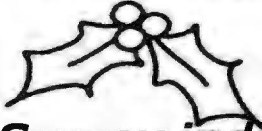


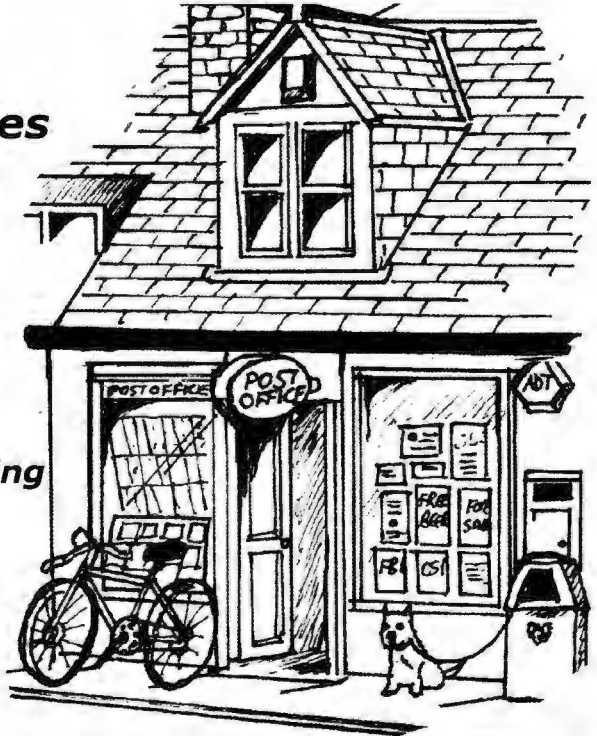
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# Editorial

For a usually busy time of year, we have a relatively quiet issue this time round! Where is the news everybody? As always, the editorial team are keen to hear from you all. Without your contributions remember, there really is no newsletter, so keep your news, views and articles coming in. We again make a plea for new members of the team-read more about how you can do this on page 24.

Also this issue, read about the exciting foundations of the village hall extension. There's further news on the community shop initiative in Glenfarg, and another exciting competition to be won. And stop press! Can you believe Glenfarg has reached the world wide web! Read about the Glenfarg Village website that has recently been set up. It's the place to be to find out all about life in the village. However, amidst the good news at the end of a busy year, the existence of the village's 32-year-old

Playschool is now under threat of closure due to dropping attendance and a temporary lack of premises in the village. At the time of going to press the Glenfarg

Village Playschool Committee was attempting to renegotiate lease terms for the hire of the Church Hall. Read the full story on page 13.

We would like to draw your attention to the slight increase in the suggested donation for the newsletter this issue. We felt this was necessary as a result of the fact that the production costs for the newsletter have risen to approximately £1 per copy. This is as a result of a change to the method of printing, which is more expensive but really enhances the quality of the newsletter. So we think this change was worthwhile. We trust people will find the increase acceptable, but as always we would welcome your views on this.

The editorial team would like to wish all readers and residents of Glenfarg a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to hearing from everybody in 2008.



## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

With all the recent media reports on the demise of the native red squirrel, I am delighted to report at least one is alive and well in the wooded area behind Ochilree and Culmore on Church Brae. For some time there has been evidence of its existence through the stripped pine cones but recently it has "cheekily"



taken to visiting the gardens and helping itself to the contents of the bird feeders. The photo, which I have entitled "Guilty as Charged", was taken from the kitchen window and I'm afraid is not of the best quality. Squirrels are never around when you've got the camera and tripod to hand.



# ***Letters to the Editor***

Dear Editor,

I was delighted to be able to attend Positive Perthshire Awards at the AK Bell Library recently and see some pupils from Arnagask Primary School make their presentation on what they did to gain ECO school status. The pupils gave an excellent performance. The pupils and staff have worked hard to gain ECO school status.

Well done to all those who took part in sponsored walk and realised £600 for TRACKS The Rural Access Committee for Kinross shire. The money will be used to help with funding the path from Duncruevie to Glenfarg.

