

## GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF MEETING

Monday 4th July, 2016, 7.30pm Glenfarg Village Hall

PRESENT: CCllrs Ponton (Chair), Arnold, Burlison, Horsman, Loudon, Pilmer, Taylor, Watson,

Also present - Cllr W.Robertson and 1 member of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllr Cuthbert, Cllr Barncale, CCllr Warder

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING. The minutes of the 16th May were adopted.

#### MATTERS ARISING:

Primary School Prize giving Following our gift of the Prize money to the Primary School for their end of term ceremony, the Community Council received a class made "Thank you" card. This card was very much appreciated.

Plans for the Avenue An update discussion took place concerning the status and timescale for the development of the track and its funding. Cllr Robertson confirmed that we had missed the funding window albeit by a small timeslot however the plans for the track improvement are in existence to go ahead as promised. More details to follow at the next meeting. Cllr Robertson.

Wallace Park Storage No details available concerning an update therefore carried forward to the next meeting. CCllr Warder.

Repairs to wall Duncricvie Road / Wallace Park CCllr Watson reported that the Community Payback Team had carried out repairs to this dry-stone wall. Matter now closed.

Damage to Main Street Wall CCllr Watson reported, on behalf of the Community Council, to Councillor Robertson that BEAR Scotland and Perth & Kinross Roads Dep't had not resolved the issue of responsibility for the repair. Cllr Robertson suggested CCllr Watson repeat her request to BEAR, PKC and the Community Pay Back Team thereafter, if failing a positive outcome, to contact him to take the matter up. CCllr Watson and Cllr Robertson

PLANNING: CCllr Pilmer reported

#### Applications

16/00522/FLL for a new dwelling house on site of former lock up, Greenbank Road, Glenfarg.

16/00807/FLL for a new house application with garage and access road on land south of Edendale, Duncricvie Road, Glenfarg.

16/00965/FLL for a new house on land adjacent to The Knowe, Church Brae, Glenfarg.

16/00945/FLL for a new dwelling house on land at Burntlaw, Candy (Candy Farm).

16/00788/FLL 2 LPG tanks (below ground type on old Lomond Hotel site) on land 20 metres

south of Rowan Cottage, Main Street, Glenfarg.

16/01102/FLL Alterations and extension for The Old Bakehouse, Main Street, Glenfarg.

### Approvals

16/00553/FLL Plot 1, Drunzie new house and garage (The CC had written to P&KC Planning & Development in relation to this matter previously),

16/00644/FLL (13/00253/FLL) Plot 2, Drunzie modification of house plan and garage. (No CC objection),

16/00555/FLL Easterton Cottage, Glenfarg alterations with extension. (No CC objection),

16/00651/FLL Shandea, Duncricvie Road, Glenfarg alteration with extension. (No CC objection).

SOCIAL HUB WORKING GROUP (SHWG) In absence of the Social Hub Working Group representative CClr Ponton reiterated that all Minutes of this group are posted on the community website ([www.glenfarg.org](http://www.glenfarg.org)).

A discussion took place amongst the CClrs with regard to:

The activities of the SHWG.

The ongoing discussions that were taking place between the SHWG and the Village Hall Committee with regard to siting an additional facility within the confines of the Village Hall ground or as an extension to the original building. *It was apparent that there is an air of conflicting interests, that the Community Council is not an arbitrator between the two parties and insisted that the Village Hall is for the wider use of the whole community and not by any individual or group. It was agreed that both parties must work together to achieve an amicable common agreement for all Village Hall users both present and future.*

The Community Right To Buy application for the land at the site of the Glenfarg Hotel (and any buildings thereon) failed in its initial submission to the Scottish Government. However, an additional submission will be formatted and presented accordingly.

More information should be readily available about the SHWG through their Minutes as published on the Glenfarg Grapevine, their public meetings or by a future update through the Community Council Minutes.

TREES IN WALLACE PARK It was recognised that the original trees' stumps, following the recent "felling" works, have been turned into additional seating area adjacent to the Tennis Court and that plans are in place to plant shrubbery. The shrubbery planting will require to take place in the autumn (September) with the Community Council recommending that a set of drawings, description of the shrubbery and planned timescale to be made available as soon as possible and by the end of August at the latest. A request for notification and publication to all interested parties on behalf of the Community Council is requested of the Tennis Club. Chairperson of Tennis Club.

Refer to Village Notice Board and future CC minutes.

AOCB:

Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) CClrs Watson, Arnold and Pilmer met with two Perth & Kinross Council Traffic & Network Officers on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am on the Main Street to discuss this ongoing topic of the VAS's not being of the suitable/correct type, incorrect location and merits for agreeing a solution. As a result of the Main Street meeting, discussions and written confirmation from the Principal T&N Officer a solution and proposal was given to the Community Council by CClr Watson.

Firstly, for relocating the North VAS further north towards the 30mph limit (presently located too far south inside the village's 30mph limit) and changing it to a Smiley Face type.

Secondly, the position of the South VAS to remain in its present location although it is to be changed to a Smiley Face type with the additional adjustment of the “activation” monitor to be adjusted to 50m.

