

**Glenfarg Community Council Business Meeting 7:30pm, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024, Glenfarg Village Hall.**

**Agenda**

**Welcome**

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Approval of last Business Meeting Minutes**
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**Date of next Business Meeting**

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**Attendees:** CCllrs Fraser, Pilmer, Christie, Ponton, Macleod, Smart. PKC Cllrs Watters, Robertson, Cuthbert and Freshwater. VHC Chair Macpherson and five members of the public.

Welcome by the GCC Chair Fraser.

**1. Apologies:** CCllr Murray, Police Scotland PC Samson.

### **2. Approval of last Business Meeting Minutes**

CCllrs Macleod and Ponton 10/05/2024.

### **3. Police Report**

In PC Samson's absence CCllr Pilmer advised on the following since the beginning of March:

25 calls and zero crimes reported. Traffic statistics: Community officers are aware of complaints about speeding. 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.

## **Community Team Activity**

We, Police Scotland, often post on our Twitter page @PSOSPerthKin with updates on what we are doing out and about in the local area under #KinrossCPT. Please feel free to follow us!

Kinross CPT would encourage members of the public to sign up to rural watch Scotland ([www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk](http://www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk)) and neighbourhood watch Scotland ([www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk)) for updates and alerts on local issues, crime prevention advice etc.

When operationally possible the local Community Policing team shall make a visit to the Village Hall Coffee morning on a Thursday.

### **4. Action Points**

CCllr Pilmer reported that:

**Letter to a member of the public (MoP).** Regarding concerns (raised by letter) related to the parking on Main Street that had occurred in relation to an Event at Arngask Farm. Measures for a future event are to be managed by Tayside Contracts. Reaffirmed the point about the Observation Mirror to the VHC.

The MoP replied with another letter regarding events held within the grounds of the Village Hall & Wallace Park about concerns relating to Public Liability insurance for past and future events. Also

Licensing for Alcohol sales is a matter of protocol too by all event organisers. Additionally, there was a further suggestion about HMRC Tax matters being adhered to of which all parties that I contacted were adamant that all points are dealt with and all matters for organised events were taken seriously and scrupulously adhered to. I replied to the MoP stating that matters were adhered to. Public notification of events was another topic and I stated how the events are publicised and that it was not a duty for the CC to advertise unless asked specifically.

**Speed of vehicles as raised by a MoP.** I wrote to and received confirmation back from PKC that the current VAS position is to be reviewed by PKC with the practical relocation towards the entrance point for the village's southern entrance/exit. No date was given as to when the PKC work will be conducted by PKC, although it is planned to take place in 2024 now.

**Gazebos.** Visit to farm storage building took place. Photos supplied to CCLrs of items condition. Tennis Group do not want them. Other Village member of events does not want them. Q. Scrap them, how? A further meeting is to be arranged with the Farm owner to review items by the GCC CCLrs. *Action CCLlr Pilmer*

**Greenbank Rd.** I wrote to PKC Housing and an investigation WRT to remedial action was to take place. Also, Cllr Robertson became involved and asked that he be kept up to date with matters. Vehicles have been removed from the public highway and a tidying up of the properties have taken/is to take place. PKC Housing to engage with the present householders to improve matters. *Refer to AOCB for further discussion.*

**Flooding topic.** To be answered in Agenda item 6. MoP's letter and photographs. Plus, I have reported the blocked drain at Hilton Junction and remedial work is to happen.

**Speed watch campaign letter.** Still to be issued looking for other volunteers. Carried over to next meeting. *Action CCLlr Pilmer*

**Village Newsletter.** Editor Position was advertised on Facebook with no enquiries. A further action is to be raised to Readvertise the post and to ask for additional reporting help. *Action CCLlr Pilmer*

CCLlr Fraser reported that:

**The Tree Stump.** In the River Farg adjacent to the Village Pond has not been removed by PKC (Greenspace team) presently. He will raise the matter accordingly again. *Action CCLlr Fraser*

**Raised the matter of sourcing replacement Defibrillators batteries.** Had been completed by him and that he was awaiting their receipt for installation. It was noted further that the batteries are long life and not recharged. It is only the LED lighting and Alarm for the box that are mains powered.

