

Glenfarg Community Council Business Meeting 7:30pm, Monday 3rd March 2025, Glenfarg Community Centre (Village Hall).

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Date of next Business Meeting

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Attendees: CCllrs Ponton, Pilmer, Christie, Murray, Macleod. PKC Cllr Robertson, PKC Cllr Freshwater and 9 members of the public.

Welcome by the GCC Chair CCllr Ponton.

1. Apologies: CCllrs Fraser and Smart, Police Scotland PC Samson. PKC Cllr Cuthbert.

2. Approval of last Business Meeting Minutes held on Monday 6th January 2025

CCllrs Ponton and Macleod 09/01/2025.

3. Police Report

In PC Samson's absence CCllr Pilmer, Secretary, advised on the following since the 6th of January 2025:

37 calls and 16 crimes recorded on the Police Systems. 7 of these were from the incident listed in Crimes of Note. Due to an isolated incident and Police pre-planned operation. 8 were from a repeat isolated incident involving an individual who has now moved from the Local Authority area and there is no wider risk. This also saw an increase in calls over the period. Another crime was nothing of note.

30/1/2025. Report of Offence – Resist arrest x 2 Police Assault x 3, Threatening or Abusive behaviour x 2. Result 2 x charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal. All associated with Greenbank Crescent, Glenfarg.

Also, Police Scotland will make every effort to carry out speed checks across the area during their patrols. Main Street was checked and no speeding tickets issue during that event.

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) and neighbourhood watch Scotland (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. Correspondence and Action Points

Correspondence

CCllr Pilmer, Secretary, reported the following:

A letter from BLC Energy in relation to a proposed Solar Farm at Binn. The matter has been acknowledged and CCllr Ponton is to liaise with the contact. Proposal is a 36MWp Solar Farm comprising around 60,000 panels across 120 acres generating up to 33,700MWhrs of renewable energy. A planning application is proposed towards December 2025. *Action CCllr Ponton*

A letter was received from SEPA regarding Proposed Changes to the Environmental Regulation (Scotland) Guidance on Public Participation and Fit and Proper Person Test. This is a consultation, and any comments are to be fed back to SEPA. Publish on media for the public. *Action CCllr Pilmer*

An email letter from PKC regarding a Cycling in Kinross-shire Survey was passed on to one of the Glenfarg Cycling group for action.

Scottish Woodlands Meeting Glenfarg Community Centre (Village Hall) 2nd December 2024. CCllr Pilmer reported that he had written to Fraser Wight 24th January asking for an update about the project's amendments. Only an acknowledgement and that matters were still being put together was received accordingly. The GCC awaits an update.

Action Points

Greenbank Road PKC Cllr Robertson. CCllr Ponton explained that her correspondence about Greenbank Road to PKC Social Housing matter remains unanswered. PKC Cllr Robertson to raise this matter.

Cllr Robertson spoke about the matter/situation and that he had received a reply from Social Housing that matters were progressing with two properties. A general discussion took place with all in attendance. It was understood that matters concerning the physical condition of the outside of the properties in question had seen some improvement but no complete reinstatement back to their original condition as gardens with partition fencing. Vehicles, their parts and other factors are of great concern as is their location in the gardens' grounds. It was discussed further that Police Scotland visitations (patrols) in general to Glenfarg have waned and that a letter be written to them asking for regular visitations (patrols) to take place. *Action CCllr Pilmer*

5. Meetings – Virtual and Public

Scottish Water & GCC Liaison Group. CCllr Pilmer reported (in CCllr Fraser's absence) on the Key Matters discussed as a result of the meeting held on the 20th of February 2025. Please refer to the attached Addendum 1. for further details.

Kinross-shire Committee Meeting. CCllr Pilmer reported (in CCllr Fraser's absence) on the key points discussed as a result of the meeting held on 20th February 2025. Please refer to the attached Addendum 2. for further details.

6. Planning

CCllr Christie reported.

Reference	Date	Applicant	Details	Action / Decision
24/01864/FLL	08/01/2025	Scottish Woodland	Upgrading of track on land 300 Metres West Of Steading House Glenfarg Perth PH2 9QQ	Approved
24/01843/FLL	09/01/2025	Bussey	Extension to dwelling house at 2 Candy Farm Cottage Glenfarg Perth PH2 9QL	Awaiting Decision
25/00038/CLP	22/01/2025	Glenfarg Partnership Ltd	Extension to dwelling house at Myrtle Cottage Greenbank Road Glenfarg Perth PH2 9NW	Awaiting Decision
24/01739/FLL	02/12/2024	Glenfarg Village Hall	Part change of use, alterations and extensions to community centre to form cafe/bar and formation of outdoor seating area	Approved

7. Finance Report

CCllr Murray reported as follows.

GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL TREASURER REPORT (March 03/03/2025)

Action points (completed from previous report/meeting):-

Money has now been transferred into the Micro-Grant Account.

Micro-Grant paid for.- Paid for the Christmas Lights

Quiet Period, catch up on previous Action Points.

Action points to be completed going forward:-

Produce new Micro-Grant form, to be put online and on Glenfarg Website. With associated receipt capability. Splitting of Treasurer role between Douglas and myself. Promotion of Micro-Grant Money Available. Invoices to be sent out for Newsletter Advertising.

Account Movement 7th January 2025 - 3rd March 2025:

Treasurer Account: Balance 03/03/25: £613.60 Money In: £0 Money Out: £0

Newsletter Account: Balance 03/03/25: £3753.03 Money In: £205 Money Out: £3861.82

Micro-Grant Account: Balance 03/03/25: £2507.31 Money In: £2807.31 Money Out: £30

8. Sustainability Group (SG) Meeting

CCllr Ponton raised the matter of the Joint Group of nine Community Councils in the SG that has as its main topic the proposed Winfarm at Carnbo. Presently the SG is putting in place a Constitution so that it can best manage any income from Wind Farm Benefits in the Kinross-shire area. Glenfarg along with Abernethy, Bridge of Earn, Gateside and Strathmiglo is in a unique position that it is involved already in Community Benefit from a Wind farm and the discussion raised a concern about any future rights from the renewal of benefits from a current Windfarm or its successor at the end of its Electricity producing period. Very much work in progress. *Action GCC*

9. Local Place Plan (LPP)

CCllr Ponton raised the matter that PKC has requested that communities raise their own LPP for their Ward in relation to a vision for the future. It's not about housing developments, in their own right, but what works, what doesn't work, what could work and how do we get there as a community. Perhaps housing, perhaps energy generation, perhaps well being facilities, perhaps community benefits from energy resources, perhaps connectivity (IT). Lots of thoughts need to go into this, so ideas please from the GCC. *Action CCllrs.*

10. Wallace Park Path

Following a request from a member of the public a proposal was put forward that there needs to be a proper path constructed with hard core material/tarmacadam/slabs from the Wallace Car park to the existing pathway. The grass is very slippery when wet/ice over/snowed over and a new path would allow for a more direct route and allow itself to be treated in wintry conditions with salt/salted gravel. Greenspace to become involved for a solution. *Action CCllr Ponton.*

N.B. It was noted by the GCC that a few new sapling trees are to be relocated too.

11. Speeding

A discussion took place about the speed of vehicles through the village on the B996 and what could be done by PKC further to reduce speed (in particular) at the entry and exits North and South (MPHs are 60-40-30 currently). Speed ramps, reduction to 20 MPH, Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) were all discussed. It was emphasised by Cllr Robertson that there is a major backlog of works to be carried out that will see 20 MPH introduced in villages and other areas overall as part of a PKC Roads strategy, however this will take a number of years to implement. It was discussed further by the GCC to raise the matter again with PKC. *Action CCllr Pilmer.*

12. Binn Turbines

A Mr A.Swanson, has been appointed as a Director (for a three year period) to the Our Community Energy Ltd (OCE Ltd). The OCE Ltd has access to the community benefit from two of the four turbines that are located on the Binn Eco Park land. Mr Swanson explained how the payment system works and when the communities (Glenfarg and three others) will benefit. This depends on the wind generation and loan pay offs, therefore it could be some years away before we see benefits becoming available. The Addendum 3. as attached explains more of the details.

13. Newsletter

Our new Editor, Mr A.Swanson, set out his vision about how the Newsletter could change for the future and there will be an issue in March. Advertisement income more or less pays for the printing costs and it was discussed further how many paper copies of the Newsletter could be produced now that a reduction from approximately 250 – 120 is in place. The income from the Newsletter (per a contribution tin) is gratefully received by the GCC and it helps with the GCCs finances in a small way. An on-line version was discussed as was a more regular A4 size one page interim version of the Newsletter. Presently we shall continue with the paper copy production.

