

GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Monday 7th May 2018
Arngask Church Hall

PRESENT: CCllrs Pilmer (Acting Chair), Horsman, Loudon, Mcleish, Taylor, Watson

BY INVITATION: Nominated CCllrs Hesel and Mcleish

John Ferguson, Pi Polymer Recycling Ltd and Steve Whiting, Chair of the Glenfarg Community Company, joined the meeting later.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 1 member of public present

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Purves and Watters, CCllr Ponton

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed. Proposed CCllr Taylor, seconded CCllr Loudon

2. CO-OPTION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS:

Nicola Hesel and Helen Mcleish, both having been nominated, were elected.

3. ACTION POINT UPDATES:

An update on action points from the previous meeting were reported as follows –

VAS signs: The new speed signs are in place and working. It was agreed that they were having some effect.

Discharged

Telephone Box Greenbank Road: We have not yet been informed that the box is decommissioned. When this occurs, a decision will have to be made on its use.

Ongoing

Roads and Pavements: At the last CC meeting, we had expressed our concerns about buses bypassing Glenfarg in bad weather due to lack of gritting. Cllr Purves has brought this to the attention of the Roads Dept and asked that the bus route be given higher priority. The planned inspection of roads and paths by Councillors and Community Councillors has not yet taken place.

Ongoing

4. MATTERS ARISING (not covered on the Agenda)

There were no other matters arising.

5. PLANNING REPORT

CCllr Pilmer reported as follows –

Applications

Erection of an Agricultural building on Land 50m west of Fountain Wood, Glenfarg. Ref: 18/00665/FLL. No GCC objection.

Extension of an aerobic facility and various work. Environmental Binn Farm, Glenfarg. Ref: 18/00433/FLL. No GCC objection.

Approvals

Alterations and extension to farm buildings at Colliston Farm Drunzie, Glenfarg PH2 9PE
Ref. No: 18/00161/FLL.

Refusals

Erection of 2 dwelling houses

Land 100 Metres North West Of Glendy Steading, Glenfarg

Ref. No: 18/00433/FLL.

This application and any previous applications concerning this particular site were wholly attributed to P&KC Planning or an Independent party's decision making process.

6. POLICE REPORT

As there were no police in attendance and a report had not been received, CCllr Pilmer commented that the Commander's Bulletin had highlighted the need to be wary of bogus callers.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT:

CCllr Horsman had compiled the Treasurer's Report as follows.

1. GCC – BALANCE ON ACCOUNT £388.07

2. GCC NEWSLETTER ACCOUNT – BALANCE £ 11,793.86

This balance is made up as follows :

	Newsletter	Microgrant	Nursing Fund
		£	£
At 5 th March 2018	7,167.28	310.32	4,011.00
Income	495.00	Nil	Nil
Expenditures/payments	189.74	Nil	Nil
	<u>7,472.54</u>	<u>310.32</u>	<u>4,011.00</u>

Income/Expenditures since last meeting:

Newsletter:

Income – Newsletter shop tin and Advertisers £495

Expenditures – Newsletter Printing £189.74

Microgrant:

Income – Nil

Expenditures – Village Hall and FOWP pending

3. SCHOOL FUND £341

No change

TOTAL FUNDS HELD £12,522.93 at 7th May 2018

It was agreed in principle to approve the application for a Micro Grant for acoustic panels in the hall. However, it is understood that the hall members are to research a better product. Payment will therefore be delayed until a new cost is verified. Applicant is to be informed. *Cllr Pilmer*

The Micro Grant application for start-up funds for the Friends of Wallace Park was approved.

8. WIND FARM DEVELOPMENT:

Cllr Pilmer reported on the meetings he had attended with Cllr Ponton regarding the proposed wind farm development at the Binn Eco Park. These meetings were attended by Greencat Renewables (Scottish renewable energy specialists) and the local community councils (Glenfarg, Bridge of Earn, Gateside and Abernethy).

Planning permission has been granted for four wind turbines, each of 2.2 megawatts, at the Binn site. There is a slight change to the planning previously granted, in that the turbines will be 10m higher but of the same diameter. Offers of finance are in place. It is proposed that the four CC's would share the profits from two of the turbines.

John Ferguson assured the CC that they would incur no liability. Bridge of Earn CC has registered as an initial constituted body to allow a funding application to cover the employment of a professional company to safeguard the rights of the four CCs.

It was agreed to give our support to moving forward to the next stage of this project.

Plastics Recycling System at Binn Eco Park

John Ferguson spoke on the recent planning application for this new project and explained the process. The polymer separation system optically sorts large, rigid plastics collected from households, commerce and industry in order to enable reprocessing and reduce the amount of plastic waste going to landfill or incineration. Hopefully, with this new process, households would be encouraged to recycle all plastics regardless of type.

The chemical pyrolysis recycling system will then be used to process the waste into hydrocarbon products (75%) and other by-products (ash or gas). Should non-condensable gases need disposal, this will be managed through a thermal oxidizer and not through flaring.

It is the company's intention to create a decentralised operation. Smaller processing plants in several Scottish locations will minimize their impact. Up to thirty jobs could be created at Binn Farm. Concern was expressed about increased traffic in the Glen, but this was said to be minimal.

It was agreed that the CC would once again contact the Binn Group, asking them to ensure that drivers adhere to the agreed route ie exiting the motorway at Bridge of Earn and avoiding driving through Glenfarg village. *Cllr Pilmer*

9. GLENFARG COMMUNITY COMPANY:

Steve Whiting, Chair of the Glenfarg Community Company, gave the CC an update on the work of the group. The Glenfarg Hotel closed two and a half years ago. At that time a group began looking at the possibilities for a Social Hub and the company was formed to enable a possible Community Right to Buy.

By the second year it has become apparent that this was not feasible and alternative premises for a social hub had been considered – the Bowling Club, the Village Hall and grounds, Wallace Park, the forecourt of the old petrol station, various private properties. This had taken a substantial amount of investigation.

The company is now concentrating on the possibility of building a licensed social meeting place with bar meals on the forecourt of the garage. Other social hub facilities, such as meeting rooms, cafe etc would need to be accommodated elsewhere.

The Community Council expressed its support for the enterprise.

10. AOCB:

Defibrillator: The CC agreed to find and pay for suitable insurance. *Cllr Horsman*
It was also agreed to negotiate and pay running costs i.e. electricity. *Cllr Pilmer*

Emergency Plan: New community Councillors to be provided with a copy, and others to be provided with updates. *Cllr Pilmer*

Dog Poo: Once again, this gave cause for discussion. It was agreed to remind all dog owners of their responsibilities. It was felt that chalked comments on the pavement would not have the desired effect.

The next meeting of the Community Council

will be held on 2nd July, 7.30 in the Village Hall