Further discussion took place about a training day for First Aid offered by Saline First Responders and that there should be scope for additional Defibrillators in the village. Scottish Water could help with funding. The understanding of costs suggested a sum of £1500 per unit. *Action CCLlr Fraser*

## **5. Meetings – Virtual and Public**

CCLlr Ponton stated that she and CCLlr Pilmer had attended a Sustainability Group meeting in late June with local CCs at Fossoway Village Hall. The meeting included a presentation by Galileo about the Craighend Wind Farm and the most recent amendments to turbine numbers and size. The result of which means that it's to go through PKC Planning now. There was a further discussion about encompassing CCs further to the west as in Tillicoultry/Clackmannanshire. This was agreed as they too could be/would be beneficiaries of/for Community funding. A further discussion took place about another intended Planning Application concerning Brunt Hill which is a much larger scaled project and

the impending route for the feeding of power - perhaps to Westfield, Fife. The scale of this project is causing concern and already CCs and members of the public have objected.

CCllr Fraser and Smart reported that they had attended a Community Transport Forum meeting. Plans to have a dedicated focus group working together for community transport and to look at a five-year plan were mentioned.

CCllr Fraser reported about the Scottish Water & GCC Liaison Group meeting. Refer to the attached addendum. It was noted that Scottish Water have been asked to/agreed to look at Speed Count down Markers at the Southern exit/entrance to the village and a VAS sign. They are to start attending the Coffee Mornings once ancillary works start in October 2024 with the full works commencing from January 2025.

The Air Curtain Module is planned by Scottish Water to be transported via Milnathort although no firmed date was given. A contact name and phone number were requested by CCllr Fraser to enable a future discussion with a landowner about a proposed path in a field. He asked CCllr Pilmer to assist with contact details. *Action CCllr Pilmer*

## **6. Flooding Issues**

CCllr Christie reported that work conducted revealed that at least 80% drainage efficiency was achieved in the Greenbank area. However, as a result of debris building up again this has appeared to have dropped back to 20%. A local villager conducted a walk around visit of the area with CCllr Christie at the Avenue, unfortunately a large drainage pipe has been covered over with concrete rendering it inoperative. It was noted that ditch/ditches were overgrown and required cleaning. And that more favourable drier weather would be required for PKC to carry out further remedial work. *Action CCllr Christie*

*Drains in Greenbank Road are to be requested to be cleaned out by PKC via PKC Cllr Robertson's contacts in the relevant department and it was emphasised that MyPKC website reporting on line should be used to report PKC drainage infrastructure faults.*

The discussion was led by a member of the public who had supplied photographs to PKC Cllrs and CCllrs. The discussion led to PKC financial cutbacks that were occurring that in turn filter down to practical drain/gully cleaning activities being conducted. Collectively, the PKC Cllrs agreed that it is in all their supported CCs interests to seek additional funding to have the matters rectified. The member of the public raised the matter of a written response from a CCllr. CCllr Pilmer replied by way of a correction stating that it was his response as a member of the public and not from the GCC.

## **7. Village Inn Update**

In the absence of representatives of the Village Inn group and VH Trustees Subgroup the VH Trustees Chair, Bill Macpherson, advised that matters are progressing with the Subgroup working together to progress the improved facility project. Funding is the challenge as it stands. Those in attendance at this evening's meeting supported the progress to date.

## 8. Glenfarg Transport Group

CCllr Smart reported that the GTG is an Award-Winning enterprise and is continuing to be going from strength to strength and recently had a public usage more than 1000 passenger journeys in a week amounting to a huge increase in passenger movements. A new 16-Seater Community Bus has been acquired to add to the present fleet. Funding is always prevalent, and sources are being sought continuously by the CTG as is an Active & Sustainable Travel plan. Discussion took place about the fuel usage for the busses such as Hydrogen was the way forward. It was noted by those present that there could be a link with waste to energy from the Binn Group disposal site however, this is some way in the future if at all. PKC may have plans for Hydrogen powered vehicles although it's early days yet for those.

Travel routes for the 55 are being retimed for September to link up with other bus services in the area and that the CTG has been awarded the 202 route taking in Kinross-shire West towards Tillicoultry. This route will be renamed the 23 with more details to follow. Update at next GCC meeting by the CTG.

A new CTG booking service for external visit activities and or pick ups is being looked at rather than the present conundrum. A new 65 Service is to be introduced by Stagecoach although actual plans were not available for the meeting.

The School Transport contract is a long term one and this will be revisited by the CTG in the future.

