



# *The Glenfarg Newsletter*

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# Editorial

Welcome to the December issue of the Glenfarg Newsletter. Inside you will find a wealth of information and articles on a variety of subjects.

One subject high on the political agenda is climate change. Two Glenfarg teenagers Ailsa Marama and Tess Corcoran are organisers in Scottish Youth Climate Strike (SYCS). Read about their efforts on page 36.

Have you been to Vane Farm? Jim Ashton writes on the history and present day facilities of this RSPB site. His article starts on page 30.

Leigh Smith has two articles in this issue. Not only is she the Glenfarg baking guru but she now tells us about the fun to be had at the Monday night Ladies Badminton. If you would like to try badminton, read Leigh's article on page 35.

And did you know that Arngask Primary School has a new Head Teacher? Mrs Miller's first contribution to our newsletter can be found on page 26.

Inside you will also find news about what is happening in Glenfarg over the Christmas period. The Glenfarg Community Cinema December movie is a hilarious tale filmed in New Zealand featuring Sam Neil (page 16). And almost exactly 30 years to the day since Glenfarg Youth Club brought you Dick Whittington, now Cinderella will be gracing the hall stage with a cast of local adults and children (page 45).

Finally many thanks to my faithful regular contributors and to the many well-wishers following my recent illness. I soldier on and wish all my readers a joyful Christmas and a wonderful New Year.



Robin Watson

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# A Village Hall for All

Day	Time	Organisation
Monday	9.30am - 11.30am	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group</b>
	6.00pm - 7.30pm	<b>Cubs</b>
	8.00pm - 10.00pm	<b>Ladies' Badminton</b>
	7.30pm - 9pm 1st Monday every other month	<b>CC Meeting</b>
Tuesday	9.30am - 10am	<b>Metafit</b>
	5.45pm - 6.45pm	<b>Beavers</b>
	7.30pm - 9.00pm	<b>Scouts</b>
Wednesday	6.00pm - 7.30pm	<b>Brownies</b>
	8.00pm - 10.00pm In winter	<b>Mixed Badminton</b>
	7.00pm - 11.00pm 1st Wednesday of month	<b>Accordion &amp; Fiddle Club</b>
Thursday	10am - 12 noon	<b>Coffee Morning</b>
	7.30pm 2nd Thursday Sept to May	<b>WRI</b>
Friday	10.00am - 11.00am	<b>Chair Exercise</b>
	7.30pm - 10.00pm 2nd Friday Sept to April	<b>Community Cinema</b>

To check on the Village Hall bookings, go to the village website  
[www.glenfarg.org](http://www.glenfarg.org)  
 and look at the on-line calendar under 'Hire the Hall'

# 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](http://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

## Grapevine News for Non-Computer Users

we are now posting a printout of the Grapevine Email Service  
on the CC Noticeboard

## Newsletter

You're already reading it!

# Church News



## From the Minister

There is a poem by John Betjeman entitled 'Blame the Vicar' which, like all truly inspired humour, contains a clever strand of truth.

For what's a vicar really for  
Except to cheer us up, What's more,  
He shouldn't ever, ever tell  
If there is such a place as Hell,  
For if there is it's certain he  
Will go to it as well as we.

Maybe for that reason, I am not exactly your typical "fire and brimstone" kind of guy. In fact, I don't know if any of those stereotypical preachers actually exist anymore. But we all get glimpses of what hell might be like. Between the heart breaking incidents of people smuggling and the continuing plight of refugees in our world, we are reminded that there are many who wish to escape from a version of hell – brought about by human injustice or conflict. In fact, if ever a reminder was needed, we only need to read the harrowing accounts of those who have survived to tell their tale.

When I was studying divinity at university, my friends and I visited a church in a very deprived and run-down area of Edinburgh. The people there were wonderful, but due to persistent bouts of vandalism, the church frequently suffered



interruptions to their electricity supply. On the day in question, this is exactly what had happened. But the resourceful congregation adapted to this nuisance by lighting candles in the sanctuary and this improvisation extended elsewhere in the building. In the Gents toilet, a candle had been placed on top of each urinal which gave out light piercing the blackness. 'Have you seen what they have done in the bog?', my couthy but amazed friends asked. I wrote an essay about it, the general theme being how the candles reflected the role of the church in a community which wasn't unlike hell at times. The vision of those flickering candles in the toilet has somehow remained with me. Around Christmas even we all tend to light candles in our churches and in many homes too and we love getting out the coloured lights, untangling the cables and switching them on. In doing so, we are unconsciously delving back into our past, for the idea of light conquering darkness is a deep human need. Christians would say that the Light of the World came in the form of an infant, dependant and impoverished. The flame was not strong, not overpowering, but fragile and spluttering and was gently coaxed to life amid circumstances dank and grim. Born in an outhouse meant for animals and whose parents faced the imminent prospect of an unsafe and perilous journey as refugees themselves, the new born Christ-child got off to a vulnerable start. Paradoxically, this very sign was given to bring hope to the weak and feeble of spirit especially those in bleak and inhospitable places. I don't know if there is an unexpectedly higher proportion of dog-collars in Hell as the poem might suggest. You do wonder? But we could be forgiven for thinking that Hell is often nearer than we think and made by human hands. There is a deeper truth of the candle in dark and bog-like places. God gives us a transforming and life affirming light which shines out and which illuminates the way forward for our world.

May I wish you all very happy and light-filled Christmas and a bright year ahead.

