

Glenfarg Community Council Business Meeting Monday 6th September 7:30pm

Agenda

Welcome

1. Apologies
2. Approval of last Business Meeting Minutes
3. Action Points
4. Glenfarg Hotel
5. Covid
6. Reports for virtual meetings
7. Planning Report
8. Police Report
9. Finance Report
10. AOCB

Lochelbank Wind Farm Covid recovery fund. Speed limit A912 adjacent to Balvaird Castle.

Welcome

GCC Chair, CClr Ponton, thanked her fellow CCllrs for their attendance. CClr Ponton expressed her thanks and welcomed the new CCllrs to the GCC meeting.

CCllr Ponton, for the benefit of the new CCllrs, explained what the purpose of the GCC is and what it does with respect to business and support activities for and within the community. She asked each of the existing CCllrs present to state their official role and what they carry out on behalf of the GCC. The new CCllrs were invited to say a few words too.

Attendance: Invited attendees - CClr Ponton, CClr Pilmer, CClr Fraser, CClr Christie, CClr Horsman, CClr Macpherson, CClr Murray, CClr Macleod and one member of the public.

Apologies – PKC Cllrs Purves, Robertson and Watters.

Approval of 5th July's Business Meeting Minutes. CClr Ponton raised the matter of a letter received in relation to the Meeting's Minutes and in particular Minute Item number 6. The author of the letter raised the points of public notification regarding the announcement of a GCC Business Meeting and had requested a retraction of

certain stated matters. In response to the author's letter the GCC stated the following:

Notification about the GCC's Meeting dates, January to November 2021, is displayed publicly on the GCC Notice Board and a forthcoming Meeting date is stated at the end of the current reported Minutes. Current Minutes are on display in the GCC Noticeboard and published in the Glenfarg Newsletter.

Confirmed that there had been a delay by what method a meeting (to be held on the 6th September) would take place, a selected venue's ability to hold a meeting whilst observing the current rules about Covid social distancing in an enclosed space and restricted numbers attending. Confirmation of the agenda and a venue for invited persons only wasn't announced publicly until Friday 3rd September.

Agreed that the Minutes as stated as a "Draft" had in fact been approved following the GCC Business Meeting of the 5th July by "electronic agreement" by the GCC Cllrs and PKC Cllrs. Subsequently, the Minutes were recorded with PKC. The GCC agreed to amend the future Minutes accordingly to omit the word "Draft." The GCC adds further to the point that this original method of recording, publishing of the Minutes has been well established for many years. The word "Draft" to be removed and all forthcoming Business Meeting public Agendas and or Minutes will make a reference to Approved Minutes and, if required, ask for comments.

A further request, by the letter author, was made to retract certain references on a matter of protocol and the removal of recorded facts from the Minutes. This retraction and removal request was not accepted because the Minute followed protocol in relation to the topic and that a public official's title, name were recorded as fact and evidence of what had taken place during the Business Meeting regarding the matter as a whole.

The Minutes were accepted as they stand by the Cllrs and confirmed by previous proposer Cllr Fraser and seconded by Cllr Christie.

The Chair and or the Secretary will write to the author. *Action Cllrs Ponton and Pilmer*

3. Action Points update

Roads and Pavements

Cllr Fraser stated that he had been in touch with PKC Cllr Robertson and that the relevant PKC department responsible for the maintenance/repair of roads, pavements and gully cleaning have been notified. It was noted, with frustration, that the GCC cannot "force" PKC to carry out all repairs in a speedy manner because PKC have to record and plan maintenance/repairs throughout their operational area. Matters will be dealt with however it was noted that communication to the relevant PKC departments and PKC Cllrs shall continue so that our Village's requirements are dealt with. *Action Cllr Fraser and PKC Cllr Robertson*

It was noted further that water soaking away from the Duncreevie Road towards the Wallace Park has had its route altered adjacent to a verge that may affect the drainage via Wallace Park's boundary with Copperfields. This will be monitored by Cllrs to determine if there is a problem and will be reported to both the Builders of Copperfields and PKC.

Action Cllrs

Glenfarg Hotel

To be discussed under item 4. of the Agenda.

Covid Recovery Fund Lochelbank Windfarm

Cllr Pilmer confirmed that a public launch by Foundation Scotland management of the Lochelbank Wind farm fund had taken place for the 6th September. To be discussed further under AOCB.

4. Glenfarg Hotel

Cllr Ponton reported that the Hotel had recently been offered up for a public auction. This original auction had not been followed through completely and a new auction was to take place sometime in the near future. The Hotel topic was debated by the Cllrs and it was recorded that the Hotel was now in a financial condition of Administration. It is a sad event that a once fine building has fallen in to a state of disrepair. It was noted further that whatever future events take place it would be a sad state of affairs if the building was ultimately demolished. It is not a path that the village wish to see befall such an iconic building should matters take a turn for the worse.

