

Glenfarg Community Council Business Meeting 7:30pm, Monday 8th January 2024, Glenfarg Village Hall.

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Date of next Business Meeting

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Attendees: CCllrs Fraser, Pilmer, Christie, Murray, Ponton, MacLeod, Smart. PKC Cllr Freshwater, and four members of the public.

Welcome by the GCC Chair, CCllr Fraser, whom wished everybody well and a Happy New Year for 2024.

1. Apologies: PKC Cllrs Cuthbert and Robertson, Police Scotland PC Samson

2. Approval of last Business Meeting Minutes

CCllrs Fraser and Murray

3. Police Report

In PC Samson's absence CCllr Pilmer advised on the following:

28 calls and two crimes reported.

Traffic statistics: Community officers are aware of complaints about speeding in Glenfarg. These have been added to the Speeding Matrix and Police Scotland will make every effort to carry out speed checks across the area during their patrols.

Check out the Twitter page of @PSOPerthKin or #KinrossCPT and feel free to follow.

4. Action Points

Overgrown Path. CCllr Pilmer reported that he had inspected the area of concern in relation to a footpath from Copperfields to Callford Brae adjoining Main Street. The footpath has become overgrown with vegetation and needs being landscaped. Photographs and a written statement were passed on to PKC's Cllr Robertson who was to pass the matter on to the relevant PKC department for remedial activity to be carried out.

5. Meetings – Virtual and Public

Speedwatch meeting. CCllr Ponton had attended a local Speedwatch community meeting recently and reported that it was very positive with funding in place. A Speed Monitor device is planned for purchase and the next stage is for members of the community to be encouraged to apply for a volunteer's position. Trainee positions are looking to be filled (a pool of as many as possible) and they would operate in local areas. The matter is to be advertised locally through media and will outline the recruitment process and likely subjects e.g. H&S, GDPR, use of equipment, what to do and not to do, on-line training, discussion with the Police. Further information will be made public nonetheless, a website to assist is www.communityspeedwatch.org. It was discussed further about engaging with the local primary school to design a poster for public display. *Further action to be carried out by CCllrs Ponton and Pilmer*

Sustainability Group meeting (Wind Turbines) CCllr Ponton reported that the SG meeting had a visit by another CC group to share information regarding the setting up of a combined group with the aim of communicating and negotiating with potential energy developments. Glenfarg is working with another 6 neighbouring CCs to find the best way forward for the community.

Kinross- shire meeting. CCllr Smart reported that he had attended the meeting on behalf of the GCC and that the topic of Biodiversity/Maintenance was raised. CCllr Smart outlined that PKC had vision of “cutting back” on the amount of Grass/other vegetation activities that it carries out that in turn would/could create a more biodiverse existence for its many greenspaces within Perth and Kinross. Whilst the benefits could be realised – rewilding, plants, birds, maintenance costs, direct labour reductions, it was met with a concern that areas of greenspace could become overgrown and unkempt. It was noted further that green areas relating to road way footpaths with verges and junctions’ “line of sight” for pedestrians, other vulnerable groups and vehicle users may be compromised with safety as a fact of being at risk. The vision was met with concern and that in our area it would need to be monitored such as our local junctions and path ways, our Wallace Park, and other areas. CCllr Smart reported further on a discussion about a network of paths featuring North/South and East/West in the area as a vision for a national path route.

Scottish Water Glenfarg Water Treatment Works upgrade. CCllrs Fraser and Christie are part of the Liaison Group, along with representatives from Scottish Water and the project team, who in turn reported on a recent meeting. Notes of the meeting are available for reading on the Community Council page of the Glenfarg.org village website. CCllr Fraser confirmed that this would be the relevant reference point for information relating to the topic and that it was conveyed to the Ward area through email and social media. CCllr Fraser commented on the willingness of Scottish Water to listen to concerns plus the objections from the original planning application and to work with PKC Planning to address all matters. Matters such as a footpath extension from Church Brae to Glendy junction, locating a parking area on Church Brae/Lomond Bank and the possibility of a Community Benefit Fund were raised too. It was understood at this GCC Business meeting that no formal planning approval has been granted to date. The GCC believes that the matter is pending and that we should be notified of a PKC Planning decision mid to late January 2024 at the earliest.

