

GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Monday 5th September 2016
Glenfarg Village Hall

PRESENT: CCllrs Horsburgh, Loudon, Pilmer, Ponton , Warder, Watson

Also present - Cllr W. Robertson and 9 members of the public

CCllr Arnold joined the meeting during Matters Arising

APOLOGIES: CCllr Burlison, CCllr Taylor, Cllr Cuthbert, Cllr Barnacle

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Following a communication from Glenfarg & Duncricvie In Bloom, it was agreed to amend a section of the minutes of the 4th July meeting headed "Microgrant BUD".

' . . . On this theme, the Community Council applauded both groups (GDIB & BUD) for their wonderful work. The CC is keen to encourage the use of all equipment throughout the community. We understand from GDIB that, whilst retaining ownership, the equipment is considered to be a community resource. Subject to people being properly trained in the use of the various pieces of equipment, they are available not only to BUD but to other organisations as well. Being a constituted body, GDIB has also been able to obtain insurance cover and third-party liability.'

MATTERS ARISING:

Wallace Park Storage CCllr Warder reported that she had spoken with Bruce Strachan of Stephen Builders about the changing room and toilet building in Wallace Park. Stephens are to demolish the existing buildings and the CC wished to investigate the possibility of Stephens erecting community storage, especially for the marquee. Mr Strachan reported that no move is expected for the next 8 months. The planning application for demolition is in and any storage structure would require an amendment to the application. Since there are overhead wires, a 9 metre clearance would be required. Stephens are unlikely to be able to help.

Storage for the marquee etc still needs to be investigated. Cllr Robertson suggested KLEO or perhaps local farm buildings belonging to Mr Baillie. *Secretary*

Wallace Park Trees Replacement A member of the Tennis Club present informed the CC that planting would take place in October. Cllr Ponton asked the Tennis Club to supply plans, so that they could be communicated to the community.

Information Sign on the Glenfarg to Duncricvie Path With the growth of trees planted in the area, there is no longer a view of Glenfarg at this site. It was agreed that the sign should be moved to the top of the path as this presented the best viewpoint. The Community Payback Team to be asked to carry out the work. *Cllr Arnold*

Social Hub Working Group A member of the group provided the CC with an update. He reported that, following the Public Meeting about the closure of the hotel, the group had originally been tasked with looking at alternative social premises, but had also becoming involved in fighting the hotel closure.

A Glenfarg Community Company had been formed in order to apply for a Community

Right To Buy and to apply for funding. Their original CRTB was turned down, but there is the possibility of a second application. However, the building would need to be on the market.

Alternatives for licenced premises (ie that catering which was originally provided by the hotel) are being investigated –

- Several sites for an interim solution have been investigated but no headway seems possible at present, although it has been good to see that pop-up events have been successful.
- A replacement building is now the main focus of investigation, either a new build or the purchase of a private building for conversion.

Funding possibilities are also under investigation. CCllr Ponton thanked the group for their work, and it was agreed that the group will continue to keep the CC updated.

Bus Timetable CCllr Ponton had asked the community, via social media, for their comments on the changes. She had received a large number of replies, mostly complaining about gaps in the morning service. The reduced service has produced the following problems -

- Parents are unable to drop children at school and then get a bus to work.
- Young people, whose employment opportunities have been reduced by the closure of the hotel, cannot seek work outwith the village without appropriately-timed transport.
- It appears from the new timetable that the bus from the village to Kinross no longer links with the Park and Ride (to be investigated)
- The timetable should take into consideration connections with other services.

It was decided to form a group to ask for a meeting with the company. CCllr Pilmer agreed to lead and Cllr Robertson to attend. Those members of the community who had sent in replies will be invited to attend the meeting. *CCllr Pilmer*

The Vision CCllr Horsman explained that this had grown out of the Glenfarg Conversation. A questionnaire was circulated in the village, to extract ideas on how we would wish our community to develop. Answers were collated and put in order of priority –

1. Development of Wallace Park
2. Improved amenities
3. Consideration of the needs of children and young people
4. Improved environment

It was agreed to publish these findings in the Glenfarg newsletter *Cllr Horsman* and to use the article to find volunteers to form a Wallace Park improvement group. A member of the public has agreed to lead such a group. Cllr Robertson reported that other communities had formed groups that had worked successfully with PKC to improve their parks.

CCllr Arnold asked about the other developments requested, and it was agreed that we would tackle the highest priority first but would be open to other developments if people came forward as a result of the newsletter article.