**(Rev) Stan.**

**Rev Stan Kennon** can be contacted on **01738 850194**, or by e-mail for non-urgent enquiries at [Minister@ada-church.org.uk](mailto:Minister@ada-church.org.uk)

Reminder that the Church Hall is available for hire and enquiries should be addressed to Sheona Reid 01577 830388

For more information contact the Session Clerk,  
**Bill Macpherson on 01577 8730430 or [Session.Clerk@ada-church.co.uk](mailto:Session.Clerk@ada-church.co.uk)**

# **GLENFARG IMPROVEMENT TEAM (GITs)**



One task/project finishes and another begins or so it seems for us small band of brothers. The refurbishment of the telephone box was challenging sometimes and great fun at other times. The use of masking tape on the glass to protect from any paint splashes was a great idea until a good spell of weather baked it on to the glass and caused no end of grief removing it. Meanwhile Douglas was "off site" creating the innards - the shelving, the information board and the lighting. No mean feat especially when it came to installing - telephone boxes are not very roomy inside. We are sure that this project will go on to be of great value in the community.

The GITs are never idle too long and thanks to the generous donation, from Colin Campbell, of an old agricultural cart there's a job in hand to keep us occupied this winter. On completion of the refurbishment of the cart it is proposed that GDIB will take ownership

and create yet another great feature in the village.

If these are the sort of jobs you'd like to be involved with get in touch with David or myself or come along to the Thursday morning Coffee Lounge. Join us and be treated to appalling banter, sometimes coffee and biscuits but most of all camaraderie and contributing to the village.



The name says it all - the Glenfarg Improvement Team (GITs).

# Glenfarg W.R.I.



On the 12<sup>th</sup> September at very short notice our speaker for the evening was unable to attend. A whist drive was hurriedly arranged and enjoyed by the members.

## **Competition results**

Coaster any craft-1<sup>st</sup> Allison Messenger, 2<sup>nd</sup> Margot Moran, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jeanie Black.

Individual Quiche- 1<sup>st</sup> Lynda Stuart, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alison Harrison, 3<sup>rd</sup> Liz Yull.

Flower of the Month- 1<sup>st</sup> Lynda Stuart, 2<sup>nd</sup> Margot Moran, 3<sup>rd</sup> Helen Quartermaine.

An open night was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> October with Felting by Ursula Stewart. After demonstrating how the felt was made Ursula asked the members and Visitors to make a small ball which was made into earrings.

## **Competition results**

Knitted Scarf- 1<sup>st</sup> Allison Messenger, 2<sup>nd</sup> Helen Clark, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sheena Chisholm.

3 canapés- 1<sup>st</sup> Allison Messenger.

Flower of the month- 1<sup>st</sup> Liz Yull, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lillias Johnston, 3<sup>rd</sup> Allison Messenger

A fun evening was had by all at the Beetle Drive on the 18<sup>th</sup> October when £145 was raised towards our celebrations for our centenary.

The 14<sup>th</sup> November was an open night when Alison Harrison demonstrated making Christmas Wreaths and table centres. Members and visitors also got the chance to make table centres and everyone was happy with their efforts.

## **Competition results**

Best wrapped parcel-1<sup>st</sup> Alison Harrison, 2<sup>nd</sup> Margaret Scott, 3<sup>rd</sup> Margot Moran.

3 pieces shortbread-1<sup>st</sup> Lesley Murison, 2<sup>nd</sup> Allison Messenger, 3<sup>rd</sup> Alison Harrison

Flower of the month-1<sup>st</sup> Allison Messenger, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sheena Chisholm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Helen Quartermaine.

**Dates of future meetings--** Visitors welcome.

12<sup>th</sup> December: Buffet supper

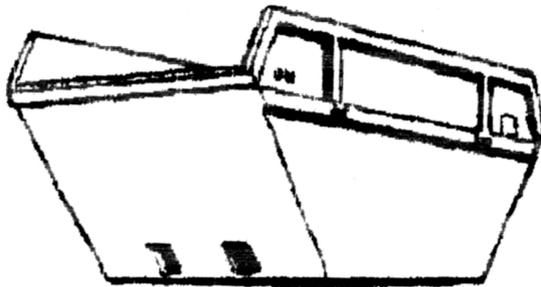
9<sup>th</sup> January: Cloverleaf Apiaries

13<sup>th</sup> February; Tapas Demonstration.

12<sup>th</sup> March: Visiting Institute



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## Thank You to Robin and Maureen



Robin and Maureen Lambie may have bid a fond farewell to their home in Glenfarg and travelled a "wee bit doon the road" to Kinross but they haven't been forgotten. Before they left they donated a pile of wood to GDIB to do with as they wished. Step up "Chopper" Fraser and "Handyman" Harrison and the conveyor belt of production began - bird boxes by the score, bat boxes a plenty and even some squirrel feeders. Many boxes were fixed to trees on the Green and at the school whilst others were sold raising over £450 for GDIB. "Painter" Harrison put her brushes to work and decorated two of the boxes for Robin & Maureen which were delivered with grateful thanks from GDIB and good wishes for health and happiness in their new home.



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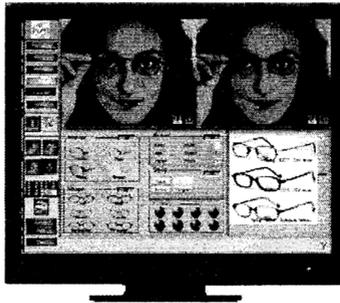
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# GLENFARG COMMUNITY CINEMA



Glenfarg Community Cinema plans to keep you in good cheer during the dreich days of December and January. Bring along the wine and nibbles, we'll supply the rest - comfy chairs, tea and coffee, good company and films to make you laugh and cry. There may even be mince pies!

## **FRIDAY DECEMBER 6th** **HUNT FOR THE WILDERPEOPLE** *Adventure, Comedy, Drama*

Hunt for the Wilderpeople' is a 2016 New Zealand adventure comedy-drama whose hilarious screenplay was based on the book Wild Pork and Watercress by Barry Crump. People who have seen it tell us that it is one not to be missed.



Ricky is a rebellious kid from the city. Hector, an elderly man who has spent his life in the country, agrees to foster him. They don't get on too well!

Child Services decide to send Ricky back to the orphanage. Ricky runs away, and he and Hector become the subjects of a manhunt after they get stranded in the New Zealand wilderness. A big-hearted picture full of small, understated moments of magic.

