

Glenfarg Community Council

Draft Minutes of meeting held on 3rd September 2012

Present

Cllrs Mackenzie (Chair), Arnold, Johnston, Macpherson, Ponton, Vaughan, Watson

By Invitation

Cllr Giacobazzi

Public

There were 2 members of the public present

Apologies

Cllr Armstrong, Cllrs Barnacle, Cuthbert, Robertson

Previous minutes

As there had been a special meeting held between business meetings, two sets of minutes were adopted by the community council. Cllr Arnold proposed and Cllr Johnston seconded

Matters Arising

- Pothole Church Brae - Cllr Cuthbert emailed Scottish Water on our behalf. A CCTV survey of the sewer network will be carried out to check cause of the depression in the road.
- Road markings – most of the repainting that we requested has been done. Areas missed (Greenbank Rd/Crescent junction, disabled parking bay at hall, SLOW sign on the road leading from Glendy Burn into Church Brae) will be reported. *Cllr Arnold*
It was agreed not to request white line outside the church, as Cllr Johnson reported that this had not been requested by the church and it was felt that cones could be used when appropriate.
- Parking close to Ladeside Junction – Cllr Cuthbert has raised the issue on our behalf. To be discussed at the September meeting of PKC Traffic Coordination Group. If this has no effect, we will revisit the situation.
- Cutting of hedge beyond stables – Cllr Watson has spoken to the landowner and it was agreed to wait until cutting machinery could be used in October. Check again in November *Cllr Watson*
- Road markings in the Glen – PKC has responded that the present markings will be looked at, but any required changes will have to be included on the program for the next financial year. We will prompt this in April 2013. *Cllr Watson*
- Signage in Wallace Park – PKC reply to Cllr Arnold's letter stated that No Golf Practice sign should be removed, No Littering can remain, No Dog Fouling could be renewed. Discussion on the possibility of erecting our own signs concluded that this would not be possible on council land. It was decided to make it known through the newsletter that the Dog Warden had imposed a fine for dog fouling. *Cllr Watson*

Police Report

No police being present, there was not a police report at this time. However, Cllr Arnold reported that he was aware of the theft of outside equipment and copper piping in the Duncrievie area, and members of the community had been alerted by email.

A police report received later contained the following –

Between 4/8 & 5/8 – Theft of items from a vehicle at Bein Inn – undetected.

Between 15/7 & 16/7 – Theft of hens from a field near Duncrievie - undetected.

Between 1/7 & 2/7 - Theft of fuel from vehicle outside property at Arngask - undetected. Operation Tupelo (a crackdown on poor driving standards) will run between 11th and 23rd of September. To assist in the campaign it is asked that members of the public who have concerns regarding irresponsible driving within south section contact the Police with details of the problems. The full police report will appear on the Glenfarg website.

Large Vehicle Movements

Concern has again been expressed about the speed and movement of large vehicles, many of them farm vehicles, through the village. CClr Mackenzie reminded us that the community council had written to local farmers about this in the past, and received assurances that employees and contractors would be reminded to keep to agreed routes and appropriate speeds. Local farmers would wish to hear if this was not adhered to. It was therefore decided to advise members of the public to report details (vehicle registration, date and time of offence) to the vehicle owner / hirer.

Treasurer's Report

GCC account - £8,093.76, which includes £6000 Investment Fund and £500 CBF Micro grants - both to be distributed in the near future.

Paid £3,380 to Village Hall for costs that will be incurred when putting land improvement work out to tender. Paid £28.15 for Remembrance Day wreath.

Newsletter - £2,925.40. Shop donation for August issue £179. Removed one advertiser for non-payment. Outgoings are print costs £240 and £300 for special insert.

School Fund - £841

Total funds as at 3rd September 2012 £11,860

The Fete

Following the resignation of two key members, concern was expressed over the viability of the fete committee. It was decided to write to the respective secretaries of the 3 organisations represented on the committee to highlight the need for their full involvement. *CClr Ponton*

Investment Fund

After consideration of the suggestions put forward for the distribution of this fund, and the views expressed by the local community, it was decided to further investigate possibilities and costing for Christmas decorations (*CClr Vaughan*) and Adult Gym / Trim Trail (*CClr Ponton*). The needs of Glenfarg's young people were also discussed and it was decided to try to facilitate local youngsters themselves expressing their views to the community council on what was needed. *CClr Watson*

Community Benefit Fund (CBF) Micro Grants

CClr Ponton informed the CC that there was £500 to be distributed in the first instance, after which this year's £500 would become available. After discussion of all applications, five were approved.

Ladies Badminton Group	Purchase of Equipment	£85
Brighten Up Duncreevie (BUD)	Wooden barrels and bulbs	£150
The Local Vocals Choir	Music stands and music	£52
Glenfarg Community Cinema	Children's Christmas Film Show	£140
Village Hall Committee	Portable heaters	£96.27

Cheques will now be distributed and unsuccessful applicants informed. *CClr Vaughan*

A letter had been received from a CBF Panel member, suggesting that the CCs of Glenfarg and Bridge of Earn request the annual Micro Grant from the CBF be raised from £1000 to £2000. It was agreed that we are not in favour of this at present, as it would remove funds from the main CBF grant, which can deal with large requests. Our decision to be conveyed to the Panel. *CClr Ponton*

Community Wind Turbine

A suggestion had been received from a local landowner that, as a mast on a hill above Glenfarg is about to be decommissioned, the site could be used for a community wind turbine. CClr Johnston felt that the site might prove to be inappropriate, as the concrete base would not have the required depth and the electrics were old and would need investigation. Cllr Giacomazzi cautioned that, from his experience in Milnathort, a community wind turbine was a very large financial commitment. The landowner has only a short time scale in which to act. It was therefore felt that we were not in a position to pursue this with confidence at this time. Landowner is to be informed. *CClr Mackenzie*

Planning

CClr Johnston presented the planning report. Six planning applications had been reviewed – two installations of a wind turbine, erection of garage, erection of dwelling house, change to house position in retrospect, installation of meteorological mast. It was agreed to lodge an objection to one wind turbine on the grounds of proximity to the road, road safety and the cumulative impact with other turbines. *CClr Johnston*

Six planning applications had been approved by PKC. Full details of planning report to be put on the Glenfarg website. *CClr Watson*

Broadband

CClr Macpherson reported on a new government fund to help rural Scottish communities get next generation broadband. Local broadband speed test had shown that we benefitted from a reasonable speed at present, and were much better served than many small communities. No action was felt necessary at this time.

AOCB

1. Request clearing of overflowing drains in Ladeside and Duncricvie Road *CClr Watson*
2. Request work on path Ladeside to Ash Grove – flooding at Ash Grove end, and paths across green space requiring weed clearing. *CClr Watson*
3. Request tidying of Sundial area in WallacePark *CClr Watson*
4. It was noted that several privately owned hedges around the village needed cutting back to ensure pedestrian safety. Cllr Giacomazzi advised that PKC would send letters to residents in the first instance. Addresses to be sent to CC secretary for processing. *All*
5. CClr Arnold reported that 30 sign is to be painted on road at Duncricvie.
6. CClr Arnold reported that the repainting of the village post-box has been included in the schedule.
7. CClr Ponton showed a leaflet on making application to the Community Benefit Fund, which will go into the shop. It was agreed to advertise the next date for applications in the newsletter. *CClr Watson*

Next meeting 7.30pm 5th November in Village Hall