Vehicle Activated Signs CCllr Watson reported that the Road Safety Officer had agreed to order the new signs, draw up plans for the new position of the northerly sign and cover the cost of installation work. The CC would be invoiced for the cost of the signs minus VAT.

Work would also begin on the alteration to the Traffic Regulation Order to extend the 30mph speed limit southward. There was discussion on whether PKC had already agreed that this would happen as a result of the Stephen's housing development. This is to be investigated.
CCllr Watson

CCllrs Arnold, Watson and Pilmer had looked at possible locations for a third site at Duncricvie, with a view to moving signs around locations. However, it was felt that there was no location without problems and it was probably not sensible to pursue.

Cemetery CCllr Ponton reported that she had met with the Session Clerk and members of the Arngask Old Graveyard Preservation Group. The group were asking the community about their wishes for the two artefacts of significance that are in need of preservation – the statue of Lady Margaret Barclay and the old church bell-cote. The bell-cote must remain in situ, but the statue could be removed to the church, offered to Perth Museum or kept in place. Cllr Robertson suggested that the statue could be protected by a Perspex case and be a point-of-interest for visitors. A member of the public pointed out that it would still need to be protected from frost. It was decided to await the decision of the church meeting.

A member of the public pointed out that PKC no longer cut the grass in the cemetery and asked Cllr Robertson to request that maintenance be put in place.

CCllr Ponton asked if the village should produce a leaflet for visitor. It was decided to ask the Vision Group to investigate.
CCllr Horsman

PLANNING: CCllr Pilmer reported on applications since the last meeting.

Applications

16/01231/FLL 3 No. dwelling houses on site of Berryhill Quarry, Glenfarg (No CC objection)

16/01142/FLL Dwelling house on land 100m NW of Glendyburn Steading, Glenfarg (No CC objection)

Approvals

16/00788/FLL 2 LPG tanks below ground on land 20m south of Rowan Cottage, Main Street Glenfarg (No CC objection)

16/00971/FLL Conditions of alteration and extension of a development period at East Fordel Farm, Glenfarg (No CC objection)

16/01102/FLL Alterations and extension for The Old Bakehouse, Main Street, Glenfarg (No CC objection)

Refusals

16/00807/FLL Dwelling house with garage at land south of Edendale, Duncricvie Road, Duncricvie (No CC objection)

Enforcement Notices

A member of the community enquired as to the existence of an Enforcement Notice in place for the removal and resiting of a known Agricultural building in the area. This was confirmed by P&KC and that the topic was still ongoing.

Developer Contributions & Affordable Housing Supplementary Guide Contributions
April 2016

<http://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/12623/Planning-and-development-news>

For those considering building a new or rebuilding an existing property it would be to your advantage to read this document found in the Planning Section Website of Perth & Kinross Council to determine if any “developer costs” are due for your “building”. This is a necessary payment in view of Transport, Affordable Housing and related Infrastructure in our Region and is an additional payment for a successful planning application. It is a decisive payment to consider.

CCllr Ponton asked the CC to consider if changes were necessary to the planning sub-group procedures. It was agreed that the sub-group had always had the full support of the CC to carry out its work independently. However, in order to keep everyone informed, the sub-group will now inform all CCs of any objections / contentious issues that arise and allow 24hrs for discussion.

POLICE REPORT:

No police officer was present and no report had been received. It was noted that a couple of worrying incidents had occurred recently, and social media had been useful in passing on information.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Income since last meeting – newsletter donations and advertising revenue £517
Expenditures since last meeting – printing of August newsletter £185, bolts for Wooden Animals £3.30

GCC Balance on Account £101.68

GCC Newsletter Account £11,200.51

School Fund £441. £100 paid for end of year school prizes. It was agreed that, instead of distributing this at present rate, the Head Teacher should be asked if the school would prefer a one-off payment for a specific project *CCllr Horsman*

Total funds held £11,743.19. It was noted that this will be substantially reduced by the costs of the Vehicle Activated Signs.

AOCB:

The Avenue CCllr Watson reported that work would start on upgrading the Avenue on 26th September and run for 4 weeks. All details are as explained by the TRACKS Officer at the CC's January meeting, except that the path would now be extended to the top of the playing field and continued down the field to the back entrance of the school playground. Two springs that have caused flooding will be diverted into drainage.

Ducks and Duck House for the Pond This possibility was discussed, with problems identified as dangers from foxes and buzzards, plus maintenance problems.

PKC Planning Forum Cllr Robertson reported that CCs would be invited to a meeting to decide on the makeup of this forum, which will consider how services are delivered.

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on 7th November 2016.