

GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Monday 7th March 2016
Glenfarg Village Hall

PRESENT: CCllrs Burlison, Loudon, Mackenzie, Pilmer, J. Taylor, Warder, Watson

Also present - Cllr D.Cuthbert

APOLOGIES: CCllr Ponton, CCllr Horsman

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

CCllr Watson read out a proposed addition to the minutes of the 11th January meeting, which was agreed.

A member of the public asked the TRACKS Officer about the Hilton of Duncrerie to Glenfarg core footpath, a section of which is difficult to walk due to ploughing. This difficulty has been raised in the past, and the TRACKS Officer agreed to bring the matter up with members of the Perth & Kinross Council in the near future.

The minutes were then adopted.

MATTERS ARISING:

Carved Animals in Wallace Park CCllr Watson reported that these were presently being painted and should be returned to the park within the next 4 weeks. The final invoice for materials comes to £167.80.

It is hoped to visit the school before the end of term to announce the winner of the colouring competition. A small prize up to the value of £10 was agreed and the winner will be photographed with the newly painted animals for an article in the Glenfarg Newsletter. *CCllr Watson*

Plans for the Avenue The TRACKS Officer has requested a letter of support from the Community Council. This was agreed in principle and details of what is required will be sought. *Secretary*

Wallace Park Storage CCllr Ponton had reported that the required length to contain the marquee would be 20 feet. CCllr Warder reported that she had so far been unable to contact the correct person at A&J Stephen Builders to discuss possibility of them supplying a storage unit. The original suggestion had been for a shipping container, but it was agreed that some other kind of storage unit might be more aesthetically pleasing. There was concern that planning permission might be needed and the whole issue is to be pursued. *Secretary*

Vehicle Activated Signs The installation is presently taking place. There has been a very positive response from members of the community.

Repairs to wall Duncrerie Road / Wallace Park CCllr Watson reported that she had requested the Community Payback Team to inspect the wall with a view to carrying out necessary repairs. In this inspection, the part of the wall where a tree is pushing

out a particularly large stone was deemed to be dangerous and fenced off accordingly. The parks department had agreed last November that they would remove this tree and make safe the wall at this point. They will now carry out a new inspection within the next few days.

The Community Payback Team advisor was unsure about the possibility of more repairs being carried out, as large stones would need the use of a hoist. He is to inform the CC of the decision.

CCllr Watson

CCllr Watson reported the removal by persons unknown of a wire fence along the wall from the area of the substation to the gate into the park. It was felt unnecessary to pursue this at present.

Damage to Main Street Wall CCllr Watson reported that BEAR Scotland have definitely stated that this is the responsibility of the Perth & Kinross Roads Dept.

POLICE REPORT

As no police officer was present at this point, there was a brief discussion on any observed problems. There had been several reports of a white transit-type van observed in the village whose driver had been acting suspiciously. The usefulness of the Neighbourhood Watch (watch@glenfarg.org) and other social media was commended. Cllr Cuthbert also mentioned the police website Community Watch (<https://www.pkcommunitywatch.co.uk>) which aims to improve communications between the local community, police and other Community Safety Partnership agencies working in the area. Residents are advised to join for up-to-date information.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICE BEARERS

Resignations, for personal reasons, had been received from CCllrs Duncan and H.Taylor. They had been thanked for their service by the Chair and invited to return to the CC in the future if their circumstances allowed.

Planning portfolio – now being led by CCllr Pilmer

Emergency Plan coordinator – Dave Arnold, who initiated the plan, has been approached to take on the role.

Chair & Vice Chair – CCllr Mackenzie reminded the CC that he would be stepping down from the role of Chair at the AGM in May. It is imperative that the other members of the CC discuss amongst themselves who should take on these roles before the AGM.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Expenditures since last meeting – printing of Dec and Feb newsletters £580, Christmas lights installation £270, Salt for spreader £35.96, Micro grant £69.34.

GCC Balance on Account £234.57

GCC Newsletter Account £11,238.99

School Fund £541

Total funds held £11,680.26. It was noted that this will be substantially reduced by the costs of the Vehicle Activated Signs.

PLANNING:

CCllr Pilmer reported on applications since the last meeting.

1. Extension to dwelling house relating to Avalon, Drunzie – Approved
2. Erection of dwelling house in principle on land c/o Duncrevie House – Undecided.
3. Erection of dwelling house in principle on land south of Brampton House – previously rejected but new submission is Undecided
4. Modification to permission for change of house type at plot 1 Drunzie. – Undecided
5. Shire end Solar electrical development permission. – Approved
6. Change of use of the Glenfarg Hotel to 12 numbered flats – Undecided

The CC Planning sub-group had submitted letters of support for objections to Applications 2 and 4 above. Cllr Cuthbert emphasised that the CC needed to submit its own letter of objection on planning grounds to trigger a referral to the Council's Development Management Committee.

Members of the CC Planning sub-group have attended a recent training event organised by P&KC.

FURTHER POLICE REPORT

With the arrival of a police officer, the Police Report was revisited. The officer had noted 3 incidents within the Glenfarg area – 2 reports of suspicious vans, one of which was confirmed as a delivery, and one incident of theft of number plates from a vehicle. It was also noted that there have been reports on our local social media of suspicions of oil theft. The diligence of the local community and the usefulness of social media were commended by the CC.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Secretary reported that the majority of correspondence received was not of interest to the CC, and a small number of items of interest had been circulated to CCllrs.

AOCB:

Glenfarg Tennis Club has reapplied to P&KC for permission to remove the trees on the edge of the tennis courts, and had asked the CC for their support in this matter. Previously, the CC had been reluctant to agree to the removal of the trees, and the P&KC advisor had found against their removal as they do not support the felling of trees unless absolutely necessary. It was decided that the CC would consider this matter when the advice of the expert was available.

Potholes It was noted that there were a considerable amount of potholes in roads around Glenfarg, many of which had been reported by residents and some repairs made. However, the Roads Department's heavy workload was also recognised. CCllr Burlison reported that the potholes were particularly bad on the road from Newhill to Path of Condie, as far along the road as the site of construction work at Templehill. Although it is not possible to say that the damage is due to heavy plant, it was decided to investigate whether the agreement with contractors allows for road repairs to be carried out at the conclusion of construction.

Secretary

Grapevine Email Service CCllr Watson reported that the editor of this service had resigned for personal reasons. Mr Crossey, who had been the standby editor, had agreed to take on the role.

The Newsletter Editor had requested the purchase of 2 pen drives, to be able to transport the latest edition of the newsletter to the proof readers. This was agreed.

The next meeting of the Community Council will be the AGM. This will be held on 9th May 2016 and will be followed by a short Business Meeting.