This film is the biggest grossing film ever from New Zealand. It won the Audience Award at the Edinburgh Film Festival and was nominated for the Best International Feature Film Award. It's a 12A, so bring the kids.



**FRIDAY JANUARY 10th**

**WILD ROSE**

***Comedy, Drama, Music***

A sweet, stirring, and yet refreshingly unsentimental tale of a singer with ambition, the movie “Wild Rose” is like the anti-“A Star Is Born.” Set in Glasgow, it centres on a young single mother and ex-con who dreams of moving to Nashville to become a country singer.



Rose-Lynn Harlan (Jessie Buckley) is just getting out of prison. On her release, Rose, as most people call her, moves in with Mom (Julie Walters), who has been taking care of Rose’s two young children. Given Rose’s passion for American

country music, the kids are named Lyle and Wynonna.

Rose, who isn’t called “wild” for nothing, takes her love of country to extremes. But is success worth sacrificing a relationship with her children? That’s the question that so many women artists with children confront, and that fathers rarely do. It’s also a question that so many movies fail to explore as honestly as this one.

This film won the Scottish BAFTA for Best Feature Film, and Jessie Buckley won the Best Actress Award. It’s a Certificate 15.

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All trailers for these films are now available on the Glenfarg Community Centre website at <https://www.glenfargcommunitycentre.com/>  
Check the Events page for the new season information.

If you would like to be kept up to date, email our secretary  
[ashton.doreen@yahoo.com](mailto:ashton.doreen@yahoo.com)

# ELENFARE AND DUNGRIEVIE IN BLOOM

What an Autumn! Hardly had we had a chance to sit down after the rounds of judging when we had to kick start all the exciting plans for this coming year. You may have all read about our successes in Beautiful Scotland, Take a Pride in P&K and Kinross Civic Trust Well Kept Village competitions but there's no harm in repeating the story. In the Beautiful Scotland large village category we were awarded a Silver Gilt - not bad for a first time entry and just one small step from Gold - will that be next year? Next up was TaPin P&K and, at the



awards ceremony, Alison & Douglas were delighted to collect Gold and the supplementary award of Most Improved Community. Last but not least was KCT Well Kept Village where we received the top rating of 3 stars missing out on being awarded the winners' trophy by only 1/2 a point.



Look out Kinnesswood we're coming after you next year.



With the Awards Ceremonies all out of the way it was time to organise and deliver our fundraising plant sale and afternoon tea which was a fantastic success and added over £470 to our coffers (which equates to 2/3 of our annual insurance fees). Apart from being grateful to all of you who came along and supported the event, we also thank supermarkets Sainsburys, Tesco and Morrisons who donated produce and raffle prizes, the fantastic providers of home baking, the helpers on the day and Heather McConnell who hired a sales table. All in all a great community effort.

However there is work to do and no greater a job than clearing the pond. The spate of the River Farg led to the feeder pipe to the pond becoming dislodged and the pond to drain. The opportunity to clear some pond weed and other vegetation was grasped by no fewer than 14 hardy souls who, on a bitterly cold day, carried out some amazing work.



Thank you to them from all of us and I'm sure the pond life will thank them in the Spring.

Kate Armstrong

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# Grampian Nights 2019



This summer's camp was a joint event for the scouts and explorers. Rather than have a small event for ourselves we attend Grampian Nights with 160 scouts and 20 explorers plus loads of leaders at Templars Park outside Aberdeen. There were three sub camps and the participants went to activities as sub camps. Each sub camp had their own colour of neckie, Denburn, our sub camp was green, Don was purple and Dee orange. Dee sub camp seemed to occupy half the camping area as the sub camp leader had arrived earlier than everyone else and put a small swimming pool in the middle of it.

Our participants started with the bushcraft, backwoods cooking and craft day. That was probably the least interesting of the activity days as it's an adventurous group that went. Saturday was



climbing wall, laser tag (Callum's favourite), archery, tyrolean crossing (Findlay's favourite), Jacob's ladder, leap of faith and ice axe climbing (Daniel's favourite). Sunday was the walk and water activities, canoeing, raft building, zorbing, water inflatables and donuts. Donuts are large inflatable rings for floating around in, or falling out of, or spinning in fast circles (Tess, Lewis and Steven's favourite). Matthew's favourite activity was when the explorers had an evening activity to themselves. They were dropped at Dunottar castle and walked to Stonehaven for a beach barbeque before being brought back to camp well after midnight.

Robert ran the walking every day, Christine helped at the water activities, Steve got bored at the climbing and switched to backwoods cooking and Gary was on the site services team. Christine and Robert were off site all day but Steve assured them that every time he saw site services they were either at morning coffee or afternoon tea.



The theme of the camp was festivals and a different festival was celebrated each evening. Thursday was Diwali when the campfire was lit and everyone got glow sticks for the opening ceremony. Friday's theme was Halloween when the evening activities included a Halloween movies, Halloween activities and a scary



walk, Saturday was carnival with participants in brightly coloured clothes and our sub camp leader gave us all garlands of flowers to wear. The Saturday evening activities included a disco, live link to the world jamboree in America, bouncy castles, popcorn, slush puppies, hot dogs and ice-cream for all. Sunday we celebrated Holi with participants able to revisit day onsite activities before face painting in fluorescent paint and going to a paint run on the sand dunes. Our sub camp leader had got extra paint powder for us, which the participants threw at each other after the other sub camps had left. Monday was Christmas and our sub camp leader was the most unpopular person at camp with the leaders. Before leaving to go to work at 6am he had started a generator and covered our sub camp in fake snow. He woke everyone at camp and if he didn't the hysteria from some of the younger scouts at the fake snow certainly did.