Congratulations also to Glenfarg & Duncruevie in Bloom who have transformed the approaches to the village. Unfortunately there are still several individuals who do not have pride in their village, the dog owners who do not take their dog waste home or put it in a bin. The unsightly dog waste bags hanging from trees is rather unsightly.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in Glenfarg and surrounding area A merry Christmas and A Happy Peaceful 2008.

The year ahead will bring many challenges to the Community but hopefully the Councillors and the Community will work together for the good of the Community.

***Councillor Kathleen Baird***

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Dear Editor,

I was just wondering if the residents of Glenfarg may be able to help us. My husband has just accepted a job in a local high school and we are moving back to Scotland from North Yorkshire. We (my husband, our wee girl Eva - 2 years old - and me) are keen to move to Glenfarg as we have heard so many great things about the village. We are looking for somewhere that has a strong community and that is near family. At present there are no houses for sale in our price range and we were wondering if anyone knows of a house we could rent from the beginning of November. If anyone is able to help we would be very grateful.

If you can help, our email address is: [matelyse@waitrose.com](mailto:matelyse@waitrose.com) and my mobile number is 07747534513.

Thank you kindly,

***Elyse, Matt & Eva Kirkham***

# SWRI

Alistair McDonald gave an excellent presentation on the history of Scone Palace which held the interest and delighted Glenfarg members throughout the evening. His enthusiasm and knowledge proved infectious and it is anticipated that many members will visit the palace.

Competition Winners were:-

## Flower of the Month

- 1st M Moran
- 2nd I Bettaney
- 3rd E Patterson

## Oven Scones (any variety)

- 1st L Yull
- 2nd J Grigg
- 3rd I Bettaney

## Garden Photograph

- 1st E Patterson
- 2nd M Moran
- 3rd I Bettaney

Helen Ramsay brought delicious and unusual soups tasted and enjoyed by members followed by very entertaining poems written by Una Allan and recited with help from Dorothy Murray.

Competition Winners were:-

## Flower of the Month

- 1st H Quartermaine
- 2nd L Yull
- 3rd A Messenger

## Vegetable Soup

- 1st I Bettaney
- 2nd L Yull
- 3rd L Johnson

## Knitted Pot Mat

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- 3rd M Moran

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All proceeds raised were sent to Farm Africa a charity that works with poor African farmers, helping them to produce more food for their families. Many thanks to the team leaders, Jean Ogilvie, Cynthia Simpson, Alice Blaikie, Sylvia Wall, Jeanette Kirkland, Catherine Fairweather and Sheona Reid.

Special thanks to Jean Andrew and family for organising the event.



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## Glenfarg pupils help provide foundations for the future!



Children from Amgask Primary School have played their part in history by burying a time-capsule in the foundations of our much-awaited £350,000 new hall.

As work forged ahead on the site of the ambitious extension project, the school jumped at the chance to provide a unique link between the past, present and future of the hall. More than 80 pupils from nursery to senior classes took part in collecting items for the time-capsule.

Headmaster Stephen Humphries, pictured above with P7 pupils at the site of the new hall extension in Greenbank Road, said: "The children have been very excited about taking part in burying a time-capsule in the foundations of the new hall, especially as the hall was the original village school.

"They have been busy collating items to put in the box, including a school jumper and tie, the school's centenary photograph and letters explaining what life is like for them

in 2007."

Jean Andrew, treasurer of the Glenfarg Public Hall Association, watched as the time-capsule was buried, with help from builders SPP Ltd who built a purpose-made spot for the capsule.

Jean said she was delighted to see the children take part so enthusiastically in the time-capsule initiative.

"The new hall has been a long time in the pipeline so it's fantastic to see work now developing on site at such a confident pace. It was important that the school was involved in helping to ensure our new hall remains as much part of the community as it always has. "It's exciting to think that many, many years from now the history of our school and items which our children feel are important to them today could be discovered by future generations."

