looking at Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood

maybe using Flour Babies or eggs as a tool for parenthood! A further letter will come out to parents to explain what will be covered.

We have a very busy schedule ahead of us with heading to Safetaysiders/ Dalguise/ a cricket tournament/a museum visit/ P7 transition and sports day all before the end of term! Phew!

Millie Roe/ Rachel Todd

#### P3/4

This term they have been learning about the Ancient Olympics and The Olympic Games. They have been throwing leeks which is called the 'Leek Lobbing Olympics' and completing a Daily Mile everyday challenging themselves on how to improve their stamina and fitness.

As part of their Health topic, they have learnt about the 'underwear rule' and looked at the NSPCC link as a guide.

Mitchell Scott + Sonny Hoggan


## P1/2

Mrs Hynd has left to have her baby and Mrs Checkley-Mills is working on a Monday and Tuesday with Ms Gordon now in on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Primary 1 and 2 have been working hard at writing stories about personal experiences. They have been using a plan to write down 'When?', 'Where?', 'Who?' and for Primary 2 'What happened?' in their stories. They have used their plan to help structure their story, making sure they include all the points from their plan. Primary 1 are checking for capital letters and full stops in their sentences. Primary 2 have been looking at the beginning, middle and ending of their stories. We share the stories in class and have four Star Writers every week.

Arngask Primary would like to thank Binn Skips for their very kind donation of a skip which has been used to full effect after our Big Garden Clean up and removal of the old shed to make way for the beginnings of the build of our bottle greenhouse. The continued tidying of the front area and Wildlife Garden will use the new skip that has been recently been delivered. It is greatly appreciated that a local company is willing to support their local school. Also thanks to the 'In Bloom' group, and Mrs Findlay, for planting seeds with the children and we look forward to her next visit to transplant these outside.

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# Leek Lobbing Veggie Olympics

# ABOUT THE VEGGIE GAMES

The first Arngask Veggie Olympic Games took place in the middle of the school pitch on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016. Ava's throw was a foul on her first try - you will read more about that in the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph. Megan had 3 fouls but got another shot at the end you will read more about that in 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph.

# About the Leek Lobbing games

It is all about throwing. You had to throw your leek as far as you could and it was quite hard. Megan, Jessica, Tom, Ava and Katie all had to do this. It looked really hard. Jessica came 1<sup>st</sup> Tom came 2<sup>nd</sup> and Megan came 3<sup>rd</sup> Ava came 4<sup>th</sup> Katie came 5<sup>th</sup>.

# Athlete Ava

We asked Ava a question - our question was "How do you feel about entering the Vegetable Olympics?" Ava's own words were "scary, exited but mainly nervous!" Ava didn't come 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> but if she had thrown just a <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> further she would have come 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ava was the athlete I was watching and I cheered her on when she threw her leek.

# Athlete Megan

We also asked Megan some questions, our first question was "are you happy with being 3<sup>rd</sup> or would you prefer being 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>?" Megan said "I am happy being 3<sup>rd"</sup>." Megan was a

# P 3/4 NEWS News Every Week!

foul 3 times but on her 4th shot she got 5 ¼ metres

She got an amazing 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

# Athlete Katie

Our reporter asked Katie "How could you throw further than 5 metres?" Katie said "I could run faster and get it to a different number like 6 or 7 metres to win".

We also asked Katie "How did you enjoy it?" she said "It was okay!"

# Athlete Tom

Our reporter interviewed athlete Tom who said "I was warming up because it was boring standing around! I was happy coming 2<sup>nd</sup>." Tom also said "The games were fun and exciting but also a bit scary because if I lost everyone who cheered for me would be disappointed."

# Athlete Jessica

Athlete Jessica was so happy and excited because she came first.

# The Scores

Every athlete did well but Jessica got the furthest throw with 7 and ¼ metres. Then it was Tom with 6 metres and then Ava with 5 metres. Katie threw 4 and ¾ metres. Megan was disqualified for putting her foot over the line but then she got another shot and threw 5 and ¼ metres to win third place.

Reporters: Suilven, Alice & Ellis.