The catering staff provided a full cooked breakfast and lunch every day plus plenty of food for the participants to cook every evening. With 5 of our group being explorers the leaders didn't need to help with meals or washing up, just tidying up. Within an hour of arriving the explorers had made friends with explorers from Tain, Montrose and Aberdeen who could be found together for evening activities and free time. This group of 12 included Findlay and Callum whenever the boys wanted to sit and chat with them.

When asked the scouts and explorers rated the camp at 9 out of 10 and would recommend it to other scouts and explorers as would the leaders. Roll on Grampian Nights 2021!



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# New Headie at Arngask Primary



My name is Suzanne Miller and I was delighted to begin my new role as the Headteacher of Arngask Primary School just after the October Holidays.

Apart from a couple of brief spells on secondment to other schools in Perth and Kinross, I have been privileged to spend most of my teaching career within the Kinross area. I live locally in Abernethy, with my husband and two children, therefore I am probably not a stranger to many, particularly amongst my fellow colleagues.

After graduating from Edinburgh and Dundee Universities I was appointed as a class teacher and then principal teacher at Cleish Primary School where I spent many happy years before moving onto become a Maths Development Officer with Perth & Kinross Council.

My next appointment was as Head Teacher at Blairingone Primary. I really enjoyed this teaching headship role and I soon became an integral part of the community. Following the closure of Blairingone I embarked on the challenge of leading two primary schools, Meigle and Kettins near Coupar Angus. During the past five years I was also the Perth & Kinross

Numeracy Hub Champion and was seconded to work part-time with Education Scotland as a Maths/Numeracy Development Officer.

I have been very fortunate in my career to gain a wide variety of teaching and management experience. I have worked alongside many talented and creative teaching and support staff. I have also known many very inspiring and creative children and parents. I am looking forward to getting to know the Arngask community better, leading the team at Arngask and helping to make a positive difference to children's learning and helping the children be *'the best they can be'*.

### **Enterprise Fayre**

The children will be holding an Enterprise Fayre on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at Arngask Primary School between 2-3.30pm. Pupils in P4-7 were given the challenge of 'growing £5' (£1 in P1-4) by creating their own small enterprise projects. Over the last few weeks they have been busy growing their money and deciding on products and services to sell at the fayre. They would love to see family, friends and community members come along to see their enterprising work. Coffee and tea will be available throughout the afternoon.



Nursery children enjoying a session from Rugbytots coaches Sama'an and Oliver with Mrs Miller centre, Miss Robb and Mrs Reid



# Glenfarg Village Store

This year we will be closed for the entire festive period  
from 1pm Saturday 21st December  
until 7am on Monday 06th January.

We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas  
and a Healthy & Happy 2020.

A big thank you to those of you who  
supported the shop and our pub nights.  
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# Have You Been To Vane Farm?

Vane Farm RSPB reserve nestles between Benarty Hill and the shores of Loch Leven and is easily accessed from Glenfarg via the Motorway or via Milnathort and Kinross and caters for all ages and abilities. The reserve was officially opened over 52 years ago on 29<sup>th</sup> October 1967 and has continued to expand and change to meet the needs of both the thousands of birds and people that visit.



When the RSPB first opened Vane Farm it quickly became an attraction and in the first year 2148 cars paid for parking using an honesty box! From the outset there was a field teacher and school visits began, resulting in many children being inspired to take an interest in nature.

In 1972 the army helped to build the first lagoon which signalled the beginning



of efforts to recreate the wetland habitat to make it more suitable for birds such as lapwings to nest. Development of the wetlands continued on throughout the 1980's. Also in the early 80's the first café run by volunteers was opened and continues to this day.

From 1996- 1997 the current Waterston and Carden hides were created and the visitor centre underwent a major refurbishment including a new education room, coffee shop, volunteer accommodation, interpretation Centre, shop and observation room. The car park moved to its current location and trees were removed from the wetlands to restore the wet bog habitat.

In 2006 the 'Growing up with Loch Leven SNH partnership project' started and continues to this day. It enables local schools like Portmoak, Kinross, Milnathort, Cleish, Blairingone, Arngask, Fossoway and Benarty primary schools to visit regularly and get the opportunity to "grow up" with the reserve.

In 2012 the Kinross Agricultural Show moved from the grounds at Kinross House to the reserve and has been held there since. In 2014 the Loch Leven Heritage Trail opened providing a 13 mile off-road loop of Loch Leven Nature Reserve and in 2016 the 'Sleeping Giant' and 'leafy loop' trails were established on the woodland hill behind the Centre.

Within the last year or so a major new construction project was undertaken to upgrade the underpass giving better access for everyone to the bird hides and the Loch Leven heritage trail.

So what is there at Vane Farm apart from birds? Well, for families there is such a lot for the adults and children to do together. Whether it's walking up the 'Sleeping Giant' trail or taking the 450 metre 'Leafy Loop' there is plenty to see and do. The 'Sleeping Giant' trail takes you up to the highest point of the reserve



and gives easy access to Benarty Hill which sits above the reserve. From both the trail and the hill there are spectacular views across Loch Leven. One warm summer day when there were thermals about we saw a glider from Portmoak majestically floating past us as we sat and ate our lunch.

If you have small children and climbing up the hill is not an option, then the 'Leafy Loop' trail provides plenty of activity for little ones and adults and in addition it



is 'pram friendly'. Also on this trail you have a good chance of spotting a red squirrel and they were telling me the day that I visited that they have seen a couple of new young ones about.

At different times of the year there are various events for all such as Bug Hunting, a lapwing trail, a Halloween trail and coming soon a Christmas trail where for a couple of pounds adults and children can hunt for various things from a list of clues.

If you go there at the moment then you will certainly see geese! On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2019, 14,886 Pink Footed Geese and 203 Greylag Geese had been observed although how they manage such a specific count remains a mystery to me! Some geese stay around Loch Leven while others use it as a stopping and refueling point before continuing on. Another magnificent sight at the moment is the families of Whooper Swans who have travelled all the way from Iceland to winter at Loch Leven.