Lochelbank Wind Farm Panel meeting. CCllr Pilmer reported that, at the last LWFP business meeting, chaired by Foundation Scotland in November 2023, a funding application on behalf of the local Scout Group had been made for: the purchase of a Steel Shipping Container, the requisite associated works and that its proposed siting would be within the grounds of the Village Hall. CCllr Pilmer confirmed that he had not supported the funding application and offered an alternative solution but that the matter was still pending given the facts that the funding application was not made known formally to the newly formed Trustee committee for the Village Hall nor that a Planning application had been submitted to PKC Planning. The new Chair of the Village Hall Trustees, who attended the GCC business meeting, confirmed that the matter was unknown and that he would contact Foundation Scotland directly. He requested CCllr Pilmer to forward on to him the contact details of Foundation Scotland’s LWFP representative. *Action CCllr Pilmer*

Addendum: A Lochelbank Community Fund Grants Poster is displayed in the GCC Notice Board and the next round for Funding applications will close on Tuesday 13th February. Thereafter the other dates are Tuesday 18th June and Tuesday 24th September 2024.

6. Flooding Issues

CCllr Christie and R. Stewart PKC (Flooding) had carried out a walk and visual survey of The Avenue and related areas where water is flooding through gardens, encroaching properties, and affecting the Greenbank’s Road, Avenue and Crescent and the Main Street too. It was discussed that drains, gullies, culverts sump or sumps require to be inspected and cleaned with a particular requirement for drains to be inspected by a Camera Survey. Some work was believed to have been carried out although further work is now a necessity. It was confirmed that another area of flooding exists at the junction of Main Street and Marinden Park whereby Scottish Water had attended. However, it is believed that drainage is a factor to this problem and that it will require to be addressed by PKC.

A bilge pump was discussed as a public asset for use in an emergency by known/possible property/properties once again. However. it was noted that a property’s owners in Greenbank Road had now purchased their own piece of equipment to alleviate a potential flooding threat. Update for March GCC business meeting. *Action CCllr Christie*

7. Village Inn Update

A member of the public gave an update on the latest news about this topic. That the existing liaison group between the Village Hall Trustees, Village Inn representative and GCC's Cllr has been suspended. The reason being, because on behalf of the Village Inn group working in association with the new Village Hall Trustees, a new Architect has been engaged along with a surveyor for part of the Village Hall Schoolhouse to have a report and drawings constructed to give a vision on a future relationship with the community facilities. This was met with approval by the those in attendance and it is hoped that a new vision can now take place formally with the public being invited for comments. Another update will be forthcoming at the next GCC business meeting. *Action member of the public.*

8. Glenfarg Transport Group

CCllrs Smart and Fraser reported that the GTG is continuing to going from strength to strength. GTG have recently received excellent coverage in the public media and that the community bus ownership was being increased with another vehicle now amounting to six. Passenger weekly use numbers had increased with the number of 400 being recorded recently. Cllr Smart stated further that early in 2024 the CTG plan to operate a trial for an Hourly Service to Perth with flexibility built in allowing for drop off/collection places. It is hoped that the Scottish Government Minister for Transport will make a visit and that more community trips are planned for a social aspect timetable – Stirling, Livingston, Glasgow SECC. More information to follow at the next Business Meeting. *Action Cllr Smart.*

9. Planning

CCllr Christie reported on the following:

Reference	Date	Applicant	Details	Action / Decision
23/01876/FFL	08/11/2024	Burgess	Change of use of building to dwellinghouse and associated works Land 15 Metres South East Of Woodbine Cottage Duncrievie	Awaiting decision
23/01838/FFL	24/11/2023	Bussey	Replacement extension to dwellinghouse & formation of balcony 2 Candy Farm Cottage Glenfarg	Awaiting decision
23/01536/FLL	12/09/2023	MacFadyen	Extension to dwellinghouse at Davaar, Main Street, Glenfarg	Approved
23/00815/FLL	18/05/2023	Burgess	Change of use of building at Mill Cottages, Millgang, Duncrievie to private dwelling house	Withdrawn
23/01787/FLL	25/10/2023	Horne	Alterations and extension to Duncrievie Cottage, Duncrievie, PH2 9PD	Approved
23/01788/LBC	25/10/2023	Horne	Alterations and extension to Duncrievie Cottage, Duncrievie, PH2 9PD	Approved
23/01779/LBC	25/10/2023	Horne	Internal alterations to Duncrievie Cottage, Duncrievie, PH2 9PD	Approved

10. Finance Report

CCllr Murray reported the Treasurer's Report 08/01/24.

Action points (completed from previous report/meeting): - Top up from PKC into the Community Council Account. - Chair, Secretary and Treasurer had a meeting prior to Christmas to discuss items relating to the Community Council accounts. It was agreed that we would be applying for a Grant to cover the cost of the Christmas Lights each year. This has yet to be actioned.

Phoned Malcolm Jack from Foundation Scotland because there has not been a Micro Grant Top up yet.