5. Village Post Service.

Cllr Ponton stated that the Post Office Counters business had been contacted and a meaningful discussion took place with regard to the Postal Office vehicle breaking down, the resultant failure of service to this and other communities. A solution of a visiting Post Master to the Village Community Hall was discussed although due to Covid matters this was not an option. Further assurance was sought as to the reliability of the Post Office vehicle and it was hoped that further disruption would be prevented/lessened. PKC Cllrs Robertson and Purves are aware of the matter and it was suggested that the matter should/could be taken up with PKC. The GCC noted further that there are many communities losing their local Post Office service (as found in certain shops) due to a change in contract between Post Office Counters and the shop Group owners. An update from Cllr Ponton will be made accordingly.
Action Cllr Ponton

6. Reports on Virtual Meetings

Cllrs Ponton and Fraser reported that they were attending virtual meetings with Kinross-shire Better together. No major items affecting Glenfarg were stated.

7. Planning Report

Cllr Christie reported the following:

Reference	Date	Applicant	Details	Action / Decision
21/01182/AML	07/08/2021	Mason	Erection of dwelling house 70 mtrs South East of Deuglie Croft, Glenfarg	Awaiting decision
21/00784/FLL	26/08/2021	Stewart	Formation of decking area and canopy at Wester Deuglie Steading, Glenfarg	Approved
21/01296/FLL	06/09/2021	Monarch Homes Ltd	Erection of a dwellinghouse at Land 20 Metres North of Sithara, Drunzie, Glenfarg	Awaiting decision

Cllr Pilmer reported that Scottish Water is carrying out a Project Plan for the location of a proposed additional 1million litre Storage Tank adjacent to the existing Water Treatment plant. No plans have been lodged with PKC Planning presently.

8. Police Report

Cllr Pilmer reported that there were no major crimes recorded in relation to the village. One crime of a stolen vehicle (not from Glenfarg) had been reported via social media.

Police Scotland's Official Commander's Bulletins for our area are still reported on social media weekly.

9. Finance Report

Cllr Horsman reported the following:

TREASURER REPORT 6th September 2021

1. GCC – BALANCE ON ACCOUNT £576

Income – Nil

Expenditures – Nil

2. GCC NEWSLETTER ACCOUNT – BALANCE £5678

This balance is made up as follows:

Newsletter Microgrant

£

At 5 th July 2021	5110	1 310
Income	248	Nil
Expenditures/payments	990	Nil
	4368	1 310

Income/Expenditures since last meeting:

Newsletter:

Income – £248 from Advertisements/Donation tin

Expenditures – £222 Danscott Printing costs, £768 Christmas Light cost

Microgrant:

Income – Nil

Expenditures – Nil

3. SCHOOL FUND £0

Final cheque for £141 paid to school and account will be closed

TOTAL FUNDS HELD £6254 at 6th September 2021

9. AOCB

Lochelbank Windfarm Covid recovery Fund launch

CCllr Pilmer reported that the fund through a grant allocation of up to £500 per application has now been launched to two local Community Council Wards by Foundation Scotland (FS) with an article appearing in local newspapers and on FS's Website. The sum of £10,000 is set aside until December 31st 2021 for allocation by Glenfarg and Bridge of Earn Community Councils. This grant money is to be allocated to groups or bodies that have been disadvantaged during the Covid Pandemic where they have suffered or are suffering a financial loss within their represented group/body for "start up." Allocation for funds could be for PPE, Covid related items/equipment or for items/equipment that have had to or will require to be replaced because of expiry dates/lack of use rendering them redundant. Any other reasonable request would be considered too. Further information and an application form can be obtained from the GCC via CCllr Pilmer at secretary@glenfarg.org.

A poster will be displayed in the GCC Notice board, The Village Community Hall Notice Board and through other media avenues for the Glenfarg Ward.

Action CCllr Pilmer

Speed limit A912 adjacent to Balvaird Castle

Cllr Macpherson raised the matter of a housing development located on the A912 in the immediate area of Balvaird Castle and that the exit and entrance to the development was from and to a single carriageway with a national speed limit of 60mph. A member of the public had reported the matter of residents' concern to Cllr Macpherson stating that a number of occurrences of encountering fast traffic at the entrance/exit was a concern for the residents. The GCC, on behalf of Cllr Macpherson, was requested to contact PKC for a review of this particular area's 60mph speed limit single carriageway with the outcome expected following a review of the single carriageway and present speed limit to be a reduced to a new limit of 40mph. Secretary to contact PKC. *Action Cllr Pilmer*

Advertising on Glenfarg CC Facebook page

It was agreed that advertising on the GCC FB Page would continue to be accepted provided that a vendor agrees to taking out a paid advertisement in the Glenfarg Village Newsletter. The money raised is used to provide much needed funding for community related matters within the village. It was recorded that a vendor had side stepped the GCC FB page and Newsletter to advertise its business in another local social media outlet.