There are too many different types of birds around to mention in this article but if you visit be sure to look at the daily sighting boards in the entrance hallway and you will be quite amazed at the variety.

I hope I have convinced you that there is something for everyone at Vane Farm but if you need more convincing then let me mention the excellent shop and the wonderful café with delicious coffee, excellent cheese scones and many other dishes catering for all dietary needs.

This relatively short article only touches the surface of what a great experience it is visiting Vane Farm, only a 15-20 minute car ride from Glenfarg and you don't need to know anything about birds as there are always knowledgeable and very friendly volunteers around to answer any questions.

If you want to know more you can look at the website at <https://www.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/reserves-a-z/loch-leven/>



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## **GIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN (ON A MONDAY NIGHT AT LADIES' BADMINTON)**

When I first arrived in the village almost 17 years ago, I made lots of friends in the first few months. Not having children of my own, this certainly wasn't at the school gate, rather it was through walking our two golden retrievers in Wallace Park and around the village, and also from going to the monthly meetings of the Wine Club (which is still going strong).

There was a third group of people that I got to know later on. Not being the most sporty of people, I've never been one to go to the gym or play sports but I do have memories of playing badminton a couple of times during holidays from university. I used to go to Heriot Watt campus in Currie with my mum where she was a member of a local badminton group.

During one of my many phases of trying to get fitter and healthier, I decided to give the badminton club in the village hall a try. Some of the members were new to me (some of the others being wine club members). The Monday night group appealed to me as I'd heard that beginners were welcome and there were no competitions or leagues to worry about.

I rejoined the group again recently after a few years absence following an operation for 'big toe arthritis'. Some of the same ladies were still there along with a few newer ones. My worries about not being able to run around any more were soon put to rest. I'd actually forgotten what fun this group is and I'm so pleased I went back.

What's so great about Monday night ladies' badminton? We are not competitive (most of the time!), we have a really good laugh, we play doubles so everyone gets to play a few games and it doesn't matter that we're all at different levels of skill and experience.

If you're looking for something to do that's in the village, that's cheap (£3 a night), really good fun, helps keep you fit, and where it doesn't matter if you're a complete beginner, why not give it a try? We'd love to have some new members. There's no joining fee, we have spare racquets if you'd like to give it a go before deciding if it's for you and we'll happily help you learn how to play.

All welcome - Monday evenings 8 pm-9.30 pm, only £3 a night – if you've got any questions, contact Jan Macpherson on 830430

Leigh Smith

# Glenfarg Teenagers' Climate Campaign

Glenfarg teenagers are developing new ways of environmental campaigning, and the rest of us are sitting up and taking notice. Activists and influencers, Ailsa Marama and Tess Corcoran, are organisers in Scottish Youth Climate Strike. Known as 'SYCS', this is the movement behind the mass demonstrations in Edinburgh and over the rest of Scotland on 20<sup>th</sup> September. That event in Edinburgh attracted 20,000 marchers, according to the organisers, and made news headlines. Thousands of pupils took the day off school to march from the Meadows to the Scottish Parliament. Their demand? Urgent action on climate change.



Radically, SYCS is completely run by young people. Its members are all in their mid-twenties or under. Most, like Ailsa and Tess, are still full-time school pupils. “Climate change has always been something I’ve known about but finding this community has made me realise I can do something.” said Ailsa. So how do two 15 year-olds help run such an immensely influential organisation, when they have schoolwork and classes filling much of their time, and are dependent on adults for transport? Ailsa explains “We communicate by online platforms and only occasionally have face to face meetings.”

Progress has been rapid. Inspired by Greta Thurnberg, Ailsa and Tess attended their first Climate Strike in March this year. Now, they are coordinators of SYCS's ‘Schools Working Group’ reaching out to schools and pupils as part of a wider network, as well as organising the strikes in Perth. Ailsa explains their aim “What we want from the Government, from adults and from people in power is for there to be awareness of the climate crisis in teaching and in schools, and for it to be prioritised in education.” A specific target of SYCS is for Scotland to become carbon neutral by 2030. Ailsa and Tess continue to ‘strike’ outside the Scottish Parliament on Friday afternoons as often as they can, under the banner of #Fridays4Future. They take the school bus from Glenfarg to Kinross, then travel into Edinburgh by bus or train. At Holyrood, they are joined by other youth strikers as well as various supporters and passers-by. This is a youth movement which has drawn in and inspired people of all ages and backgrounds.

Ailsa describes their experiences of campaigning as “Really empowering”. When asked what the rest of us in Glenfarg can do about climate change, she affirmed “No one’s too small to make a difference. There are organisations for everyone, if you want to make a difference.”

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# Cubs and Scouts at the Barr Wood

Evening rain was the forecast and we drove through bands of it on the way to Stirling. It was bone dry at the Barr Wood, a 100 acre woodland scout campsite between Bannockburn and Stirling. The warden suggested that Robert took the trailer of gear round to the barn while Matthew and Christine plus the cubs and scouts followed the warden through the campsite to finalise the site we wanted to use for camping. Robert was already there and decided on blue 4 as it was an easier carry than blue 6, the original allocation.



The cubs and scouts continued to the barn car park and carried the first load of kit to the site. Each patrol had two four-man sleeping tents to pitch. Once these tents were all pitched we returned to the trailer to the next priority – food and cooking equipment. Calum and Suilven were strong enough to carry the patrol box between them, the second group used four members to move the box. Enthusiasm for the walk was waning when it came to the third load. There was more enthusiasm for the last load which was personal kit. It made the site just before the rain.

All the cubs and scouts were in the tent, keeping out of the rain, while Christine tried to organise it to create enough space for everyone to get seated by the time Freddie arrived. Charlie and Freddie were given the job of preparing supper and Freddie managed to serve supper without breaking any of the hot dogs – something the leaders have yet to achieve.