*Action CTG*

## 9. Planning

CCllr Christie reported:

| Reference    | Date       | Applicant      | Details   | Action / Decision |
|--------------|------------|----------------|---|-------------------|
| 24/00770/PNA | 22/05/2024 | McLean         | Upgrading of Agricultural track land 700 Metres West Of Burntlaw Candy Glenfarg Perth PH2 9QL   | Permitted dev'mnt |
| 24/00717/FLL | 09/05/2024 | Hamill/Rath    | Installation of 2 Air Source Heat Pumps at Pezulu, Newfargie, Glenfarg  | Awaiting Decision |
| 24/00682/FLL | 01/05/2024 | Baillie        | Alterations and extension to dwellinghouses at Lavender Cottage And Primrose Cottage Drunzie Glenfarg Perth PH2 9PE   | Approved          |
| 24/00664/FLL | 21/05/2024 | Baxter         | Siting of Shepherd's Hut for short term let on Land 190 Metres North Of Cloverlea Path Of Condie Perth PH2 9DP  | Awaiting Decision |
| 24/00606/FLL | 14/05/2024 | Oliver         | Alterations and change of use to incidental residential outbuilding to allow occasional group workshops Newtoft Farm Path Of Condie Perth PH2 9DP           | Awaiting Decision |
| 24/00565/PAA | 09/05/2024 | Allison        | Erection of Agricultural Storage Building at East Fordel Farm Glenfarg Perth PH2 9QQ  | Approved          |
| 24/00441/FLL | 20/03/2024 | Bussy          | Replacement extension to dwellinghouse and formation of balcony at 2 Candy Farm Cottage Glenfarg Perth PH2 9Q   | Refused           |
| 24/00378/FLL | 07/03/2024 | Paterson       | Extension to dwelling house and erection of garage at Hawthorn Cottage Drunzie Glenfarg Perth PH2 9PE   | Refused           |
| 24/00300/FLL | 19/03/2024 | Scottish Hydro | Formation of storage yard and siting of welfare / office units at Land 200 Metres South West Of Allison Fencing Ltd East Fordel Farm Glenfarg Perth PH2 9QQ | Approved          |

## 10. Finance Report

CCllr Pilmer reported the Treasurer's Report of 01/07/24 and that any outstanding actions will be addressed by CCllr Murray or another CCllr.

Treasurers Report 01/07/24:

Action points (completed from previous report/meeting): - Chased up unpaid Newsletter Advertisers  
- Email correspondence with Janet Watson with regards to the micro grant form. This will be pencilled in to sort in August.

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).

Complete form for the Binn Skips Wind Farm Micro-grant Fund.

Apply for Micro-grant to cover Christmas Lights. (Email correspondence about this today between community councillors). *Action CCllr Fraser via Lochelbank Fund Request*

Need to chase unpaid newsletter invoices, have asked a Mr Philip Ponton to do this. (Nearly completed)

Produce a new micro grant application form.

Account Movement 6th May 2024 - 1st July 2024:

Treasurer Account: Balance 01/07/24: £408.80 Money In: £0 Money Out: £71.55

Newsletter Account: Balance 01/07/24: £5027.82 Money In: £375 Money Out: £219.49

### **Binn Wind Farm topic**

Foundation Scotland's Malcolm Jack wrote to the GCC and stated that the Binn Wind Farm Turbine community fund would not see any money paid out this year and that it could be some time in 2025 before it is

## 11. AOCB

**Village Newsletter.** CCllr Christie reported that the Glenfarg Newsletter's position of Editor remains unfilled. It is an essential matter of urgency for the post to be filled therefore, the post is to be readvertised along with an additional further request for reporters. *Action CCllr Pilmer via Social Media*

**Dog Incident.** CCllr Pilmer raised the matter of a reported Dog Incident, involving leashed and unleashed dogs, to him. He is to place a note about the topic onto Social Media. *Action CCllr Pilmer*

**Wallace Park overgrowing grass at fitness location and weeds.** Discussion with action already taken related to rewilding/grass not cut back/weeds out of control in Wallace Park following an initial

letter to PKC Cllrs and Cllrs by a member of the public. PKC Cllr Watters whose many remits also include this topic acted for the matter to be resolved. However, the outstanding matter of a bank of coarse nettles/thistles/weeds as raised by another member of the public is still to be addressed. It was suggested that a walk around be organised with Friends of Wallace Park (FoWP), MoP and GCC Cllrs to check to see if there is anything else that requires to be done by end and report back to PKC for further action possibly via Cllr Watters and MyPKC if required. *Action FoWP, member(s) of the public and GCC Cllrs.*

**101 Police/111 NHS Calls and unusual referral to Fife.** A member of the public raised the matter that calls had been made to 101 and 111 in both instances and that they had been referred to Fife. Cllr Smart (GP) explained that historically Glenfarg came under the Kinross & Fife framework for NHS out of hours response and that this may still be the case, as discussed. However, it was noted that the Post Code isn't the factor and that you can request Perth.