Roads, pavements, stonework repairs and gully cleaning

Two members of the public raised this matter via email letter. As previously stated in Agenda Item3. PKC have been notified through our local Cllrs and are being kept notified about the lack of progress and public concern. It is a frustration for all pavement and road users be they local or visitors or business and the GCC and local PKC Cllrs have had the matter escalated to the relevant PKC department for action. However, PKC has a wide geographical area and with resources of funding and or manpower or weather-related problems limiting our village's needs, then patience is required. The problems will be tackled in due time. GCC Cllr and PKC Cllr to take action with reminders and requests. *Action Cllr Fraser and PKC Cllr Robertson*

Overhanging vegetation and obstructions

A member of the Public raised the following concern about overhanging vegetation and objects obstructing pavements within the village. We ask all residents of property to ensure that all overhanging vegetation/obstructions are removed so that members of the public, especially children, aged, infirm and Mobility aid users are not "forced to deviate" on to the roads. Please be aware that if a particular property/residence overhanging vegetation is reported to PKC then PKC will enforce

action. If PKC have to remove the vegetation the resident of the property/residence will be sent a bill. A statement will be made via the GCC Facebook page and the Grapevine. *Action CCllrs Pilmer and Macpherson*

An obstruction on a pavement such as a parked vehicle

A member of the public raised this matter of concern. Please note that an amendment to the Highway Code may be enforced by Police Scotland and an offending vehicle may be reported as causing an obstruction resulting in a fine. Please Park with care. This will ensure that pavement users will be able to remain safe and not be forced to deviate on to the road. Any member of the public who is inconvenienced can pursue the matter via Police Scotland.

Pavement Maintenance and devolved to communities query. A member of the public asked about this topic. Local communities in Scotland may or may not have the facility, through their local Council, to become involved in lesser matters within the community through localised funding initiatives. This matter is ongoing and would/could be managed through a local group/committee/other party to oversee local needs/requirements. The GCC has no further news about this matter although it will update the community when further information is available.

Possible abandoned vehicle on Main Street.

A member of the public raised this matter of concern. It was stated that one vehicle in particular has the front part of its bodywork missing and that the vehicle appears to have been left. Should a vehicle be of notable concern then the GCC's advice is that any member of the public can report the matter directly to Police Scotland or PKC This particular matter will be reported to PKC via our local PKC Cllrs by the Secretary. *Action CCllr Pilmer*

Land ownership for two strips of land to the north and south of the village main street involving Glenfarg & Duncreevie in Bloom (GDIB)

A member of the public queried ownership of two strips of land. The GCC reply is that it is not aware of who owns the land ultimately and is only aware of what is known presently by GDIB – one attending CCllr is an active member.

That is 1) the strip of land, verge, adjacent to the hedging on the RHS of the Main Street exiting southbound that has public lights on it would fall under the ownership of PKC to the best of the GCC's knowledge. Unless a member of the public knows differently. 2) the strip of land on the RHS of the village, at its northbound exit, was allowed to be looked after by GDIB following an historical and previous discussion with PKC providing that any planters are of the removable type.

Village Pub topic

CCllr Macpherson reported on the historical matters relating to the Village Pub topic and his involvement with the Village Pub group e.g., what has happened in the past, what has taken place recently and what would be a future outcome. This may or may

not involve the Hotel, Village Community Hall ground or other ground within the village. The GCC suggested and agreed in principle that a public meeting may be needed to help to resolve differences and/or find common ground between the Community Hub and Community Pub committees. However, CClr Ponton had suggested recent developments may have gone some way to resolving these issues to both sides' satisfaction.

Kinross Transport forum

CClr Fraser reported that there were ongoing discussions within the forum and with PKC's Mrs Roy about public transport throughout the Glenfarg, Kinross and Crook of Devon areas. The topic of the service provider and what may or may not be able to be adapted was discussed such as the X56. A survey was also discussed that would involve finding out what would benefit school attenders and their use of an evening Bus Service. CClr Fraser to carry on with his forum activities and to investigate and implement a survey. *Action CClr Fraser*

Meeting closed at 10:00pm

Date of next meeting is Monday 25th October at 7:30pm. This particular evening will be the GCC Annual General Meeting and Business meeting combined. Details of a venue/virtual and Agenda to be confirmed nearer that date.

Please note that the planned GCC meeting date on the 1st November at 7:30pm is now cancelled.

