

**Glenfarg Community Council**  
**Draft minutes of meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

**Present**

Cllrs Armstrong, Arnold, Johnston, MacPherson, Ponton, Vaughan & Watson

**By Invitation**

Cllr Giacomazzi, Tom Black (Foundation Scotland) & PC Pentley

**Members of the public**

There were 8 members of the public present

As Cllr MacKenzie was delayed, Cllr Johnston chaired the meeting.

**Previous minutes**

Corrections – Dog fouling item should read “ throughout the park”, parking Main St/Ladeside junction should read “P&KC Road Safety communication ongoing” , Treasurer's Report Glenfarg District Nursing Association should read “ £6011.63”.

Item omitted - “New road safety signs and markings being provided in Duncrichevie”

With corrections and addition minutes were proposed by Cllr Vaughan and seconded by Cllr Ponton.

**Matters Arising**

1. Road Sweeping – fortnightly schedule for all streets in Glenfarg with exception of Lomond Bank (unadopted road)
2. Flooding at Duncrichevie Road / Ladeside cross roads – gully cleared. Secretary to write to Scottish Water re collapsed section at bottom of Church Brae.
3. Exposed cables at Stephens entrance – Secy has communicated with P&KC and Stephens. Entrance temporary and will be made good when new access established for major works.
4. Neighbourhood Watch – James Mason (NW Co-ordinator) reported that households have been leafleted and invited to sign up to scheme. Mailing list expanding. Signs being obtained.
5. Hall Committee – Cllr Vaughan attended the Village Hall Committee meeting on behalf of GCC. She reported that land work has started and funding is in place. Hall Committee stressed that whilst the Village Hall is a main beneficiary of Fete proceeds the beneficiaries are the hall users. The hall committee do have representatives on the Fete Committee.

**Foundation Scotland**

Tom Black of Foundation Scotland was invited to attend GCC meeting to give guidance on best use of CBF funds, in particular the possibility of seeking independent consultation and public survey. Discussion followed on grant upper limits, GCC awareness of applications need for longer term planning. Tom Black will verify if funds can be accessed in advance in the event of a big project. It was agreed that a public meeting be held to ensure all of the community are aware of processes and that opportunities for community are not lost.

**Community Benefit Fund (CBF)**

At present the upper limit for grants is £2000 and £500 each to GCC and Earn CC for microgrant allocation. Cllr Vaughan proposed that a request for these amounts to be increased to £5000 and £1000 respectively be put to Earn CC, Lochelbank CBF Panel and Foundation Scotland for agreement. Seconded by Cllr Ponton.

## **Treasurer's Report**

GCC account £13,601.28 of which £6000 has been designated for Christmas lights and £6011 Glenfarg District Nursing Association (agenda item May meeting) is restricted. £286 microgrant funds available.

Newsletter account - £3,825.98. Shop donations and renewed annual subscriptions generating £480. At 4<sup>th</sup> March 20 of the 37 advertiser invoices had been paid. Printer has advised increase in future print costs but still reasonable and fully accepted.

School Fund - £841

Microgrant Application – An application from Glenfarg & Duncricvie in Bloom to employ local contractor to clean Glenfarg Green pond was approved.

## **Christmas Lights**

Supplier notified of GCC decision and choice of design will be made from 2013 catalogue. P&KC informed and attaching of brackets will be done in summer. An application has been submitted to CBF to meet shortfall in costs.

## **Planning**

4 applications (1 of which outwith GCC area) have been noted.

2 applications have been approved since Jan meeting.

## **Supporting the role of Community Councils**

Priorities for GCC from the Subjects & Issues Statement were agreed and Secy will advise P&KC.

## **Avenue Trees**

Following on from householders' concerns, a report on the trees along the Avenue was prepared by Andrew Vaughan for the GCC. There are no perceived issues in short term, however in 4-7 year term remedial work will be required. A copy of the report will be sent to the landowner and neighbouring householders.

## **Police Report**

Operation to address rural theft continues. Particular areas of concern theft of agricultural equipment and diesel. Domestic heating oil tanks also being targeted. Public urged to report any suspicious activity to Police on 101 (non emergency) or 999 if urgent. Do not approach suspicious individuals. Fly tipping has been increasing especially of green waste.

## **Correspondence**

Copies of all correspondence has been circulated to CClrs.

Secretary highlighted the communications related to reduction of ground maintenance by P&KC. (Agenda item next meeting)

## **AOCB**

1. Secretary to arrange public meeting re CBF
2. Website – it was agreed not to include businesses
3. Binn Farm Community Forum – report circulated
4. Binn Farm Wind Farm – CClrs Arnold & Macpherson to attend April meeting

**Date of Next meeting – Mon 13<sup>th</sup> May**