14. Pavement on Main Street Cul-de-sac

An email letter was received from a member of the public regarding PKC's actions to enforce the *no parking on pavements* per the Parking Regulations as of the 6th January and that the Cul-de-sac on Main Street, *identified as a no pavement parking area of concern*, was in fact a Private Road with private pavements. A ticket was issued to a resident's vehicle and whilst CCllr Robertson explained to the best of his knowledge why safety is the focus that there is no exemption (unless categorised per the Reg's) the fact is that tickets could well be issued again. The GCC understands that further communication is to take place between the member of the public and the relevant PKC department, however a further discussion took place regarding erecting a gateway to the Cul-de-sac. This was left with the residents to investigate.

15. Dropped Kerbing on Greenbank Road – Flooding

A general discussion took place regarding the dropped kerbing in front of some properties (including those damaged previously) that may be affected by flood water flowing down Greenbank Road rising over the dropped kerbing in to properties. CCllr Robertson advised that this requires to be rectified in as much that the dropped kerbing needs to be reinstated to normal kerb and pavement height. GCC to raise the matter with PKC as well as CCllr Robertson. *Action CCllr Christie, Cllr Robertson.*

16. GOBS redesign and sub domain

The Secretary of the Glenfarg Oil Buying Syndicate has asked for a hyperlink to attach a Sub domain onto the Glenfarg.org website. Mr Macpherson of Glenfeargach IT consultancy explained what the topic was. Nonetheless, CCllr Ponton asked for a letter to be written to the Secretary of GOBS to enquire what it is required for, how it will work and what will it be able to do. *Action CCllr Pilmer*

17. AOCB

Greenbank Road

It was with concern that the matter of the visual and actual effects of a large mound of earth has arrived on the public road adjacent to the Primary School No stopping Parking zone. It was noted that warning signage and an appropriate barrier system is lacking in their entirety to prevent the public/vehicular traffic coming in to contact with it. Immediate notification is to be sent to PKC about this matter of safety. *Action CCllr Pilmer*

Meeting closed at: 9:20pm

Date of next Business meeting:

Monday 5th May 2025

Proposer: CCllr Ponton 7/3/2025

Seconder: CCllr Murray 7/ 3/2025

Addendum 1.

Glenfarg Community Council Water Treatment Works Major Project- Liaison Group Key Matters from meeting 25/02/25

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.

Key Matters Discussed

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The Scottish Water, ESD, GCC 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.

Key Matters Discussed

1. The SW presentation in the village hall during the coffee morning did not materialise however there were three members of the liaison team present for members of the public to speak to.
2. An issue relating to a local resident in relation to the road alignment affecting underground services was discussed. SW advised that this had been looked into and further advice sought from SEPA to ensure there is no impact. A detailed drawing will be issued clarifying the situation on completion of internal due diligence.
3. The matter of a sound barrier blown over by the recent storm was discussed. The team were aware of this matter but could not identify the sound barrier involved. Further details to be provided to SW who will investigate and resolve.
4. The verge reinforcement work by SW will be carried in conjunction with the BT cabling work which is due to commence on the 3rd March 25. The SW team will follow a week behind the BT team. The top of Church Brae will be closed during the 6 weeks of work.
The route of the diversion will take vehicles up the Hilton of Duncricvie Road. A condition survey of this road was discussed as there is concern that the verges may suffer with cars trying to pass each other.
5. A further planning application to PKC is expected shortly however this relates mainly to a slight adjustment to the road layout up at the reservoir.
6. A biodiversity presentation by SW was requested again as the previous dates had slipped. SW advised it would be happy to do this but probably not until March 25 after the planning approval stage.
7. SW have been carrying out mail drops to all residents to update matters relating to road closures and progress of the project.
8. SW will attend the village hall coffee morning on the third Thursday of each month to allow residents to interact and raise any concerns.
9. Information cards have been placed in the village shop with contact details for SW. Any concerns can be emailed to – GlenfargCommunity@esd.scot. There is also information relating to a whatsapp group on the card. Copies will be available at future coffee morning get togethers in the village hall on Thursdays between 10.00 and 11.00.

10. It was mentioned that the heavy works, with the increased HGV traffic, will take place over a two year period after which the project will move to smaller works and commissioning with less impact on the village roads.
11. The crossing officer task has been risk assessed and the clear line of sight issues have been identified. Further discussion with the impact on the village shop to be had with SW. The crossing officer will be in attendance for an hour in the morning and an hour in the afternoon.