For latest hall news, or to book your event in the hall in 2008, please visit [www.glenfarg.org](http://www.glenfarg.org)

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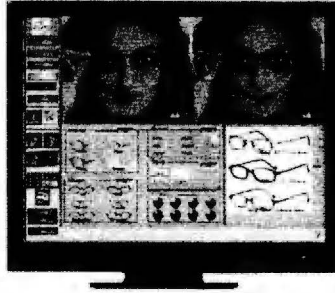
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# Future bleak for Glenfarg Village Playschool as numbers drop to critical low

Glenfarg Village Playschool is facing an uncertain future as the number of children attending the weekly play and learning environment for 2 to 4 year olds has fallen dramatically.

Members of the Playschool Committee were so concerned about the future of the group, established in 1975, that a public meeting was called in November to explain the situation and appeal for more parents to offer support.

The number of children who now attend the Playschool, which was based in the village hall prior to closure for the building works, has fallen from around 15 to just eight. Difficulties in securing a venue in the village have meant the Playschool has relocated temporarily to Milnathort Town Hall, signalling a crisis for the group.

The Monday morning session has had to be cancelled as numbers continue to dwindle; the Playgroup now operates only on a Wednesday and Friday morning.

Alison Coyne, chairwoman of Glenfarg Village Playschool, outlined the difficulties .

“Over the years the Playschool has experienced occasional financial problems, especially recently as numbers have fallen due to the

opening of the school nursery.

“Despite this, we have consistently provided an excellent play and learning environment. Our HMI and Care Commission inspections yield glowing reports.”

“While we are looking for support, either practical or financial, or anyone who can help us to keep the playgroup open in Glenfarg until the hall reopens, if we don’t get any more children attending - and the support of parents - then we won’t make it to Easter. There’s little else we can do.”

Alison added she was disappointed at the public meeting’s low turnout to discuss the playschool’s future.

“We run a fantastic playgroup. It’s only £4.50 a session for two and a half hours so it’s incredible value. The children get so much out of it.

“It would be terribly sad if the village no longer had a playgroup after 32 years and we were forced to close after Christmas.”

If you can support the Glenfarg Village Playschool by offering financial assistance or a venue in the village please contact Alison Coyne on 01738 850852.

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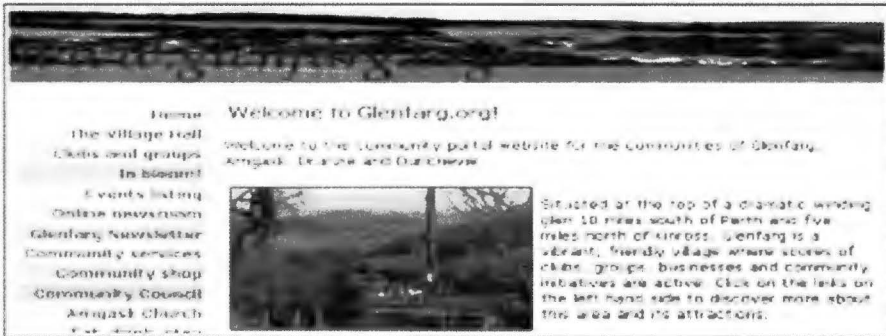
# Going global from Glenfarg!

## Village climbs aboard the information super highway with community portal website

An online initiative by the Glenfarg Public Hall Association has notched up mention after mention across major search engines and international news agencies since it was launched in May.

The community portal website at [www.glenfarg.org](http://www.glenfarg.org) - set up to support the ambitious £40,000 in 40 Days Appeal to enable the village hall extension project meet its fundraising deadline - is now a regular feature on websites such as [bbc.co.uk](http://bbc.co.uk), [icPerthshire.com](http://icPerthshire.com) and [thecourier.co.uk](http://thecourier.co.uk). Not only has [www.glenfarg.org](http://www.glenfarg.org) provided a one-stop site for latest news about the village hall project, it is also fulfilling even bigger ambitions. It provides a comprehensive online community facility to let anyone, anywhere in the world, know about our vibrant and friendly village. So, if you run a club or organisation in or around Glenfarg, just log on to [www.glenfarg.org](http://www.glenfarg.org) and email the editor with information you'd like to see online - for free!

