

GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL Annual General Meeting

Monday 17th November 2025 7:30 Glenfarg Community Centre

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CCllr I. Pilmer GCC Secretary

GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL - MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Monday 17th November 2025 at 7:30pm, Glenfarg Village Hall

PRESENT: CCllr Pilmer, CCllr Ponton, CCllr Christie, PKC Cllr Watters, PKC Cllr Cuthbert and 9 members of the public

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION:

GCC Chair CCllr Ponton welcomed everyone present to the meeting and explained what the format of the meeting would be.

2. APOLOGIES

CCllr Murray, Mr I. Hyslop.

3. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2024 AGM BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Proposer: CCllr Christie, Seconder: CCllr Ponton.

4. ADDRESS FROM THE CHAIR COVERING PERIOD 2024-2025

CCllr Margaret Ponton, Chair GCC

Chairman's Annual Report

17th November 2025

The new Community Council has been elected to serve our small village and surrounding parish. It is very encouraging to see so many new faces and I don't ever recall welcoming 10 people around this Council table. We are all here to do our best, in a voluntary position, with a shared interest in improving the place we live. Thanks to you all.

I would like to extend my thanks to Sean, our Treasurer who is working to bring our archaic accounting into the 21st Century by digitalising our aged systems. To Ian, our secretary who works very hard to keep us all up to date and on our toes. Finally, the Community Councillors who have opted to remain a part of the group for another session - Geoff who looks after planning applications and Drew who attends group meetings and is always around to promote our community, he gives his time willingly to represent us.

My thanks also go to outgoing Councillors of the CC for their commitment and hard work, Douglas and Kevin, you will be missed.

Finally, grateful thanks to our 4 newly elected Councillors for their continued support and encouragement in all we do. We are lucky to work with such a knowledgeable and committed team who make themselves available to us throughout the year with their expertise and advice.

Being a part of the relatively new Kinross-shire and Glenfarg group, allows us to get ideas together and put forward views with a greater strength and I see the continuation of this collaboration as a positive way forward. Any of the CC member will be welcome to attend these meetings to share and report on views and progress. Our small community is now an important part of a bigger group and with that comes a whole range of benefits.

Glenfarg benefits from having 2 wind farms in the area. Lochelbank provides a regular source of income which is shared between 2 communities. There are 4 turbines at the Binn farm, 2 of which are owned by 4 local communities who have a share in any Community Benefit generated, this is currently relatively low until the bank loans have been paid off, at which time there will be a much larger amount of money arriving in the joint community pot. We look forward to receiving our regular updates on the progress of the Solar Farm plans, also at the Binn. The CC have considered a move to forming a Development Trust in Glenfarg to deal more effectively with these increasing responsibilities and this is a topic that should be revisited in the New Year.

There are many active community groups within our village who all seem to be facing the similar issues. The Old Folks association which has been organising trips and meals out for decades is in the process of closing as the committee are now all 'Old Folk' themselves, and no one has come forward to carry on their work. GDIB work very hard to keep the village tidy and colourful through the year. Sadly, the organisation is struggling to recruit people to help. As our population has increased, the 'jobs' seem to land on the shoulders of the few. I do wonder what will happen when the 'old timers' stop what they currently do. Imagine what could be achieved if our increasing number of residents all did a little, it would add up to a lot.

I do have to mention a great success story – driven by Councillor Smart and operated now by a growing team, the award winning Glenfarg Community Transport group has managed to replace a little used 56 bus service with a service which now carries around 2000 passengers a week and provides our community with trips for shopping, culture, theatre and social events. This service has proved its value in connecting places, but most importantly, people.

To close, as usual for a village the size of ours, we continue to punch above our weight, there are countless stories of improvements and fund raising which have made a difference. The Community Centre is still in the development stages and we all look forward to the positives which will come with the completion of the project.

We should all be looking forward to more amazing opportunity that may come our way.

Thanks to you all

Margaret

Cllr Margaret Ponton, Chair

Glenfarg Community Council

5. ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

In Cllr Murray's absence Cllr Pilmer gave a brief statement of the financial accounting period August 2024 to August 2025 for the GCC as per following.

Accounting Information 2024 to 2025 per the Addendum.

Annual Financial Report Summary of Financial Year 2024-20245 report as follows:

Action Points Completed/Accomplished 24/25:

- New Micro-Grant available to (Binn Skips Wind Farm) local community.
- Two-person authentication now required for all money transfers, gives Treasurer legal protection.
- Accounts to be verified by Auditor **Isla Craig** for year 24/25.

Action Points:

- Creation of a new form for application of Micro-Grants is ongoing. This form will be online on the website and will send an email with the filled in application directly to the Treasurer. Then a further link to submit receipts when micro-grant money has been spent. The form will also include a new section for bank details of where the money is to go.
- Sources of Income are. The Village Newsletter and a Grant from PKC to cover administrative/necessary operational costs incurred by the GCC. PKC Cllrs Watters and Cuthbert confirmed that the yearly allowance is expected to increase to £1000 per annum for all Community Councils

It was noted too that the GCC has access to two Wind Farm funds for acquisitions of funding for Village related good causes and their projects. Namely Lochelbank Wind Farm and Binn Wind Farm.