Saturday morning was frosty. Plenty of birch and beech twigs made fire lighting easy. Keeping the fire going proved slightly harder as there wasn't a lot of finger diameter

wood lying around. Once through that stage there was bigger wood there. Calum and Sulven remembered to cover the outside of the pots with washing up liquid to make them easier to clean before putting them on the fire. We only had one fire site so Matthew had two helping him cook in the event, Christine had three cooking on the wood fire with Kalian acting as 'go-for' while Robert had a team pitching the second event. Findley turned up just in time for breakfast.

The two patrols washed up after breakfast prior to inspection which the Broon patrol won



by two points. Rory's mum, Helen, arrived while the camp was doing the dishes. After flag-break the participants headed to an empty site to play frisbi football.

Using the orienteering map the scouts and cubs explored the Barr wood. All participants made it out to the ice boulder where there is a great view of Ben Vorlich and Stuc a Chroin. The half of the turtle patrol with Christine made a detour to visit the beaver lodge (explorer made construction for beaver

scouts).

After lunch the cubs and scouts refreshed their first aid skills with Helen, made shelters with Freddie, learnt about camp safety with Matthew and each had to light a fire with Christine. All participants managed to light their own fire even the ones who hadn't lit a match before. Sean, our district commissioner came to visit with his two black Labradors. Afterwards there were two team challenges, a blind trail and the electric fence.

Helen supervised a member of each patrol cutting up the chicken for curry while Christine got three others to light a line of fire on the fire site. A longer fire than there had been for breakfast making cooking easier. The cubs and scout were singing different songs trying to decide which they would choose to perform later that evening when everyone left on the site would come together for a campfire. There was just time to play a game of manhunt before campfire.

Sunday morning was again frosty. Findley managed to cook all the black pudding on his own in the event. Christine had a team cooking bacon and egg on the fire while Robert took the other event down. Breakfast was over by the time Sulven, accompanied by



Kalian left to play rugby. The first load of stuff was taken over to the trailer early enough for the cubs and scouts to explore the adventure park prior to flag break and a scouts own.



The morning activity was the bouldering wall in the barn. Jake was the first person to get all the way round the wall

without peeling off. The cubs and scouts were then paired up and gave instructions to each other on their bit of wall. Climbing is hard on the arms and to give them time to recover Matthew ran a reflective session with the cubs and scouts half way through.

After lunch we had to take down all the tents and carry everything back to the trailer. The warden came to inspect our site before we could depart for home.



## But It's Only Eggs Butter and Flour

Over the years I have had to learn how to price my cakes so that they are a realistic price, allowing me to make a small profit. I soon discovered that it's actually a bit of a minefield. There's something about cakes that makes some people think that a handmade cake should cost the same or just slightly more than a supermarket one. Lots of other cake makers I know experience the same thing. You wouldn't expect a hand-made outfit to be a similar price to one in Tesco after all.

Pricing hand-made cakes can be particularly tricky at Christmas as there are so many more ingredients involved in Christmas cakes than most other kinds of cake. Plus there's a wide range of Christmas cakes



available in the shops at cheaper prices for people to choose from. It doesn't help that the ingredients are not only relatively expensive items like figs and walnuts but that just about every one of them has increased in price so much in the last few years. Have you also noticed how the price of butter just keeps going up and up?

What goes into making up the price of a cake? Once I learned all the elements to be taken into account, I understood why home baked and decorated cakes can appear to be expensive to the uneducated.

As well as the ingredients themselves, there's the cost of the time taken to bake and decorate the cake, including setting up and cleaning down afterwards.

But there's also time needed to do research on designs, to order and buy ingredients, make out orders, do customer consultations and all the book-keeping. What about all the different pieces of equipment needed, specialist

tools, ribbon and other trims, cake boards and a cake box to put your finished cake in? As I'm just a one-person business, I can't really take advantage of buying everything in bulk either, so I don't benefit from many discounts. Then there are the costs involved in running a business—insurance, a website, an email address, stationery, advertising, tables at wedding fairs etc.

And there's more on top! To acquire and improve skills, there are books, training courses and subscriptions to online cake organisations to keep abreast of new trends.



There are undoubtedly even more costs involved but I'm sure you're starting to get the picture. I now appreciate much more than I used to, why some home-based craft businesses appear to put high prices on their products. Yes, I've been guilty in the past of thinking 'but it's only a wee bit of fabric' when I've looked at home-made bunting, for example, but I can now choose whether I want to pay the price in the full knowledge of what it needs to cover.

So the next time you're researching cake prices or looking around a craft fair, especially at Christmas time, and it seems that the prices are on the high side, it's likely in most cases that the makers are not raking in a fortune. Sometimes I end up working for less than the minimum wage when I discover that it takes longer to do a certain design than I'd estimated. It can be difficult when each piece is a one-off and you sometimes use techniques you haven't tried before. The enjoyment of making the cake does help to offset that, of course, when it's something you love doing.

To my customers old and new, thanks for your cake orders which are very much appreciated, and to everyone, I'd like to wish you a very happy Christmas and a really lovely New Year. And to all craftspeople in particular, wishing you a prosperous one!

# Glenfarg Folk Club



## **HAGGERDASH**

**Monday 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

**Members £8; Non-Members £10**

To welcome in the New Year what better way to start than with Alan Jones, Jack Bethel & Billy Stewart, commonly known as Haggerdash, who are well equipped to get your toes tapping and your vocal cords warmed up.

## **BURNS SINGAROUND**

**MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

**All £3**

It's that time of year to dust down your Burn's song book and celebrate the poetry of Scotland's Bard in music or verse if this pleases ye.

## **WAYWARD JANE**

**Monday 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

**Members £8; Non-Members £10**

Wayward Jane are an Edinburgh based band of multi instrumental friends who produce traditional and original Scottish/American folk music with lush harmonies accompanied by banjo, fiddle, guitar and double bass.

## **CURMUDGEON**

**MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY**

**Members £8; Non-Members £10**

Donal, Laurie, & Andrew –aka- Curmudgeon were introduced last year on a double header night and are back to give us a full night of pipes, whistles, fiddle & guitar as they explore traditional & contemporary Scottish music & songs.