The site is always on the look-out for photographs old and new of Glenfarg, so dig out those old photographs and we'll share them on our online gallery. You can enter our newsletter competitions online here too. [www.glenfarg.org](http://www.glenfarg.org) is also riding high in the charts. The website is normally placed in the top 10 searches for 'Glenfarg' on leading search engines such as Google and Yahoo - not bad for a little village website only six months old. So, send us your club info and we'll tell the world!



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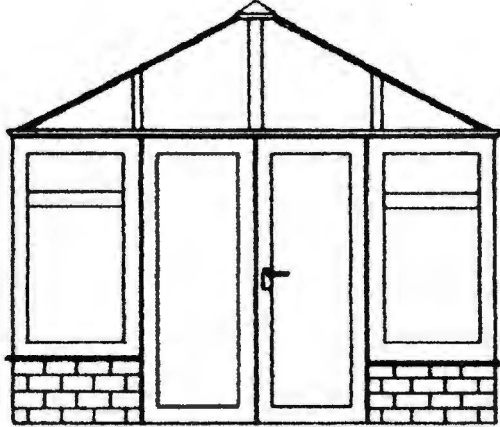
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# Glenfarg and Duncrивie in Bloom

How quick the weeks and months pass, especially for us gardeners. However isn't it just wonderful to sit back, glory in our achievements (second in Pride in Perthshire) and start flicking through the bulb catalogues as we think ahead to Spring. BUT as you all know the Glenfarg & Duncrивie in Bloom don't sit back and relax in the winter months, they'll be out there pruning, clearing, tidying, weeding and preparing for the year ahead.

You will have noticed that, thanks to the group's "persuasion", the council has finally lifted the dumped tar which had become an unofficial, potholed lay-by on the south verge.

This has allowed the planting of 1000 crocus bulbs which will be much more attractive than messy old puddles come next year.

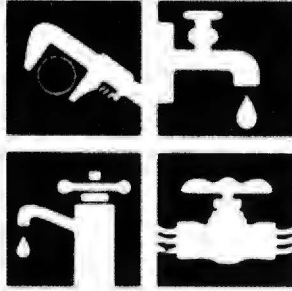


The AGM was held on 31st Oct and Donald McKenzie, Sybil Galbraith and Yvonne Clarkson were re-elected as Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

Donald thanked all those present and the whole community for their exceptional efforts this past year and was delighted to add the names of two young lads, currently going for their Duke of Edinburgh awards, to the ever growing list of volunteers. Don't worry though - there's still room on the list for you - just phone Donald on 830225 or Sybil on 830347.

Again we would like to thank our rugby flag sponsors although their fortunes were not so wonderful. Normile Racing (Ireland) fell at the first hurdle and Glenfarg Garage (Wales) was certainly not firing on all cylinders from the start. Earnside Coaches (Scotland) looked promising but at the second ran out of fuel. The Glenfarg Hotel (France) were forced to the champagne back on ice as Sunrise Potatoes (England) (s)mashed their way to the final. However nothing could have prepared them for the mighty roar of Roary (South Africa). Next year's plans have not yet been unveiled but you can expect more of the same, lots of hard work, lots of fun and a lovely village.

The committee and supporters of G&DIB were shocked and saddened by the sudden and tragic death of volunteer David Walker, and extend their sympathies to Lesley and family.



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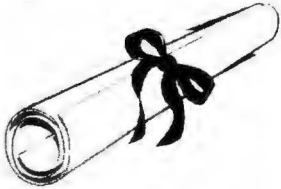
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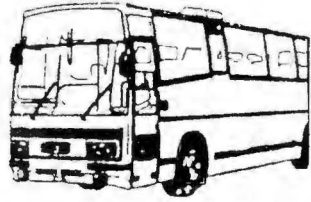
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# Sorop What?

