

GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Monday 7th November 2016
Glenfarg Village Hall

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

Also present - Cllr M. Barnacle, D. Cuthbert, W. Robertson and 2 members of the public. George Lawrie of TRACKS joined the meeting later.

APOLOGIES: CCllrs Horsman & Louden, Cllr Giacomazzi, PC Atholl Spalding

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

A member of the public pointed out an error in the section on the Social Hub Working Group , and the following sentence was removed –

However, the building would need to be on the market.

MATTERS ARISING:

Wallace Park Storage CCllr Warder reported that she had made enquiries about storage for the marquee and had been quoted £100 per calendar month. It was agreed that this was not an option. Cllr Cuthbert stated that KLEO may purchase an extra container in the future which would provide more space. CCllr Burlison asked the size of the marquee as he may be able to offer storage.

It was questioned whether the marquee is still needed, as the Fun Day did not make use of it. CCllr Taylor reported that the fete committee is to meet in January to decide on next year's event. It was decided to keep the marquee for another year.

Tree Replacement in Wallace Park A member of the Tennis Club reported that planting would be carried out before the end of the year and the CC would be supplied with the plan.

Bus Timetables CCllr Pilmer is to arrange a meeting with Andrew Warrington (PKC) to discuss the matter. CCllr Ponton had asked residents with particular concerns to contact her, and they will also be invited to the meeting.

Vision & Wallace Park CCllr Ponton had asked residents interested in forming a Wallace Park Development Group to contact her. A meeting is to be held. An article on the results of The Vision, which has led to the forming of this group, will appear in the newsletter.

Glenfarg Information Sign CCllr Arnold reported that he had made a request to the Community Payback Team, who had inspected the site. The sign is to be removed to their workshop for renovation before Christmas. New materials may be required, and the CC would need to meet the cost. *(Post-meeting update – work completed)*

Wall on Main Street CCllr Watson reported that contractors arranged by BEAR had repaired this. It was noted that they had made an excellent job of this.

SOCIAL HUB: CCllr Ponton explained that the Glenfarg Community Company has superseded the original Social Hub Group and is exploring all alternatives. On the matter of the hotel, a solicitor's letter asking if the hotel building was for sale had been sent to the owner. The reply had been non-committal, simply enquiring about the funds available to the Glenfarg Community Company.

A second application for a Community Right To Buy is in progress and, as it has overcome the reasons for the original rejection, it is believed it will be successful. As it is important to show that the community is also making an effort towards creating a social hub, fund raising events are being planned.

OLD CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE: Arngask Church has decided that they have no interest in housing the effigy at the church. Despite an article in the newsletter, the community has showed no other interest. If the effigy is left in the churchyard it will further deteriorate. It was therefore thought that it should be offered to the Perth Museum. Cllr Robertson also thought that the Kinross Museum was an option and will speak to them. It was decided to highlight the possibility of a move in the newsletter, to ensure there were no objections.

THE AVENUE: In the absence of Mr Lawrie, who was attending another meeting, it was reported that path and fencing were in place. It was agreed that this was an excellent result and a letter of thanks should be sent to TRACKS. *(Secretary)* Members of the community had requested lighting and dog bins. It is known that neither is possible – no lighting for the Avenue area, and PKC must have road access to empty the bins.

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

Applications

16/01724/FLL. Erection of Dwelling house on site of former lock-up, Greenbank Road, Glenfarg (No CC objection).

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

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).

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

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

Enforcement Notices

Agricultural building in the Hilton of Duncrerie area. This matter has progressed with the Agricultural building being relocated on land opposite the original site.

Consultation matters

Home Office National Emergency Services Network 5143 - Pre-Consultation for the Proposed Telecommunications Mast at Whitehill Farm, Path of Condie.

The Home office in conjunction with the national communication service provider, EE, have proposed that an additional Telecommunications Mast is required for improved coverage for emergency service providers e.g. Police, Fire and Ambulance. In addition, the 2017 4G coverage shall be improved for the area. The proposed mast location is in the vicinity of Whitehill Farm on the Path of Condie

road. I add further that there are no specific details about the mast itself although this should be made apparent in a Planning Application shortly. In conclusion, this Home Office activity for a National Emergency Services network, via a new Telecommunications Mast, will be accepted by P&KC.

Stephen Builders site adjacent to Wallace Park

Although there has been excavation activity and a hard standing entrance constructed adjacent to the main road, the builder's agent assured the CC that no construction work is planned for the foreseeable future. When construction is due to begin the CC shall be notified.

Some concerns were expressed about the derelict state of Smithy Cottage, Greenbank Road and Cllr Robertson offered advice.

Glenfarg Phone Box

Communication has been received from the Development Manager, PKC, regarding the phone box at the junction of Main Street and Greenbank Road. The CC has previously lodged an interest in taking over this box for £1 at some time in the future. BT is now proposing the removal of boxes no longer viable which have not been adopted. Comments should therefore be sent by 21st November. It was decided to reiterate our interest and ask for details of any future costs / liabilities. (*Secretary*)

THE AVENUE (continued):

George Lawrie from TRACKS joined the meeting. He reported that the Avenue project, under the Safe Routes to School scheme, was completed on budget (£30,950). Funding had been provided by Sustrans, Lochelbank CBF and SUEZ UK (previously SITA UK). The school is still awaiting a new bike shed. Mr Lawrie thanked two members of the community who had been instrumental in pushing this project through.

The flooding problem had required work to be carried out in the field adjoining the path, culverts under the path and the gulley pots leading water to the drain at Greenbank Road. There are now rodding points to allow inspection and clearing of obstructions. Residents are asked to monitor drains and report any problems. Feedback is also requested on the restriction zone at the school.

The CC gave it's support to an Opening event being held in the spring, with the cooperation of the school.

POLICE REPORT:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

GCC Balance on Account £70.18 (plus Admin Grant from PKC)

Expense: Village Hall £12, Remembrance Wreath £31.50

GCC Newsletter Account £11,265.51

Income since last meeting – newsletter donations and advertising revenue £255

Expenditures since last meeting – printing of October newsletter £190.

School Fund £441 No change

Total funds held £11,776.69 at 4th November 2016.

AOCB:

Motorway footbridge The ground on the far side of this bridge is extremely muddy, causing problems for walkers and cyclists. Cllr Robertson to contact Roads Dept.

Path to Duncreevie from Wallace Park needs foliage cut back. Greenspace to be contacted. If no success, Community Payback to be approached. *(Secretary)*

Wallace Park A member of the public suggested a circular path around Wallace Park. CCllr Ponton replied that this would be for the Development Group to consider as part of an overall plan for the park. TRACKS would be able to help with this.

Dog Dirt, There has been a significant rise in this problem in Greenbank Road. The dog warden has been contacted in the past. Cllr Robertson to follow up. It was also noted that some dog owners allowed dogs to run loose on the school playing fields. Dog Warden to be asked if signs could be put up banning dogs. Newsletter to carry information on this. *(CCllr Watson)*

Remembrance Service CCllr Pilmer offered to do the reading and lay the wreath on behalf of the CC.

Ladeside Build Out Following safety concern about the Ladeside / Main Street junction, plans for a build-out have been made available to the CC by PKC.

Main Issues Report (Planning) Cllr Barnacle reported that the delay in the period of consultation means that the CC could still feed in any thought eg regarding parking in the village. There was some discussion on the possibility of a one-way system in Greenbank Road. This has been considered in the past but the Road Safety Officer had advised against on the grounds of increased speeds. Cllr Robertson noted that the changes to Victoria Road, Milnathort had not resulted in speeding.

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on 9th January 2017.