## **SING AROUND**

**MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

**All £3.00**

This year is a leap year with its age old customs, folklore and superstitions. If you wish to sing on theme then please sing on TIME!

## **ARCHIE FISHER**

**Monday 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

**Members £8; Non-Members £10**

The champion of Scottish Folk Music, it is always a pleasure to welcome back Archie Fisher. With his depth of folk music knowledge you can be sure of a varied and fascinating evening of tales and songs.

## **THE QUIGGS**

**Monday 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

**Members £8; Non-Members £10**

Stephen and Pernille are back to give us an evening of folk songs, both traditional and contemporary, their voices blending with beautiful harmonies. "An evening to stir and soothe the soul."

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and

**Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2020**

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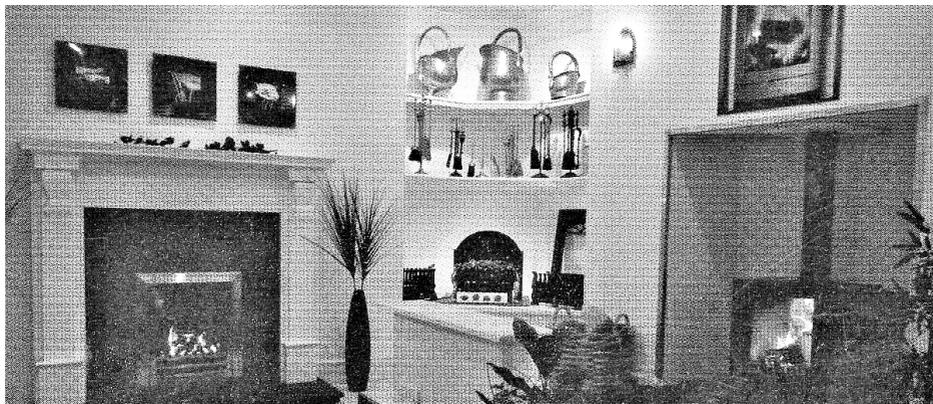
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# GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Monday 4th November 2019  
Glenfarg Village Hall**

**PRESENT:** CClr Ponton (Chair), CClr Fraser, CClr Horsman, CClr Loudon, CClr Pilmer, CClr Watson.

**Also present:** PKC Cllrs Robertson, PKC Cllr Watters and three members of the public.

**APOLOGIES:** CClr Taylor, PKC Cllr Barnacle, PKC Cllr Purves, Community PC Stapleton.

## **1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

## **2. ACTION POINT UPDATES:**

GCC Elections: CClr Ponton reported that, with the membership of the GCC coming up for election in November this year, there were now 12 vacancies. Six nominations had been received, the minimum required to form a community council, and these candidates would be automatically elected at an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> November, called by Cllr Watters.

It is hoped to co-opt more members to the CC in the near future.

# **Volunteers Required**



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Additional Green Routes: Cllr Robertson gave an update on the plans for additional green routes in the Glenfarg area. The routes will include a Path of Condie loop and an Arngask loop to the east of the M90. Map to be displayed on the CC noticeboard.

SUSTRANS funding is now in place. Plans need to be ratified by Council and money spent in the next financial year 2020/21.

### **3. PLANNING REPORT**

CCLr Pilmer reported on the notified Applications and Decisions:

Change of use of dwellinghouse to form extension to village hall (Class 10) and ancillary restaurant (Class 3)  
The School House Greenbank Road Glenfarg Perth PH2 9NW  
Ref. No: 19/01573/FLL. Received: Thu 19 Sep 2019. Validated: Thu 19 Sep 2019.  
Status: Approved

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Ref. No: 19/01153/FLL. Received: Thu 11 Jul 2019. Validated: Mon 29 Jul 2019.  
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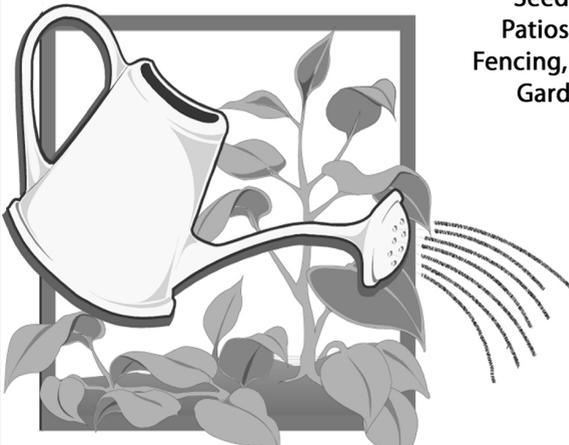
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#### **4. POLICE REPORT**

No police officer was present. CCllr Pilmer read out the following report.

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BT Scam relating to Internet access claiming that your line/computer/ipad is at fault and that the caller needs to have access to your computer to sort. Ignore and hang up.

Bicycles, gardening equipment, tools on sight in vehicles, sheds and garages unlocked. Please ensure that items are lockfast or out of sight.

Security lighting. Now that we have moved in to the darker early evenings and mornings please repair any outside lights or have new ones fitted. Your local electricians will be delighted to offer expert advice and install or repair lighting.

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Cllr Horsman had supplied a Treasurer's Report as follows.