Copy of 2024 to 2025 accounts and report as an Addendum

6. APPOINTMENT OF FINANCIAL AUDITOR

CCllr Pilmer confirmed that Financial Auditor Mrs I. Craig is expected to review the GCC's Financial year's accounts, and this will be confirmed with the PKC Community Team given the fact that the Finance account income/expenditure did not exceed £10,000.

7. ANNUAL PLANNING STATEMENT

CCllr Christie stated an overview of the Planning period from 2024 to 2025, as follows:

AGM Planning Report 2024 - 2025

The Overall Planning Report (OPR), as accrued on an Excel Spreadsheet format for the GCC, covers the Business period 2024 to 2025. This OPR is available from the Planning CCllr and the Secretary. It was stated further that.

1. Most applications related to Private Applicants and were of a small nature such as extensions and refurbishments.
2. A major construction at the Scottish Water Treatment Plant was noted as having started for an impending three-year plus project with the ground works. It is expected that the construction works shall commence in earnest in early 2026.

At this point of proceedings GCC Chair Ponton closed the AGM and handed the next stage of proceedings of the EGM over to PKC Cllr Watters.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm

Extraordinary General Meeting Monday 17th November 2025 8:05pm

PKC Cllr Watters convened the meeting and explained that it was his duty to recommend and carry out the Inauguration of the new Glenfarg Community Council to cover the period November 2025 to October 2028 and the APPOINTMENT OF OFFICE BEARERS.

PKC Cllr Watters *welcomed* the newly elected CCllrs and to those remaining as existing CCllrs. He explained further what the process was, that it is part of the PKC Community Council Constitution (CCC) and that the CCC document was to be signed by three CCllrs and countersigned by him. This was actioned and that the CCC document will be filed with the PKC Community team.

PKC Cllr Watters called for a Chair to be nominated. CCllr Ponton was nominated with a Proposal by CCllr Melville and Seconded by CCllr Christie.

Secretary was nominated as CCllr Pilmer. Proposal by CCllr Christie and Seconded by CCllr Jack

Treasurer was nominated as CCllr Murray. Proposal by CCllr Ponton and Seconded by CCllr Christie.

Those positions were agreed by those CCllrs present. Therefore, Chair - CCllr Ponton, Secretary - CCllr Pilmer, Treasurer - CCllr Murray.

The continuing CCllrs are Mr G. Christie and Mr D. Smart. The new CCllrs are Mrs P. Melville, Mrs K. Jack, Mr I. Marsden, Mr R. Ibbotson and Mr I. Hyslop.

Position of Vice Chair to be discussed at the next GCC Business Meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF SUB COMMITTEES

The following CCllr appointments are to be confirmed at the next GCC Business Meeting regarding.

Planning

Transport

Communications and Media,

Lochelbank and Binn Wind Farms Panels

Data Controller

Emergency Plan

N.B. CCllr Marsden has offered to support the Treasurer during this coming term, and this was agreed by those CCllrs present.

MEETING DATES FOR 2026

All Mondays unless stated otherwise:

January 5th, March 2nd, May 4th, July 6th, September 7th, October (AGM) 26th,
November ?? to be agreed.

EGM CLOSE OF MEETING

Chair CCllr Ponton thanked PKC Cllrs Cuthbert and Watters, the GCC CCllrs and all those members of the public in attendance. The meeting closed at 8:20pm.

The next Annual General Meeting of the Glenfarg Community Council is to be held at 7:30pm on Monday 26th October 2026, Glenfarg Community Centre.

Addendum

Glenfarg Community Council AGM 2025

Sean Murray- Treasurer 11/11/25

Annual Financial Report Summary of Financial Year 2024-2025

Main Action Points Completed/Accomplished 24/25 (outside normal yearly requirements):

- **New micro-grant bank account up and running.**
- **Discussions held on future of newsletter.**
- **Christmas lights cost now covered by Grant applied for by the Community Council.**
- **Discussions held on promotion of micro-grant funds.**
- **Discussions held on bank account charges and whether to change banks.**
- **Accounts verified by Isla Craig for year 24/25.**

25/26 Action Points to work towards:

- **Continue discussions with James with regards to new Micro-grant form. Could be a major shift in how we deal with micro-grant as a community council.**
- **Look at bank accounts and make decision on whether we move banks due to new service charge on each account.**

Current Balance of Accounts as of 11/11/25:

Glenfarg Community Account- Treasurer Account: £184.95

Glenfarg Community Account- Micro-Grant Account: £4501.25

Glenfarg Community Account- Newsletter Account: £3532.13