The 101 Police Call being relayed to Police in Fife is unusual. In the absence of the Community Police Officer it was agreed to contact him for advice. *Action Cllr Pilmer*

**Abandoned vehicles perceived.** Any that may be present in the village were urged to be made known to PKC through MyPKC. PKC will place a letter onto the vehicle alerting to whoever what will take place and that the vehicle will be removed. The topic moved on to parking on Main street near the Village Hall Car Park entrance/exit from Main Street. It was agreed by those present that road markings to give safe entrance and exit are required on the carriageway as a solution. This is to be explored further by the GCC Cllrs. It was suggested that a Viewing mirror be placed on the opposite side of the car park entrance however, Cllr Roberston advised the Cllrs that this mirror was, probably, not acceptable to PKC unless it was located on Private land. Hence the need for road markings. *Action Cllrs*

**Housing topic in relation to condition of Social Housing at present.** A long and protracted discussion with many comments took place concerning Social Housing and the issues that were giving cause for concern. The PKC Cllrs were united with their response that Social Housing has its own written guidelines for tenants and that it must be adhered to. PKC Cllr Robertson has been in touch with Housing team for the area requesting that more requires to be done. It was stressed that a *let's work together* approach is taken to resolve all matters for the benefit of residents in this small community.

**Binn Wood.** The GCC discussed the generous offer of Binn Wood as a legacy to the Community. PKC Cllr Robertson was most helpful with his advice relating to a similar topic at Kinneswood. He is to forward the details of a contact to Cllr Pilmer for him to engage with for advice about the offer. The wood could be an asset to the community and that Cllr Fraser asked Cllr Pilmer to contact Ms C. Grant with our thoughts/comments. *Action Cllr Pilmer*

**Meeting closed at: 9:20pm**

**Date of next meeting:**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024**

**Proposer: Cllr Macleod 09/07/2024**

**Seconder: Cllr Fraser 09/07/2024**

**Addendum**  
**SW & GCC Liaison group meeting minutes**

**Glenfarg Community Council**  
**Water Treatment Works Major Project- Liaison Group**  
**Key Matters from meeting 27/06/24**

Introduction

The liaison group was formed to allow the community council to regularly meet with the management of the SW major project team and receive updates on the progress of the project and also to raise awareness of concerns being expressed by the community. This particular meeting was based on a village walk round and the notes reflect the matters discussed during the visit.

Key Matters Discussed

- 1 The prefabricated plantroom delivery related to the 'air curtain' project has been delayed due to a telegraph pole encroaching on the road. The BT line has been resolved and the packaged plantroom is expected to be delivered to site at the end of August 24.
- 2 The provision of a footpath along the section of road connecting the top of Church Brae with the Candy turn off was discussed. SW are in discussions with the land owner.
- 3 The subject of Community Benefit was discussed and a number of ideas were put forward by GCC;
  - a. Additional speed restrictions in the village, particularly Main Street. SW are considering moving the speed recognition sign to the Copperfield entrance and also providing improved speed warning signage on the South access road to the village from Calford Brae.
  - b. Greenbank Road pedestrian crossing to allow safe passage for school children to the Avenue. SW to discuss with their roads consultant and produce a report that we can take to PKC.
  - c. Glenfarg in Bloom sponsorship in the form of a replacement 4 wheel drive buggy was discussed.
  - d. Upgrade to Cuthill Towers North bound bus stop. SW are surveying the culvert near the bus stop.
  - e. Village Green clean up volunteers (SW provide their staff with two volunteer days per year) along with machinery to remove silt in the pond. GCC to find a place to dump the silt.
  - f. Anti skid surface on Church Brae.
- 4 SW are planning a number of community engagement events including;
  - a. Land Owners affected by the works
  - b. Local neighbour meeting beginning of June 24.
  - c. Public meeting
  - d. Monthly 'meet the community' visits to Thursday morning coffee lounge.
- 5 The start date for the works is dependent on clearing the planning conditions and confirming the contract with the Project Management company. Currently looking at the beginning of 2025.
- 6 Next meeting end of August 24, date to be advised.