Thirdly, for the South 30mph limit signs and location to be moved approximately 50m further south (this point of action will take longer due to a legal action by P&KC through a Road Traffic Regulation order). It was noted and agreed that the existing 30mph signs’ location is close to the beginning of residential properties, the signs are not illuminated (in darkness) individually but relying on overhead street lighting for illumination and an improvement was necessary.

The solution and proposal was accepted by the Community Council whereby confirmation will be sent to the Principal Traffic & Network Officer to proceed with the associated works and to notify the Community Council of the P&KC work timescale.

Payment for the signs and accompanying works is still to be finalised, signed off and this will be clarified in due course by CClr Horsman.

VAS for Duncricvie – An ongoing activity is underway currently to have the Glenfarg VAS’s made movable between two sites. This ongoing activity would not take place prior to the completed works associated with Glenfarg. More details will follow at a later Community Council meeting. CCllrs Watson and Arnold.

Bus timetable It was discussed that a proposal has been made by P&KC in association with the bus operators to review certain services in the evening involving the consolidation of routes 56 and 55X. Cllr Robertson was only able to give a limited point of view based on what he had been made aware of and agreed to assist with any future notifications including the necessity to have a consultation with all interested parties. Cllr Robertson, CCllr Watson.

Microgrant BUD Duncricvie in Bloom group made an application for a grant to purchase an Heavy Duty Strimmer however the Community Council is not against any submission although they did dismiss the grant by taking note that there was a shortfall between the grant request and the actual cost of the machine. It was discussed that one piece of machinery (a motorised grass cutter) that was purchased some time ago was to be and should be used for both Duncricvie and Glenfarg activities with particular grass cutting to be carried out on the pedestrian/cycle route from Stephen Builders Trees to the exit for Duncricvie. On this theme of “shared ownership” the Community Council suggested through CCllr Ponton that both Glenfarg in Bloom and Duncricvie in Bloom should get together, work out who has what in terms of machinery and utilise the items for the benefit of both communities. CCllr Ponton recommended that representatives need to review their association to work together for the common good. The Community Council voiced their full support and applauded both groups for their tireless and wonderful work that they carry out adding that individuals have made and are making considerable contributions at no cost to the wider community (utilising their own expense, tools and workwear). Both Glenfarg and Duncricvie groups to be contacted by the Community Council outlining the need to review machinery and to agree a format for the sharing of their resources. CCllr Warder.

Glenfarg Village Viewpoint position Continuing the proposal to get the Pay Back Team to move the “Glenfarg Viewpoint” sign from its present location at the “question mark” to the top of the path in Duncricvie. After some discussion it was decided to get all CCllrs to view the sign and its intended location and to vote within a week or so on the proposal using e-mail.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme (NHW) CClr Arnold gave an update about the current scheme on behalf of Linsey Penman our local NHW Co-ordinator.

Key Points:

1. Membership now stands at one hundred and four.
2. In the past three months forty-eight alerts from NHW Scotland and Police Scotland have been forwarded to the members. Additionally, five alerts have been raised locally regarding suspicious workers/vehicles and cold callers.
3. Two vandalised NHW signs have been replaced and a new NHW sign erected at the Glenfarg Village sign south of Wallace Park.
4. A leaflet and window sticker drop was made to Duncraevie and Drunzie in June with plans (when more leaflets and stickers are available) to carry out a similar exercise in Glenfarg. CClr Arnold.

Broadband update The village now has Superfast Broadband and it is being made available to the residents who wish for it to be installed through infill and communication activities by BT. Unfortunately for those residents who live outside the village, in our more rural locations, there is no timescale (locally). Should BT notify the CC otherwise we will of course notify our rural community through the Minutes.

Vision It was noted that the results of the Glenfarg Community “Vision” survey have been received fully, results collated and the findings to be made known to the Community Council at our next meeting. CClr Horsman.

Air Space As a result of Edinburgh Airport/the Civil Aviation Authority Air Space project team publishing plans for revised flight paths covering Fife, Lothians and Perth & Kinross to allow adjustment and to cope with future increased flight traffic (both commercial and business/tourist), the Community Council were given an outline by Cllr Taylor and commented further on by those present. Whilst it is not envisaged how the area could be affected with aircraft noise and air pollution it was requested that we are required to examine the matter further. We urge those in the community to refer to an article published “on line” that can be accessed through Google for [www.thecourier.co.uk](http://www.thecourier.co.uk) 16<sup>th</sup> June 2016 and go to the survey site of [Letsgofurther.com](http://Letsgofurther.com) filling in the requested details, make comment and provide feedback to the necessary Air Space project team. Cllr Taylor.

Glenfarg Village Viewpoint CClr Watson started a discussion relating to the Viewpoint’s present location and the fact that it is now being obscured and proposing a relocated position. After some discussion it was decided to get all CClrs to view the sign and its intended location (nearer to Duncraevie or in Wallace Park) and to vote within a week or so on the proposal using e-mail. Any associated works to be offered to and taken up with the Payback Team. CClrs and co-ordination by CClr Watson.

CCllr McKenzie and ex Chairperson. To avoid further misunderstanding the Community Council confirmed that Donald McKenzie has in fact resigned from the CC to pursue further personal interests. We as a CC, as do the wider community, applaud Donald for his years of office, thank him for his leadership and wish him the very best for the future. CClrs.

Next meeting of the Community Council is on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016, 7.30pm in the Village Hall