***Been puzzling since last issue over what 'Soroptimists' are and what they do? Kate Armstrong enlightens us!***

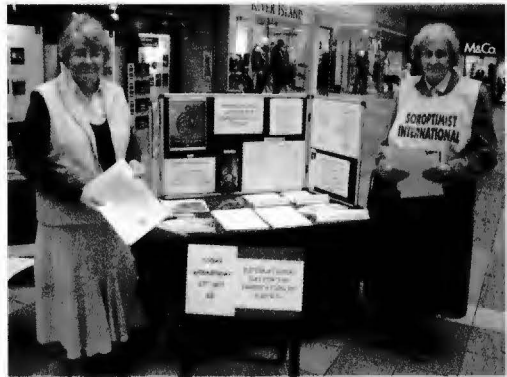
Since publication of the last newsletter and its mention of Sybil and I being flag bearers at the International Convention of Soroptimist International, I have had many people ask me "What is a soroptimist and what do you do?". There is a textbook answer but basically we're a bunch of women, in management and professions, across the globe who have fingers in every pie, especially pies destined to eradicate poverty, injustice, inequality and abuse specifically in relation to women, girls and children.

Sybil and I are both members of the Perth club along with fellow Glenfargites, Caroline Parkinson and Ann Gourlay. To give you a wee flavour of what we get up to, in the past year the Perth club has raised and donated over £5000 to charities ranging from Alzheimer Scotland to international charities, many health related. We are a non-religious, non-racial, non-political voluntary service organisation and our acts of service locally involve reading in adult care homes, organising Christmas parties for young carers, and even maintaining the small garden at the corner of Hospital Street in Perth.

On an international level, one of our members, with her husband's help, has created a self sufficiency garden at a school for special needs children in South Africa whilst another member has physically helped in the building of a health clinic in a remote Indian village. Individually and as an organisation we campaign, lobby and participate in decision making at all levels of society including having a seat on the UN council. If you'd like to find out more about Soroptimism check out the website:

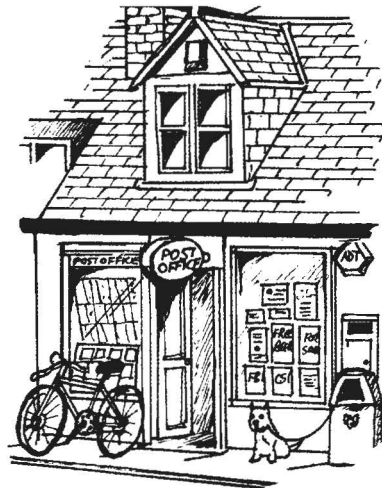
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***Kate Armstrong***



*Above: Former Glenfarg resident Mary MacGregor manning the stand in St John's Centre on the International Day for Eradication of Poverty.*

# Household survey delivers overwhelming support for proposed not-for-profit community-owned shop



An overwhelming mandate to take forward plans for a community-owned shop in the village has been established following a major consultation of every home within a two-mile radius of Glenfarg village centre in September 2007.

More than 400 homes received an information leaflet and questionnaire from the Glenfarg Community Shop Initiative to explore local views about setting up a community-owned, not-for-profit shop in the village.

This would replace the existing privately-owned store - Glenfarg's only remaining shop - which is threatened with closure.

A staggering 99% of all households responding to the survey considered it important that there continues to be a convenience store in the village. Additionally, 95% predicted

their households would visit the shop 'once a week or more'.

The social role played by the village shop was described by many as 'vital' to the local community as a place for people to meet, a hub for local news and information and a centre of village life. It is also somewhere to buy basic goods and services without the need to travel. This would save time and money, respondents added, and help limit damage to the environment.

The importance of the existing Post Office facility was also highlighted, as was the shop's provision of newspapers, magazines, and comics.

When asked who would benefit most from retaining a shop in the village, many mentioned the elderly and retired, those who are physically or socially isolated, and those without transport.

Some also felt a local shop was beneficial to children and teenagers to help them learn about shopping in a safe environment close to home.

Additionally, a few said they valued visiting the local store as an incentive to get out and exercise.

Illustrating the high value placed on the store as a hub for local communications, many predicted they would read the community notices and adverts displayed (85%) and more than half thought they would place notices and adverts themselves.

Most respondents thought their household would use the shop for a variety of basic goods and services, for example, buying bread and milk, reading community notices and using the Post Office.

Some offered additional suggestions for what they would like the store to provide, such as fresh local produce, frozen food and a dry cleaning drop-off service.

A third of the 86 households who returned their questionnaires said they were willing to be contacted about joining a panel of shop users for future consultation, suggesting local commitment to the ongoing development of the shop, above and beyond respondents' predicted high usage as customers.

