

# GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
Glenfarg Village Hall

**PRESENT:** CCllrs Arnold, Burlison, Horsman, Pilmer, Ponton , Taylor, Warder, Watson

Also present - Cllr W. Robertson and 8 members of the public.

**APOLOGIES:** CCllr Louden

### MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

### MATTERS ARISING:

Wallace Park Storage ongoing discussions with CCllr Burlison.

Tree Replacement in Wallace Park This has not yet taken place, although we believed it was to happen before the end of the year.

Bus Timetables The changes to the timetable, which came into place in January, were advertised on the website ([www.glenfarg.org](http://www.glenfarg.org)) and the Grapevine (Facebook + email service). There have been some complaints about the changes from residents who use the service.

CCllrs Pilmer and Ponton met with P&KC and were advised that our route is not financially viable. The route, which runs from Perth to Kelty, must fit in with the needs of Perth College. It was agreed that we will need to live with the new timetable for now but could revisit the topic in the future.

Glenfarg Information Sign This has been moved to the Duncriveie end of path. Work completed.

Motorway footbridge Cllr Robertson reported that the muddy area at the far side of the bridge had been improved. P&KC hope that there will be funds available in next year's budget for more improvements in this area.

Old Churchyard Effigy A member of the Preservation Group has asked about any plans for the effigy's preservation. No comments have been received from the community following the article in December's newsletter explaining the possibility of the effigy being moved.

It would be possible to pay for a fibreglass replica to stand in the old churchyard, so that the original could be moved under cover. Cllr Robertson reported that he had spoken to Professor Munro about a safe place for the effigy. Prof. Munro feels that it is too large for Kinross Museum.

After discussion, it was agreed that a replica was not needed as the churchyard was not regularly maintained and it was not likely to be visited often. It was felt that the priority was to ensure the preservation of the effigy, possibly in a museum or perhaps Balvaird Castle. This would require discussion with Historic Scotland. Cllr Robertson to pursue.

### Glenfarg Phone Box

The CC has reiterated its interest in taking ownership of the phone box.

**GLENFARG COMMUNITY COMPANY** : CCllr Ponton reported on the work of the company towards a social hub. The ownership of the ground behind the Village Hall is being explored, as are other possible properties. There is the possibility of the empty building on the Main Street garage's land being developed as a temporary licensed social hub and discussions are ongoing.

**WALLACE PARK DEVELOPMENT GROUP**: Following on from The Vision questionnaire, CCllr Horsman reported that the first meeting has been held of those with an interest in the development of Wallace Park. It was felt that the park was underused and it should be developed for the benefit of all age groups. Those who attended the meeting were fairly representative of such age groups but in the future, village organisations will be invited to send representatives. The group were able to share ideas, which were formulated into a possible map of the park.

The next meeting of this group will be advertised on the Grapevine. Cllr Robertson suggested that the council officer who supports such local developments should be invited to the next meeting. He will supply CCllr Horsman with the contact.

**THE AVENUE**: George Lawrie of TRACKS had noted before Christmas that there was still a certain amount of flooding in the Avenue, although the runoff does not reach Greenbank Road as before. Now that the holidays are over, he will contact the contractors.

It has been reported that the fittings on the gates at the entrance to the playing field are not working well. Cllr Robertson to report to TRACKS.

It was also reported that motorised vehicles had been driving the length of the Avenue. Cllr Robertson advised that, when this occurred, the police should be contacted.

**BUILDOUT AT THE LADESIDE / MAIN STREET JUNCTION** The CC has been provided with plans of the proposed safety changes at this junction. It was agreed that the CC was happy with the plans. PKC is to be informed of our agreement and asked for a timeframe for the work.

*Secretary*

**KINROSS & EARN ACTION PARTNERSHIP CONSULTATION**: An article in the newsletter, asking residents what would make a difference to them and their families locally, had not produced any responses. Cllr Robertson explained that there was funding available to tackle local inequality and deprivation, but the deadline was March this year. Ideas discussed for Glenfarg included a transport service, real-time information on bus arrivals, car sharing, use of empty buildings, social hub.

There was discussion on how we might involve the community in the consultation. A member of the public suggested SurveyMonkey or single questions on Facebook. It was felt that the community has been asked to comment twice in the recent past, for the Conversation and the Vision, and this should give us sufficient information to reply to the consultation.

*Secretary*

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

### Applications

None to report.

### Approved

16/01880/FLL. Alterations and Extension to Dwelling house. Shuttlefauld, Glenfarg

(No CC objection).

16/01699/FLL. Extension to Dwelling house Katiesdyke, Newfargie, Glenfarg (No CC objection).

16/01645/FLL. Erection of electrical substation and hard standing, Temple Hill Windfarm, Glenfarg ref: 14/02051/FLL & 15/00670/FLL (No CC objection).

#### Refusals

16/01655/IPL. Erection of dwelling house, stable and horse breeding unit (in principle), land 400 metres south of Brampton House, Glenfarg (No CC objection).

#### Enforcement Notices

None to report.

A member of the public asked about planned developments in Glenfarg. Councillor Pilmer was able to report that Stephens Builders had no plans to start building on their site in the short term, and the Lomond site was installing the LPG gas tank but was otherwise not progressing the proposed flats yet. Concerns had been expressed about possible flooding in Elm Row during the recent heavy rain. Councillor Ponton reported that Scottish Water had been contacted and she had learnt that the new pumps, installed after the last flooding, were not yet in operation.

#### **POLICE REPORT:**

No police officer was present and no report had been received.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

##### **1. GCC – Balance on Account £524.18**

Expenditures: Village Hall £24

Income: P&KC CC Grant Top Up £478

##### **2. GCC Newsletter Account - Balance £ 11,156.95**

This balance is made up of Newsletter £6,571.56, Microgrant £574.39, Nursing Fund £4,011.00. Councillor Horsman explained that the cost of the VAS on Main Street would need to be met from the Nursing Fund when the matter was concluded.

*Income/Expenditures since last meeting:*

#### **Newsletter:**

Income - £174.50 from shop donation tin.

Expenditures – Newsletter printing £190.40.

It was noted that the suggested donation for the newsletter of £1 was not always forthcoming. At present the shop donations accounted for 85% of the printing costs, and if they fell lower, the CC might have to consider how to encourage a reasonable payment for each copy.

#### **Microgrant:**

Expenditures - Christmas Village Group £92.66. It was reported that the CC had

not received many applications for Microgrant funds this year and applications were therefore welcomed, especially from non-constituted bodies.

### **3. School Fund £441**

No Change

**Total Funds Held £12,122.13**

#### **AOCB:**

Newsletter Computer CClr Watson informed the CC that the newsletter computer, which belongs to the CC, had recently crashed and had to be re-installed. Data had been saved but, to avoid this problem in the future, the Editor was requesting a hard drive for backing up. Two options were suggested and it was agreed to purchase a Seagate drive at £54.99 from the CC's administration grant. *CClr Watson*

Wallace Park Wall It was noted that this had been damaged in a recent accident. CClr Warder has contacted Greenspace who have inspected the area and concluded there is no imminent danger. The wall will be repaired in due course. Members of the public are advised not to attempt to lift the stones themselves.

Christmas Tree Celebrations CClr Ponton asked for feedback on the first Glenfarg Christmas Tree celebration. Those involved were commended for their efforts. They hope to expand on this next Christmas, using the Glenfarg Green for a larger celebration. It was noted that some damage had been done to the lights on the bridge in the Green this year, but it is hoped that a message of 'disappointment in this behaviour' on the Grapevine has ensured that this will not happen again.

**The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on 6th March 2017.**