Had a meeting with Isla Craig with regards to the two accounts. We now have a dual authentication process, gives me a bit more cover legally. Also, the reporting of the accounts might be different next year with regards to the microgrant funding displays. To ensure the right money is coming out of the right pot and we know how much is left in each fund.

Action points to be completed going forward: Receipts for Micro Grants, need to approach each micro-grant granted for proof of expenditure. (Still to be continued).

Chase up micro grant fund top up.

Send out all newsletter advertising invoices.

Account Movement 6th November 2023- 8th January 2024:

Treasurer Account: Balance 08/01/24: £575.35

Money In: £658.03 Money Out: £86.25

Newsletter Account: Balance 08/01/24: £3673.75

Money In: £0 Money Out: £975.99

PDF of Accounts attached as an Addendum

A member of the public commented further about the Advertising revenue for the village Newsletter and that to date, for 2024, there were twelve subscribers. It is hoped that more advertisers will come forward because advertising assists with the financial upkeep of the Newsletter.

A discussion took place regarding the funding of the Christmas lights and that it is an expenditure that is becoming costly year on year. PKC Cllr Freshwater was able to advise on how our neighbouring community of Kinross funds its Christmas lights and this was noted. It is hoped that we can source funding for our Christmas lights to allow us to spend our budget more frugally. *Action CCllrs Murray and Macleod*

11. AOCB

A member of the public offered services, on behalf of his local Church, from a community benefit Rapid Response team. The RR team has responded to community issues in the Perth area previously – flooding and working with the Fire & Rescue service to provide community aid as volunteers. Specifically, for the Glenfarg area, an offer was made to monitor and to grit/salt the Glenfarg to Duncricvie road for the removal/abeyance of a frosty/snowy road surface. This has come to light due to a car sliding into a ditch around the double S bend area located towards the village entrance/exit in the vicinity of the 30mph village signage and bordering the Copperfield's footpath to Duncricvie. The offer was met with agreement nonetheless, because the roadway is under the ownership/jurisdiction of PKC it was noted that the road (C Class) would be salted but on a descending scale of priority. The matter was discussed and that PKC should be approached for comment/advice.

CCllr Fraser thanked the member of the public for the community offer then stated, that for the record, pavement gritting that is carried out by volunteers, within the village, that they had to be on an approved list and covered by insurance for this activity. This may well extend to the offer by the RR team if agreed. Further investigation about the offer is to be enquired about and that he instructed the Secretary to contact PKC for advice and report back to the GCC and the member of the public. *Action CCllr Pilmer*

Meeting closed at: 9:00pm

**Date of next meeting:
Monday 4th March 2024**

**Proposer: Cllr Ponton 12/01/24
Seconder: Cllr Fraser 12/01/24**

Addendums

- 1. Treasurers' Report as attached in PDF Format**

Treasurers Report 08/01/24:

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GCC Treasurer Account Statement:

TREASURERS ACCOUNT

01 November 2023 to 30 November 2023

Money In	£100.00	Balance on 01 November 2023	£3.57
Money Out	£86.25	Balance on 30 November 2023	£17.32

Your Transactions

Date	Description	Type	Money In (£)	Money Out (£)	Balance (£)
20 Nov 23	GLENFARG NEWSLETTE MONEY TRANSFER	TFR	100.00		103.57
20 Nov 23	ARNGASK HALL 500000001242042542 0923-06	FPO		45.00	58.57
20 Nov 23	ARNGASK HALL 500000001242042892 1123-04	FPO		41.25	17.32

TREASURERS ACCOUNT

01 December 2023 to 31 December 2023

Money In	£558.03	Balance on 01 December 2023	£17.32
Money Out	£0.00	Balance on 31 December 2023	£575.35

Your Transactions

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21 Dec 23	PERTH&KINROSS CNCL BACSTEL	BGC	558.03		575.35

GCC Newsletter Account Statement:

TREASURERS ACCOUNT

01 November 2023 to 30 November 2023

Money In	£0.00	Balance on 01 November 2023	£4,649.74
Money Out	£100.00	Balance on 30 November 2023	£4,549.74

Your Transactions

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20 Nov 23	GLENFARG COMMUNITY MONEY TRANSFER	TFR		100.00	4,549.74

TREASURERS ACCOUNT

01 December 2023 to 31 December 2023

Money In	£0.00	Balance on 01 December 2023	£4,549.74
Money Out	£875.99	Balance on 31 December 2023	£3,673.75

Your Transactions

Date	Description	Type	Money In (£)	Money Out (£)	Balance (£)
21 Dec 23	C&J YOUNG 100000001258540516 MICRO	FPO		179.99	4,369.75
21 Dec 23	TAYSIDE CONTRACTS 600000001261649361	FPO		696.00	3,673.75