

GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL - MINUTES OF MEETING

Monday 4th March 2019
Glenfarg Village Hall

PRESENT: CCllr Ponton (Chair), CCllr Fraser, CCllr Loudon, CCllr Pilmer, CCllr Taylor, CCllr Watson.

Also present: PKC Cllr Barnacle, PKC Cllr Purves, PKC Cllr Robertson, PKC Cllr Watters, and one member of the public.

APOLOGIES: CCllr Horsman, PC Stapleton.

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 new GCC Councillor:

All CCllrs agreed to the co-option, and Douglas Fraser was welcomed to the Community Council by Margaret Ponton.

3. ACTION POINT UPDATES:

Phone box: The Glenfarg Improvement Team has agreed to paint the telephone box when conditions are suitable. There was discussion on a format, with some possibility of the school being involved in a design, but it was agreed to repaint the metalwork red at first and reconsider at a later stage. CCllr Watson reported that she had seen the box in Kinnesswood, which had two walls of free-standing bookshelves and one plain wall with racks for leaflets etc. It was agreed that this would be suitable for the interior.

HGV Traffic: CCllr Pilmer confirmed that he had written to Binn Group regarding the route and speed of HGV through the village. He also contacted PC Stapleton who visited the site and spoke to management. Speed checks have been taking place.

Skip at Duncreevie: This has now been removed. A note of thanks had been received from a local resident.

Crash Barrier: CCllr Pilmer confirmed that he had written to Stuart D'All of the Roads Department, requesting consideration be given to crash barriers being installed through the glen. The request had been passed on to the appropriate person. Cllr Robertson had also contacted the Roads Dept. Issue to be pursued again on grounds of safety. *(CCllr Pilmer)*

CCllr Fraser asked who was responsible for fallen branches overhanging the road and impeding drivers. This should be reported to the Roads Dept.

Village Hall: Cllr Pilmer confirmed that a letter had been sent to the Hall Trustees, giving the CC's support to the project and requesting frequent liaison between the two bodies, preferably by the attendance of a community councillor at Trust meetings. A letter of reply suggested that a CCllr would need to be a co-opted member or a Trustee of the group. It was decided to pursue the matter of regular, bi-monthly updates, which could be discussed at CC meetings. *(CCllrs Pilmer and Loudon)*

Gala Day: CCllr Taylor confirmed that, after a village meeting, two volunteers have begun planning for this summer's Gala, which will take place on 8th June.

4. SCHOOL LIASON

Cllr Purves reported that he had attended meetings at the school. He commented that arrangements were working well and there were no issues of concern. There has not been any increase yet in the school roll from new housing. PKC's allowance of 2sq m per pupil could be dropped down to the statutory minimum of 1.7sq m if it is the difference between a pupil moving to the area getting a space or having to go to school elsewhere.

5. PLANNING REPORT

CCllr Pilmer reported on the notified Applications and Decisions:

Applications

None to report.

Decisions

Renewal of permission 16/00644/FLL (Modification of 11/00277/FLL change of house type and garage)

Land North West Of Gwendoline Row, Drunzie, Glenfarg. Status: Approved

Ref. No: 18/02098/FLL Erection of a garage

Inveraray House, Drunzie, Glenfarg, Perth PH2 9PE. Status: Approved

Ref. No: 18/02169/PAA Erection of a general purpose agricultural shed

Land 50 Metres North West Of Glendy Steading, Glenfarg. Status: Refused

Other

Ref. No: 18/02174/FLL Change of use of dwellinghouse to form extension to village hall (Class 10) and ancillary restaurant (Class 3)

The School House, Greenbank Road, Glenfarg PH2 9NW. Status: Withdrawn

Ref. No:18/02152/FLL Change of use, alterations and extension to steading to form a holiday accommodation unit

Steading 50 Metres South West Of Wood Side Glenfarg. Status Withdrawn.

6. POLICE REPORT

As no police officer was present, CCllr Pilmer read out the report.

No major crime incidents to report on in our area however, with consideration to Rural Crime, there have also been a number of thefts of fuel across the area including thefts from tanks situated within domestic gardens and yard areas. This results in a significant loss to both residential and commercial owners and they have the added cost of repairing damage to tanks or other property linked to the crimes. Planting shrubs or installing fences around fuel tanks to hide them can help prevent these thefts. In rural environments good security is essential and acts as an effective deterrent against crime. Rural property owners should consider reviewing their current security to ensure it is sufficient, including: Repairing Gates/replace with fencing, Hide contents using grilles on windows, lock property away, beware of suspicious callers/vehicles, use PIR lights/install CCTV

Space Heater was stolen after a storage container was broken into at Allison Fencing, East Fordell, **Glenfarg**. The break-in occurred between Friday 22nd and Monday 25th February. (CR/5185/19)

As we receive reports of crime, the information is shared on <https://www.pkcommunitywatch.co.uk>

Guidance on how to protect your property is available via Community Watch as well as on the Police Scotland Website - www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/secure-your-home

www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/secure-your-garden-and-outbuildings

www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/rural-crime

www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/keep-your-bicycle-secure

Guidance on how to deal with and report bogus callers can be found at - www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/personal-safety/doorstep-crime-and-bogus-callers

For information on vehicle and personal property security please go to - www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/secure-your-car
www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/secure-your-valuables

7. TREASURER'S REPORT:

CClIr Horsman had supplied a Treasurer's Report as follows.