**TREASURER REPORT 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**1. GCC – BALANCE ON ACCOUNT £523**

Income – P&KC Top up grant £270

Expenditures – Cllr expenses – £109.50 Village Hall fees -  
£30

**2. GCC NEWSLETTER ACCOUNT – BALANCE £12 723**

This balance is made up as follows:

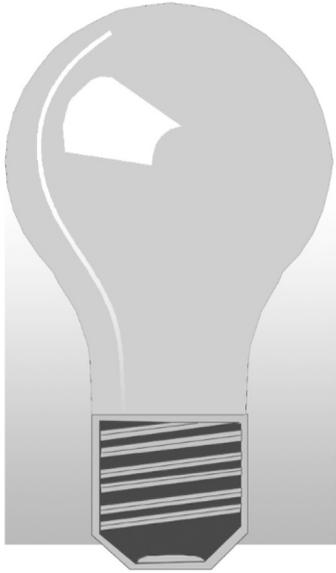
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		£	£
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Income	80	Nil	Nil
Expenditures/payments	Nil	Nil	Nil
	<u>8 254</u>	<u>458</u>	<u>4,011</u>

Income/Expenditures since last meeting:

**Newsletter:**

Income – Newsletter advertisers and Shop Tin £80

Expenditures – Nil



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Expenditures – Nil

**3. SCHOOL FUND £141**

No Change

**TOTAL FUNDS HELD £13,387 at 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**6. AOCB:**

Flooding & Emergency Plan: CCllr Fraser reported on conferences he had attended on our behalf.

*Scottish Resilient Communities Conference* – GCC has an Emergency Plan, which is useful as a point of reference. CCllr Fraser felt that he needed to know which services to call in an emergency and who in the village had useful skills/ equipment. The conference included presentations from school pupils involved in resilience in the curriculum. The involvement of primary pupils was most impressive and CCllr Fraser was taking up the subject with the new PS head teacher. *CCllr Fraser*

CCllr Fraser had also attended the conference on flooding, with presentations by SEPA.

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Festive Lighting: CCllr Fraser has been investigating the possibility of extra festive lights at the south end of Main Street. Basic white lights could cost £1,600 but extra storage and installation costs are unknown. Cllr Watters to investigate.

There was discussion about the options on the table for the Nursing Fund. The purchase of lights may not be the best use of this fund as it is intended for Health & Welfare. Alternative uses could be put to the community. It was agreed that decision should be left to the new CC but a decision on lights would need to be made in the summer 2020.

CCllr Horsman confirmed that he had arranged for the installation of the lights this year.

Binn Wind Farm Community Turbine Project: CCllr Ponton gave an update. Four turbines have been delivered to the Binn site - two for Greencat and two which could be taken into ownership by the communities of Abernethy, Bridge of Earn, Strathmiglo and Glenfarg. Although the CCs of these areas have been involved in talks over several years, the details of any possible agreement with Greencat are still to be discussed with the communities themselves.

Councillor Loudon, at her last meeting as a Councillor, voiced

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serious concern over the possibility of the communities being pressured into this project without any due diligence being done and without their whole-hearted support. It is important that the communities are made aware of the financial and legal implications of this venture.

A grant of £25k has been made to allow the communities to obtain independent advice on potential risk and reward. A public meeting is to be held in each area, probably in early January 2020.

Mr D Arnold and festive clothing: Mr Arnold has acted as Santa at village events for several years but now wishes to hand over this role and the costume. Since he and his late wife had spent some considerable time and money on making the costume, he was asking for a recompense of £20 to go to a charity. It was agreed to send £20 to a charity of Mr Arnold's choice.

*Cllr Horsman*

Cllr Ponton commented that the CC is not allowed to hold assets. It was decided to ask the Village Hall Committee to take ownership, since events requiring Santa's presence are usually held in the hall.

*Cllr Horsman*



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Police Community Bus: Community PC Stapleton has suggested that this bus should visit the village. It was felt that it would be best sited at the primary school, for the pupils, with the wider community also invited to attend. *Cllr Pilmer*

Cllr Pilmer reported that Community PC Stapleton is moving on. It was felt that, when we are advised of our new Community Police Officer, they should be personally invited to attend a CC meeting. *Cllr Pilmer*

Main Street Damage: A member of the public had reported that recent work carried out, which involved removal of a section of the wall on Main Street, initially left a dangerously unfenced burn. This has now been fenced and the wall rebuilt, but the wall appears to be missing stones and the pavement has been damaged.

Cllr Robertson reported that he had investigated this. SSE carried out the work and PKC have asked them to rectify any damage. Cllr Robertson will follow this up.

Road Sweeping: A member of the public felt that Glenfarg streets are not being swept as well as those in Kinross and Milnathort. At a time of rain and falling leaves, this could be dangerous. Despite requests, we have not been informed of the schedule for street cleaning. Cllr Robertson to obtain the schedule, which will be advertised via the Grapevine to allow residents to move their cars

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*Cllr Pilmer*

Lomond Building Site: A member of the public has commented that the pavement in front of the Lomond site is frequently blocked by building materials, without any signage or provision for pedestrians. There is also the constant problem of building and personal litter. It was noted that constructors' vehicles were also parking on the pavement in Greenbank Road. It was decided to write to the construction company about these matters.

*Cllr Pilmer*

Crash Barriers in the Glen: Cllr Ponton noted that there were more broken fences and police tapes in the Glen, suggesting that accidents had occurred. The CC have asked PKC to consider additional crash barriers. Cllr Robertson to ask for an update.

Telephone Box: Work on this has been almost completed. The CC had been asked to consider signage on the inside of the box, but Cllr Fraser informed us that this was not possible. An official opening to take place as soon as possible, with the community then informed that the box was ready to receive books and information. A price for printing the Glenfarg Paths leaflet to be investigated. *Cllr Watson*

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Grapevine Email Service: CCllr Watson reported that the editor of the service wished to give up this role by the end of the year. CCllr Watson has written to thank her for her work over the last two years. A new editor is to be sought. *CCllr Watson*

Available Funds: Cllr Watters reported on upcoming deadlines for local funds.

- Community Investment Fund, deadline 17<sup>th</sup> January
- Local Action Partnerships – community representatives are needed on these panels. LAPs may invite community organisations to bid for funding to help achieve a particular outcome. Deadline for applications is the first week in February.

Close of Meeting: CCllr Ponton then thanked those CCllrs who were standing down from the community council. The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

**The next meeting of the Glenfarg Community Council  
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