Editor: Abi

# **Glenfarg Curling Clubs**

Glenfarg Curling Clubs held their annual dinner and presentation of prizes at The Grouse and Claret on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016. Prize winners were:- (Skips names first)

## Ladies Club

Hamilton Cup:-		<b>Winners</b> Jane Drysdale Maggie Scott Karen Purvis Anne Farquharson	Runners-Up Caroline McGregor Annette Bennie Margaret Jenkins Susan Rigby
Wooden Spoon:- (Hamilton Cup)		Maria Tait	
Jessie Deas:-		Jillian Milne Maeve Clark Lora Burgess Susan Rigby	Annette Bennie Christine Melville Helen McInroy Angela Taplin
Bette Pirie:– (Novice Skip)		Christine Melville Sheona Reid Maeve Clark Gwen Poole	
Pairs High Road:–		Sheila Swan Fiona Rutherford	Valerie Inglis Sheona Reid
Pairs Low Road:-		Jillian Milne Christine Melville	Maria Tait Susan Rigby
Points:-	First Second Third	Annette Bennie Lora Burgess Helen McInroy	
Ladies Challenge:- Highest Up Rink:-		Gents Won 19-12 Allan Taylor David Rutherford Bill Melville Sandy Smith	

On a personal level Maggie Scott, Margaret White, Yvonne Aitken and Fiona Rutherford won the National Masters Curling Championship.



## **Gents Club**

Colin Campbell:- Gent's Team Won		Winners David Rutherford Bill Melville Kerr Watson John Angus	Runners-Up
Willie Murra	ıy:-	Arthur Jenkins Maggie Scott Bill Melville Jean Andrew	
Piper Cup:–		Gordon Walker Arthur Jenkins Eric Poole Nigel Goody	Bill Melville Gary Rutherford Allan Taylor John Angus
MacLellan Cup:-		Lora Burgess David Rutherford Maria Tait Tim Esparon	Lesley Brown Gordon Walker Margaret Jenkins Sandy Smith
Pairs High Road:–		Gary Rutherford Hamish Breckenridge	Darren Ritchie John Angus
Pairs Low Road:–		Arthur Jenkins Mike Dougal	Lorne Findlay Kerr Watson
Points:-	First Second Third	David Rutherford Arthur Jenkins Lorne Findlay	

The Gents won League C of Perth Club League, winning all 8 games and will be promoted to League B for next season.

The Gents also reached the Final of the Cox Trophy double rink competition in Perth.

On a personal note David Rutherford's team of Stuart Smith, David Rutherford, Arthur Jenkins and Allan Taylor won the Perth Senior League.

Glenfarg Fun Day 25<sup>th</sup> June 2016

#### **GLENFARG FUN DAY**

The event will take place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June and be based at the **Village Hall.** It will feature many of the fete activities just on a smaller scale So get the date in your diary

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June Time 12.00 – 4.00pm

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# **Glenfarg Scouts**



## Craggan

There was plenty of time for the cubs to help the scouts pitch the patrol tents and explore the boundaries of the scout and guide campsite at Craggan before it started to get dark. The explorers managed to organise



a game or two until it was dark enough to play storm the castle.

All had moon shadows as they returned to the hut for supper which the explorers served. The cubs and scouts were warned that it was going to be a very cold night and the patrol leaders were given a spare sleeping



bag for each tent. The cubs and scouts were told to wake their patrol leader and ask for the sleeping if they were cold. Those in Jack's tent were warmer the second night as they pegged down their tent walls properly in the morning so they didn't flap in the wind.

Everyone was up early on Saturday morning and with dry wood the three patrol leaders found it fairly easy to get the fires lit to cook breakfast. Eliot managed to cut himself with a saw and spent the rest of the camp wearing a glove - ensuring he supervised the dish washing. Ali was helping the explorers and they showed their true colours, forgetting they were feeding Robert, they scoffed five breakfasts between the four of them. The scouts and cubs had enough food cooked to ensure that Robert had plenty to eat.

The explorers were inspected first then the scouts were in for a surprise. Rather than inspection taking half an hour there were three simultaneous inspections as each leader took an explorer to help. Jack's patrol "1884" won inspection and broke the flag.