Addendum 2.

Glenfarg Community Council Kinross- shire committee meeting Key Matters from meeting 20 Feb 25

1. Grow Wild
In bloom groups are at liberty to cut back overgrown PKC plants. ie bushes overhanging pavements on east side of Main Street. Preferably let PKC Grow Wild personnel know first.
PKC Grow Wild team said they consulted the GCC before planting the new trees in Wallace Park.
On the 28th March there will be a Biodiversity seminar run by Alistair McLeod PKC in the Riverside Church, North Inch, Perth. Note information to be passed to Glenfarg Biodiversity Group.
Where new trees are planted, the care and maintenance of these will pass to the In Bloom teams. I pointed out that the In Bloom teams may not have the resources or ability to do this. If this is the case the local ranger will be aware and bring this to the attention of the Grow Wild team.
2. Tourism Strategy
This strategy is being informed by local 'Community Action Plan' and 'Active Travel Plans'
3. P&K Visitor levy
There will be a public consultation between May 25 and July 25 such that a recommendation can go to Committee in December 2025.
4. Visitor App
A suitable digital media product is being investigated to produce a visitor attraction map.
5. Road safety
The B996 road recent poor safety record was brought to the attention of the meeting. The process that PKC use to identify safety hotspots is based on Police reports however it was pointed out that Police only attend accidents where someone is hurt or property damaged. This being the case many problem areas will go un-noticed.
6. Electric Vehicle Infrastructure
A joint consortium of Angus and Perth & Kinross Councils have received £1.952m in funding to provide 6,000 charging points in both areas during the period 2025 to 2028. Locations for charging points in rural areas is being considered. CAny suggestions for charging points should be sent to him.

A 15 to 20 year contract will be set up with a third party specialist provider who will install and maintain the charging points. The existing setup run by Charging Point Scotland comes to an end in December 2025.

7. Additional Support Needs (Secondary and Primary Schools)

Kinross High School will be the nominated ISP centre starting in August 25. Currently PKC are trying to identify a suitable Primary School to add an ISP unit to. A consultation paper is being issued.

8. Windfarm Developments

No further information from developers received.
Sustainability groups have been informed
There have been no changes to Gallilao application.

Note – This meeting was recorded and can be viewed through the PKC website.

Notes taken by CCllr D. Fraser

Addendum 3.

A.Swanson OCE notes per future Newsletter article.

Our Community Energy Ltd

Did you know that the Glenfarg community is part owner of the wind turbines at Binn Ecopark? The wind farm was developed and is operated by a company called Greencat Renewables (<https://www.greencatrenewables.co.uk/>) who came to an agreement



with the landowner Binn Group. Under the rules of the government Feed In Tariff (FIT) scheme, permission was given for four turbines on condition that two of them were given into local community ownership. Ownership and any profits from the two community turbines

are shared equally amongst four neighbouring community council areas:

- Abernethy
- Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo
- Bridge of Earn
- Glenfarg

So how much money is expected to become available to the four communities? The construction project was financed using bank loans, so most initial profits will go to loan repayments until the loan is paid off. However, £50K was made available to the communities in 2023 and another £50K has been approved for release in May 2025. There is reasonable confidence of an ongoing £25K per year thereafter until 2028. Beyond 2028 there is greater uncertainty due to loan refinance and energy prices but expectation is an ongoing £25K per year until 2038. After 2038, the bank loan repayment will hopefully conclude, allowing for a substantial increase in payments, forecast in the order of £300K+ per year for the last six years of operation.

How is the money distributed to the four communities? 75% goes to the three communities of Abernethy, Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo and Glenfarg. The money is paid into the Foundation Scotland Binn Wind Turbine Community Fund

(<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/apply-for-funding/funding-available/binn-wind-turbine-community-fund>). Applications can be made to that fund and are considered by a separate Foundation Scotland panel with community representatives.



Bridge of Earn have chosen a different route for receiving their 25% of any funds from the wind farm. They are currently establishing their own Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) to be called Lower Earn Trust.

The company overseeing the running of the two community wind turbines is called "Our Community Energy Ltd" and it is registered with the Financial Conduct Authority:

<https://mutuals.fca.org.uk/Search/Society/6057>

This year I became a community representative board member of that company to help provide closer community involvement and communication. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

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