

## GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF MEETING

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015  
Glenfarg Village Hall

**PRESENT:** CCllrs Burlison, Duncan, Horsman, Mackenzie, Pilmer, Ponton, H. Taylor, J. Taylor, Warder, Watson

Also present Cllrs Barnacle, Giacomazzi, Robertson and 7 members of the public

**APOLOGIES:** CCllr Loudon

The meeting was chaired in the first instance by Cllr Robertson.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

POSITION	ELECTED	NOMINATED	SECONDED
Chair	Donald Mackenzie	CCllr Watson	CCllr Ponton
Vice Chair	Robert Duncan	CCllr Mackenzie	CCllr Watson
Treasurer	Daniel Horsman	CCllr Mackenzie	CCllr Duncan
Secretary	To be discussed by CCllrs Watson and Warder		

#### SUB-COMMITTEES:

Minute Secretary	CCllr Watson
Planning	CCllrs Duncan, Loudon, Pilmer, J.Taylor
Communications	CCllrs Watson, Horsman, Warder
Binn Forum/	CCllrs Duncan, Ponton
Wind farm Reps	
Data Controller	CCllr Watson
Emergency Plan Coordinator	CCllr H.Taylor volunteered to help. CCllr Mackenzie to speak to D.Arnold.

#### MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes were proposed by CCllr Ponton and seconded by CCllr Horsman

#### MATTERS ARISING:

Church Brae - CCllr Watson had contacted the Roads Department and received assurance that the white line outside the church will be reinstated shortly.

Ladeside Junction – CCllr Watson reported that P&KC Road Safety division had produced designs and costings for the Ladeside / Main Street junction, and they were awaiting a budget to implement.

Vehicle Activation Signs – the previous Treasurer had reported that these are due to be installed in Main Street early December.

Boundary Changes – the CC has sent a letter to the Boundary Commission, strongly disagreeing with the proposals to move Glenfarg from Kinross-shire Ward into Almond / Earn Ward.

Fete Accounts – following a request from a member of the public for more information to be made available, the Fete Committee had published its income and details of the distribution of profits in the October newsletter. The CC had been informed by the Fete Committee that the Fete Accounts have been independently examined and will be presented at their AGM.

Cllr MacKenzie made the point that, in future, if anyone had a question in relation to the organisation of the fete or its financial position, such enquiries should be addressed to the fete committee, not the Community Council

Damage to wall on Main Street – Cllr Watson has reported this to BEAR.

Wallace Park / Duncreevie Road wall – Cllr Watson reported that this had been brought to the notice of Community Greenspace some time ago, who had discussions with the Roads Dept. Having visited the site, Roads Dept state it is not an issue for them. Community Greenspace are to remove a tree, which appears to be pushing out two particularly large stones from the wall. They suggest that the Community Payback Team may be able to help repair the wall.

Tennis Club – a member of the public had expressed concerns about vehicles driving through the park to the Tennis Pavilion unnecessarily. The Tennis Club therefore added to its October newsletter article the reiteration that this should only happen in exceptional circumstances.

Glenfarg & Duncreevie In Bloom – Cllr Mackenzie reported that traffic controls will be necessary for a short period on Main Street when overhanging trees are cut.

#### **PLANNING:**

Alex Johnson reported that, since our last meeting, 1 new application had been noted and Perth & Kinross Council had approved 3 applications.

At Hilton of Duncreevie, a cowshed erected without planning permission was to be taken down. The owner has put in an appeal and a decision is due in January.

The Forestry Commission has contacted the CC with revisions to their original plans for Springhall Forest. The new scenario takes account of a possible wind turbine on the site, although GREA report they are no longer pursuing this option. Changes to the planting scheme remove sycamore from boundary areas as it is poisonous to horses.

The Scottish Government is reviewing the operation of the planning system in Scotland. PAS is holding an event in Perth to hear the views of CCs, and it is hoped that community councillors will attend. *Cllrs Duncan and Mackenzie*

P&KC is arranging consultations on the next Local Development Plan, including a drop-in-session at the Loch Leven Community Campus. There are no changes to the plan affecting our area.

#### **LOCHEL BANK FUND UPDATE:**

Cllr Ponton handed out letters to the Cllrs from Foundation Scotland, relating to the governance arrangements for the RWE Innology Lochelbank Community Fund.

The Memorandum of Understanding and Terms of Reference were also provided. These are to be discussed at the next CC meeting. *Secretary*

Interviews were held to appoint two new Panel Members from Glenfarg. Foundation Scotland has circulated the names of the successful candidates.

**BINN WIND FARM COMMUNITY BENEFIT AGREEMENT:**

Cllr Duncan reported that the agreement had now been signed by all four community councils involved – Abernethy, Earn, Glenfarg, Strathmiglo.