Robert took the explorers off site as part of their expedition training while the cubs and scouts had a quick game to warm up before heading to activities in their patrols. Andrew supervised building an obstacle course, Ali walked round the site with each patrol so they could draw a map of the site and Christine built

dining shelters with them. Short snow showers blew across the campsite all day.



The patrols were gathering firewood for the evening fires when the explorers returned. Cara's patrol "No Fergus" cooked a chicken casserole while the other two patrols cooked chicken curry and the explorers made a curry from scratch.

Well fed and the dishes washed the patrols and explorers raced round the obstacle course in their teams. Penalties were award when a team member stepped off the obstacles. At the end, the scouts decided the time to be added for each penalty with the result that the explorers won the competition. If they had gone with Andrew's suggestion for the time added for penalties the "firemen and woman" would have won.



There was no wind and the stars were bright as the patrols headed for an early bed. Christine discovered during the night that her tent was frozen inside and out. The wind got up during the night. The scouts remembered that, on previous occasions when trying to light the fires in the wind, the patrol box lids had successfully been used as wind breaks.

The explorers were left to their own devices, well warned that they were feeding Robert.

The explorers had got their act together and managed to win inspection. After a game the patrols chose an explorer to join them in the activities, orienteering, fire lighting and camp safety.



The trailer was packed and the final points total announced round the flag pole – 'firemen and woman' were the winners.

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# Painting The Animals

It all started with a comment from a member of the public at a Community Council meeting.

'Could the wooden animals in Wallace Park be cleaned?'

'What animals?', some might have said. We went down to look. They were a dull brown, hidden in the trees, covered with lichen and not advisable to be sat on.

The Community Payback Team were called upon to see if they could be salvaged. Some of the wood was rotten, but the team agreed to take them to their workshop to dry out and be repaired.

But what colour to paint them brown as before, an appropriate animal colour, or something zany?

We put the question on



Facebook and the Grapevine, as a way of gauging some opinions. That's not exactly a complete survey, but it was as useful as any poll can be. The overwhelming response was for something zany. A quick check at the houses which overlook the playpark, that they wouldn't mind a purple pig with green spots, and the decision was made.

But what colour designs to choose? Ask the users, of course! So a colouring competition was organised for the village kids - both at Arngask PS and, through the shop, for those who did not attend the local school.

And the winner was Hamish Milne in Primary 2. Well done Hamish. Here he is, photographed next to Nessie. It's a pity the photo has to be in black and white. Nessie is orange and pink with blue legs.

Many thanks to the Community Payback Team, who have lived with our animals since the autumn. The animals took months to dry out, and 5 individual coats of paint also gave drying problems.

Thanks also to Robin and Philip for fixing the animals securely.

And one last question - where did these animals come from? How did they find their way into our park? I don't know - do you?

Janet Watson

# Wedding Cakes – how they've changed!

Today's wedding cakes are often 3 to 5 tiers high, and many recipes are used including vanilla, chocolate, carrot, coconut and lime, and toffee. The decoration can take any form or theme, anything goes! Many are covered in fondant icing. The latest trend is for 'naked' cakes where you can actually see the cake through a super-thin layer of buttercream.

Previously, UK wedding cakes were fruit cakes covered with marzipan and royal icing – who remembers trying to cut through rock-hard icing on their wedding day? The top tier was kept until the christening of the first child, the fruit and brandy ensuring it was well-preserved.

Historically, the largest and most elaborate cakes in the UK were created for royalty – like the cake created for Wills and Kate a few years back.



In times gone by, pies and bread were the equivalent of today's wedding cake – in ancient Rome, bread was broken over the bride's head to bring good luck. In mediaeval times, pies or buns were piled high and the bride and groom had to kiss over the top of them to ensure fertility and good luck. In the 18<sup>th</sup> century, the top tier was kept for a year and then eaten by the bride and groom, supposedly to help avoid marriage problems and this is one of the origins of the cake being made of fruit and wine.