1. GCC – BALANCE ON ACCOUNT £430.09

Income – Nil

Expenditures – Village Hall Rental £12 Glenfarg Web Hosting £84

2. GCC NEWSLETTER ACCOUNT – BALANCE £ 11,680.99

This balance is made up as follows :

	Newsletter	Microgrant	Nursing Fund
		£	£
At 7 th January 2019	7,370.84	947.15	4,011.00
Income	126.00	Nil	Nil
Expenditures/payments	524.00	250.00	Nil
	<u>6,972.84</u>	<u>697.15</u>	<u>4,011.00</u>

Income/Expenditures since last meeting:

Newsletter:

Income – Newsletter shop tin £126

Expenditures – Newsletter Printing £212 Christmas Street Lights £312

Microgrant:

Income – Nil

Expenditures – GSWI £250

3. SCHOOL FUND £241

No Transactions

TOTAL FUNDS HELD £12,352.08 at 4th March 2019

8. AOCB:

Elm Row Pumping Station: CCllr Ponton reported that a temporary barrier has been in place here for over two years and three local residents had written to Scottish Water asking for this issue to be resolved. Correspondence is to be forwarded to our four Councillors. *(Cllr Ponton)*

Cycle counter: CCllr Ponton asked about the box on the pavement by the bus stop at Paris Bridge. Cllr Robertson informed her that it was a cyclist / pedestrian counter.

Kinross-shire Fund: CCllr Ponton had attended a Kinross-shire Fund meeting for the distribution of £50,000 to local groups. It was noted that only one application had been received from Glenfarg.

Scottish Water: After concerns were raised on the Grapevine about the high chlorine levels in the local water supply, CCllr Fraser met with a representative from Scottish Water. He explained that the local water supply feeds East Fife. Since water at the far boundary must reach statutory standards, there is a requirement for higher levels of chlorine near the source ie Glenfarg. The level must not exceed 5 parts per million chlorine, but the level in Glenfarg was found to be 1 ppm chlorine and below. Scottish Water has not closed this case and is closely monitoring the situation. Details of contacts are to be sent to our Councillors. *(CCllr Fraser)*

Transport in the Community group: CCllr Fraser attended the second meeting of this group. Its aims are to share knowledge and experience of transport issues, and take a joined-up approach to resolving such issues. Among issues discussed were the purchase of community minibuses (purchase of second hand minibuses from PKC is not viable) and difficulties for Rural Outreach volunteer drivers obtaining insurance.

Cllr Barnacle informed the meeting that the PKC Transport Fund had a deadline for applications of the end of May. He has instigated a survey, to be put out by Kinross-

shire CCs, to ascertain local transport requirements – deadline 5th April. The CC agreed to circulate the survey through the shop, notices on the Grapevine, and a letter drop where possible. *(Cllr Watson)*

Winter Gritting: Cllr Pilmer has received a request from the Roads Dept for feedback on winter gritting and snow clearing. It was felt that issues had not changed since last year, when we consulted with the local community, and that we should respond in the same fashion. *(Cllr Pilmer)*

Friends of Wallace Park: Cllr Watson reported that a Volunteers Day was to be held on 27th April 10am-1pm

Glenfarg Arts Project: Cllr Watson reported that GAP is to hold the bi-annual Art Exhibition on the weekend of 4th/5th May.

Glenfarg Newsletter: Cllr Watson reported that the newsletter was now being produced quarterly and the March issue had just been published with a colour front cover. The treasurer was still pursuing some advertisers but there had been no substantial drop in advertising since the change.

Christmas Lights: Cllr Ponton has looked into the possibility of extending the Christmas lights to the southern end of Main Street. This would involve another 7 lamp-posts at an extra cost of around £4000 plus an extra cost to PKC for storage. Other suppliers/ sponsors are to be investigated. *(Cllr Fraser)*

Consultation on Fireworks: A public meeting is to be held at Perth Leisure Centre on 19th March (afternoon and evening) to consult on the sale and use of fireworks. Information is to be circulated via the Grapevine. *(Cllr Watson)*

Proposed Green Route: Cllr Loudon asked about progress on the proposal for an additional Green Route to the west of Glenfarg. Cllr Robertson to pursue.

CC Planning Group: Cllr Loudon stepped down from this group. It was agreed that Cllrs Pilmer and Taylor were able to carry out the duties of this group.

Proposed Devolved Committee for Kinross-shire: Cllr Barnacle informed the meeting that he was pushing for the setting up of a devolved committee for Kinross-shire, with local elected members who could take decisions on local matters. This was the case in other councils, such as Fife, and could be the first step towards devolved committees throughout Perth and Kinross Council.

PKC Budget Process: Cllr Barnacle informed the meeting that he is making suggestions for changes to the budget process. He felt this was necessary as, by publicising proposals that were unlikely to be passed, members of the public could be unnecessarily concerned.

**The next meeting of the Glenfarg Community Council
will be held on Monday 13th May 2019, 7.30 in the Village Hall.**