There are 31 conditions imposed on the approval for the wind farm. The police will manage Road closures for the transport of equipment during the build. Trial runs of these are planned.

Detailed plans of underground lines associated with the grid connection will be published. We will be informed of the tariff by January.

A Suppliers Day (10<sup>th</sup> November) has been advertised around the village and local businesses encouraged to attend.

**VISION:**

Cllr Mackenzie reported that returns from The Vision Questionnaire had been analysed. The group would meet with the Community Capacity Building Worker to organise a village event to report on the findings and come to agreement on the future priorities for our community. *Cllrs Duncan, Horsman, Mackenzie*

Information had been received from Voluntary Action Fund on funds available through the Healthier Scotland Engagement Fund. It was decided to explore the possibility of making an application. *Cllrs Mackenzie and Duncan*

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

A list of correspondence had been circulated to community councillors prior to the meeting, and relevant items were discussed under appropriate headings.

**AOCB:**

The Glenfarg - a member of the public queried the present closure of the hotel, apparently until early December. The Community Council has not received any information from the hotel owner, and it was felt that there was a need to establish the facts. The Folk Club has arranged a meeting with the owner and will feed back any information. Cllr Barnacle emphasised that early intervention in these situations was vital. A decision was made to write to the owner, asking for information that would help the community understand what the plans for the hotel were. The point was made that whilst the hotel is a commercial business, it is a core part of the community and it was hoped that everyone would understand the community's desire to know that the future of its hotel was secure. *Cllr Mackenzie*

Police Report – no serious issues to report. Winter road safety being emphasised.

Treasurer Report – GCC admin account balance £279.65  
GCC newsletter account balance £11,150.09

Treasurer has arranged erection of Christmas lights for the last week of November.

Road Safety Issues – CCllr Burlison raised the issue of escorted Scottish Water tankers. It was felt that recently the escort vehicle had not been providing motorists with enough warning of the oncoming tanker. It was decided to write to Scottish Water to express our concern. *CCllr Mackenzie*

Grit Spreader – a member of the public reported that he had cleaned the spreader but it did not work properly when filled with the grit supplied to the pavement bins by P&KC. It was decided to purchase around 10 bags of pure salt and request that they be stored in GDIB's new shed on Hayfield Road. *CCllr Burlison*

Newsletter - the new community councillors were requested to provide their photo and a short bio for publication in the December newsletter. *CCllr Watson*

Superfast Broadband Provision – a member of the public from Cuthill Towers, which is outwith the CC's area, informed us that the residents had been advised that superfast broadband would not be available there until 2018. He queried whether there were parts of our area in the same situation, and was advised to put the question on the Glenfarg Grapevine. CCllr Ponton reported that OpenReach workers laying cables to connect the south of the village believed that the new cabinet was to be sited in Ladeside. As we had been told that the cabinet would be in Hayfield Road it was decided to contact OpenReach to check on this. *CCllr Watson*

Speed Limits – a member of the public informed us that there are now more school children in Duncreevie and they (and other residents) are walking along roads with no pavements. He therefore requested that we pursue the possibility of a 20mph speed limit in this area. Cllr Barnacle advised that there are 3 rural areas where the 20mph limit is to be trialled. It was decided to request that Duncreevie also be considered, and Cllr Robertson offered to provide a contact. *CCllr Watson*

Wallace Park Wooden Animals – the Community Payback Team has removed these for repair. It was agreed that the CC would order necessary materials and meet the cost so far (£49.50). *CCllr Watson*  
A children's colouring competition to decide on colours has been held, and the entrants will be judged at the Vision village event. *CCllr Watson*

War Memorial Project – Jen Lindsay has carried out a research project on the lives of the men whose names appear on the Glenfarg War Memorial. This extensive piece of work has been handed over to the CC and is available in hard copy form in Arngask Church's archive or on the village website history section.

CCllr MacKenzie asked that the Minute record the community's thanks to Ms Lindsay for this hugely important contribution to the historical record of the community and commended it to all members of that community and to students of social and military history.

Data Protection – CCllr Watson informed the CC that, for data protection reasons, email addresses provided to the Grapevine email service would not be used for any other purpose. The file containing the addresses resides on a password-protected area of the CC's server and the password is known only to the Grapevine editors, the server owner and herself.

Dog Fouling Problems – there was extensive discussion on the recent increase in this problem. Solutions suggested were to challenge the owner / report to the dog warden / use Smartphone etc. It was believed that the dog warden has already carried out educational visits. Suggestions of locations were made for the two remaining signs (Greenbank Road and Birch Lane) *CCllr Watson*

**The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on 11th January 2016**