The trend for white cakes, came from Queen Victoria who wore a white wedding dress at her marriage to Prince Albert in 1840. White represented purity which was associated with the bride – the cake was regarded as the 'bride's cake' and so was made to match the dress. Nowadays, white and ivory are still the most popular choices.

Leigh Smith



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# John (Jock) Hutt



Long time resident of Duncrievie, Jock Hutt, died on 17th April at the age of 92.

He was born in Glencraig near Lochgelly in 1923 and grew up in Peat Inn, Fife. When he left school he followed his father into the mines where he worked for 9 years. He also worked on various farms during this time. His farm work included lime spreading and in the late 1940s this led to him being contracted to do lime spreading for Gray & Harrower in Milnathort. In 1949 he moved to Duncrievie in order to be nearer his work. He later worked under contract for Adam Lythgoe based at Perth Harbour, again spreading lime on farms all over Scotland.

Around 1960 the demand for lime spreading was falling so he switched to being a self-employed HGV contractor, delivering timber initially and later quarry materials and tarmacadam using a tipper truck.

In his early years in Duncrievie, Jock enjoyed bowling at the Glenfarg Bowling Club. Once he retired around 1988 he concentrated on his garden – especially his tomatoes.

He was laid to rest in Arngask Cemetery on 25th April; the graveside service being attended by family, friends and neighbours.

Our condolences go to Jock's family.



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# Margaret Ponton

This is my second term of office as a Community Councillor during the years we have lived here in Glenfarg.

We moved to this wonderful village in 1988. Coming originally from South Wales, my journey has taken me through the midlands of England to the North where I worked as a teacher with North Yorkshire County Council, then via Cumbria to this central area of Scotland.

During the years in the village I have been part of various organisations and the on committees of many - including PTA. School Board. Guides. Tennis Club. and more. Currently, I work with the Binn Farm development group and am a member of the Lochelbank Panel.

Having accepted the position of Chairperson of the Community Council, I hope to lead the community in a positive and



constructive direction, looking to the sustainable future of this vibrant village that we should all be proud to call home.

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# **GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## Minutes of the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7.30 p.m. Glenfarg Village Hall.

### Present

CCIIrs D MacKenzie (Chairperson), L Warder (Secretary), J Burlison, D Horsman, P Loudon, I Pilmer, M Ponton, J. Taylor, J Watson. Also Cllr W Robertson and 10 members of the public.

## Apologies

Cllr D Cuthbert and Mr D.Arnold

### **Chairperson's Welcome**

CCIIr MacKenzie welcomed everyone to the 39<sup>th</sup> AGM of Glenfarg Community Council.

### **Previous Minutes**

Acceptance of the Minutes of the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015 was proposed by CCIIr Horsman, seconded by CCIIr Watson and agreed.

### Chairperson's Report for the Year 2015/16

The Chairperson's Report was received and is posted on the community website and the Community Council notice board.

### Treasurer's Report for the Year to 31st March 2016

CCllr Horsman presented a financial report, showing a balance on the GCC Admin Account of  $\pounds155.57$  and a balance on the GCC General Account of  $\pounds11,220.06$ . It was noted that this balance will be substantially reduced by payment for the Vehicle Activation Signs.

CCIIr Horsman had taken over the role of Treasurer part way through the year and was having difficulty with the bank accepting the new signatory. He therefore did not have full access to complete the Financial Statement. As soon as this was done, and verified by an Independent Examiner (Mrs K Arnold), the accounts



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would be posted on the community website.

## **Election of Office Bearers**

The following Office Bearers were elected:

Chairperson CCIIr Ponton Proposed by CCIIr Watson Seconded by CCIIr Horsman

Secretary CCIIr Warder Proposed by CCIIr Mackenzie Seconded by CCIIr Burlison

Treasurer CCIIr Horsman Proposed by CCIIr Mackenzie Seconded by CCIIr Watson

### Sub Committees

The sub Committee membership is:

**Planning** CCIIrs Pilmer (Convener), Loudon and Taylor.

Communications CCIIrs Horsman, Warder and Watson.

Binn Forum CCIIrs Ponton.

**CBF Panel** CCllr Ponton

**Emergency Plan** D. Arnold, who had originally drawn up the plan which is held up as a model of its kind, was approached and has agreed to take on this role again. In light of this, the GCC agreed to co-opt Mr Arnold as a Community Councillor.

Minute Secretary CCIIr Watson Data Controller CCIIr Warder

### Independent Financial Examiner

The appointment of Mrs Gillian Vaughan was proposed by CCllr Horsman and agreed.

### Meeting dates for the next year

2016 July 4th, September 5th, November 7th. 2017 January 9th, March 6th, May 8th (which will also be the AGM).

### Closure

The meeting was then closed and the new Chairperson moved on to a short business meeting.



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## GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 Glenfarg Village Hall

**PRESENT:** CCIIrs Ponton (Chair), Burlison, Horsman, Loudon, Pilmer, Taylor, Warder, Watson

Also present - Cllr W.Robertson and 10 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllr Cuthbert, CCllrs Mackenzie and Arnold

### MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the 7<sup>th</sup> March were adopted.

### **MATTERS ARISING:**

<u>Carved Animals in Wallace Park</u> CCllr Watson reported that these had been repaired and painted by the Community Payback Team. They had been returned to Wallace Park that afternoon but unfortunately there were not enough bolts to make them secure. Two animals were in place, and two were in a nearby garden until bolts had been purchased to secure them.

*CCllr Watson* CCllr Watson had visited the school to present the prize to the winner of the 'Colour the Animals' competition – a young boy in P2.

<u>Plans for the Avenue</u> The TRACKS Officer has not been in touch to update us on the plans. CCIIr Ponton reported that TRACKS had applied for, and been granted, part funding from the Lochelbank Community Benefit Fund. CIIr Robertson, who attends TRACKS meetings, believes that all funding is now in place. CCIIr Ponton asked if TRACKS intended to communicate about the plans with residents in the vicinity (The Avenue plus houses backing on to the Avenue). CIIr Robertson to check.

<u>Wallace Park Storage</u> CCIIr Warder reported that she had received no replies to her communications with Stephen Builders about the possible supply of storage facilities. She therefore intends to call in at the offices this week.

Secretary

A member of the public reported that an asbestos survey of the present buildings had been carried out for Stephens in the past few weeks.

<u>Vehicle Activated Signs</u> CCIIr Ponton reported that Gillian Vaughan, who had worked on the plans for the VAS originally, had written to P&KC on our behalf to complain that the equipment was not what had been ordered both in





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CCIIr Horsman reported that he had received a final invoice but had been in touch with the council to explain that we were not in a position to make this payment until these issues had been resolved.

Cllr Robertson informed us that the council agreed that they had made errors. The VAS are not the correct type and will be exchanged. Issues of positioning could be resolved for one VAS but the other is limited by lack of a power source.

## Repairs to wall Duncrievie Road / Wallace Park

CCIIr Watson reported that the Community Payback Team had carried out repairs to this dry-stone wall. At the point where the roots of a large tree were pushing out the wall, the team had formed a semi-circular enclosure and filled it with earth. CCIIr Watson has informed Greenspace that it is no longer necessary to fell the tree.

The new space created now requires planting and Glenfarg and Duncrievie In Bloom have been approached. They are willing to help, but have no funds available. It was therefore decided to apply for a Micro Grant.

CCIIr Watson

Damage to Main Street Wall CCIIr Watson reported that BEAR Scotland and Perth & Kinross Roads Dept had not resolved the issue of responsibility for the repair. CIIr Robertson suggested that Community Payback Team may be able to carry out the work.

CCIIr Watson

### PLANNING:

CCIIr Pilmer reported that requests for modifications had been submitted for Plots 1 & 2 at Drunzie. New applications are for extensions to existing housing at Shandea (Duncrievie Road) and Fargland (Newfargie), plus erection of new dwellings at the end of Greenbank Road and in The Knowe, Church Brae. Two applications for new housing at Brampton House and Duncrievie House have been refused.

It was also reported that the council's Review Board had upheld the appeal against the decision to refuse 'change of use' at the Glenfarg hotel.

## SOCIAL HUB WORKING GROUP

Following on from the report of the Review Board's decision, the secretary of the Social Hub Working Group was asked to update the meeting on their activities. Mrs Armstrong said that all Minutes of this group were posted on the community website (www.glenfarg.org) and all members of the community were urged to use this to acquaint themselves with the on-going work.





She summarised the work undertaken to find interim social facilities – to the rear of the Village Hall (on-going discussions) and at the Bowling Club. With regard to the future of the hotel, a Glenfarg Community Company has been formed. A Community Right To Buy application for the land at the site of the Glenfarg hotel (and any buildings thereon) has been submitted to the Scottish Government. Due to recent ministerial changes it is unclear when a decision can be expected. The government would commission an independent valuation of the land. A ballot of all residents, aged 16 and over, would need to be held and P&KC is being asked to carry this out.

The group is maintaining a high level of publicity about this issue, and is due to meet with an investigative journalist and a BBC reporter.

There were expressions of anger about the Review Board's decision from members of the public present, and questions about a possible response. Cllr Robertson said that council officials had carried out their work correctly, but he had been shocked by the decision of the Review Board's 3 members and was considering requesting changes to the number of councillors on the Board. Mrs Armstrong said that legal advice was being sought.

CCIIr Ponton emphasised that the Working Group, having been formed after the Public Meeting, was independent of the Community Council. However, she asked the CC if it was happy to support the work of this group, and this was agreed.

A Micro Grant application from the group for on-going running costs up to a maximum of £250 was then agreed under the same conditions as previously.

### TREES IN WALLACE PARK

It was recognised that there was anger in parts of the community and from some members of the public present, about the felling of the trees near the tennis courts in Wallace Park at the request of the Tennis Club.

CCIIr Ponton felt that mistakes had been made and we should all learn from this experience. In particular, we should use our extensive systems of communication more efficiently to fully inform the community. Perth & Kinross Council had admitted they were in error in not informing the CC that they had given permission to the Tennis Club for the removal of the trees, despite the CC having been in communication with them over this issue.

A member of the public asked about the remaining stumps. A member of the Tennis Club reported that one set of stumps had been turned into seating. A photo had been posted on the Grapevine Facebook page, to ascertain views before converting the other stumps. Responses seem to be favourable. Following a question from a member of the public, it was explained that a Facebook post can be set to not allow comments, or a thread can be closed if comments become too personal.

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Finally, a member of the public once again expressed the view that it was not the Tennis Club's place to make decisions affecting Wallace Park without consulting the community.

## **ON-GOING COMMUNICATION**

CCIIr Warder suggested that, having seen the Milnathort CC's Facebook page, the CC may wish to have it's own page. However, it was agreed that two Facebook pages within the community were unnecessary and full use should be made of the Grapevine page to pass on CC information.

CCIIr Ponton felt that many members of the community were not aware of the community website (www.glenfarg.org). It was agreed to write an article on this for the June edition of the newsletter. *Communications Team* 

A member of the public pointed out that not all members of the community are Facebook users. Some prefer to receive the Grapevine email. It was agreed that, for those members of the community who had access to neither of these, the Grapevine email would be posted on the CC notice board at the shop.

CCIIr Watson

### AOCB:

<u>Public Toilets</u> CCIIr Warder reported that the shop owners had raised the issue of the lack of a public toilet in Glenfarg that can result in strangers requesting the use of the private toilet at the shop. CIIr Robertson informed us that automated public toilets such as those in the Kirkgate at Kinross are very expensive to install and maintain. P&KC does run a 'comfort scheme', where local businesses receive payment for allowing people to use their toilets. Shop owners to be informed. Secretary

<u>Newsletter</u> CCIIrs Watson reported that the Communications Group had found a local printer offering a substantial reduction in printing costs. This will allow the possibility of producing a colour edition, maybe at Christmas.

<u>Boundaries Commission</u> will report to the government on their suggestions for boundary changes, perhaps including Glenfarg's removal from the Kinross area, by the end of May.

# The next meeting of the Community Council will be on 4th July, 7.30pm in the Village Hall





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