Donald MacKenzie, chairman of the Glenfarg Community Shop

Initiative, said he was greatly encouraged by the survey results.

He added: "We have very clearly been given a mandate to take forward plans for a community-owned, not-for-profit shop in Glenfarg.

"This is a real boost for the Initiative team as we forge ahead with securing funding for this exciting project for the village."

While details about the project costs are still being finalised, Donald confirmed that the Initiative had already notched up success in applying for start-up funding for the initiative with an award of £4,000 from the Scottish Community Foundation.



***Donald MacKenzie, chairman of the Glenfarg Community Shop Initiative***

The survey results are available in full at the Post Office in Ladeside, or online at [www.glenfarg.org](http://www.glenfarg.org). Can you offer experience or funding to the Glenfarg Community Shop Initiative? If so, please email [communityshop@glenfarg.org](mailto:communityshop@glenfarg.org) or talk to any of the Initiative team.

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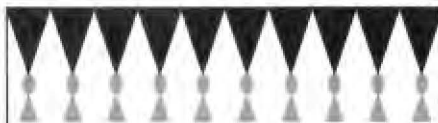
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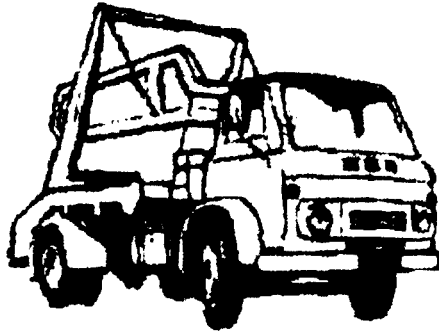


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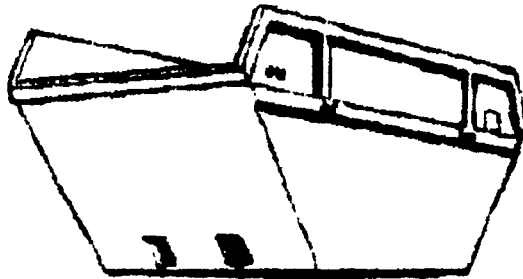
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The winners were:

1. **Coffee** (n.), the person upon whom one coughs.
2. **Flabbergasted** (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.
3. **Abdicate** (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
4. **Esplanade** (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.
5. **Willy-nilly** (adj.), impotent.
6. **Negligent** (adj.), describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.
7. **Lymph** (v.), to walk with a lisp.
8. **Gargoyle** (n.), olive-flavored mouthwash.
9. **Flatulence** (n.) emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.
10. **Balderdash** (n.), a rapidly receding hairline.
11. **Testicle** (n.), a humorous question on an exam.
12. **Rectitude** (n.), the formal, dignified bearing adopted by proctologists.
13. **Pokemon** (n), a Rastafarian proctologist.
14. **Oyster** (n.), a person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddishisms.
15. **Frisbeetarianism** (n.), (back by popular demand): The belief that, when you die, your Soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.
16. **Circumvent** (n.), an opening in the front of boxer shorts worn by Jewish men.

Also, The Washington Post's Style Invitational asked readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition.

Here are this year's winners:

1. **Bozone** (n.): The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.
2. **Foreploy** (v): Any misrepresentation about yourself for the purpose of getting laid.
3. **Castration** (n.): The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period.
4. **Giraffiti** (n): Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.
5. **Sarchasm** (n): The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.
6. **Inoculate** (v): To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.
7. **Hipatitis** (n): Terminal coolness.
8. **Decafalon** (n.): The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.
9. **Glibido** (v): All talk and no action.
10. **Dopeler effect** (n): The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.
11. **Arachnoleptic fit** (n.): The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.
12. **Beelzebug** (n.): Satan in the form of a mosquito that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.
13. **Caterpallor** (n.): The color you turn after finding half a grub in the fruit you're eating.

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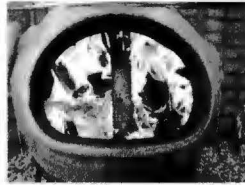
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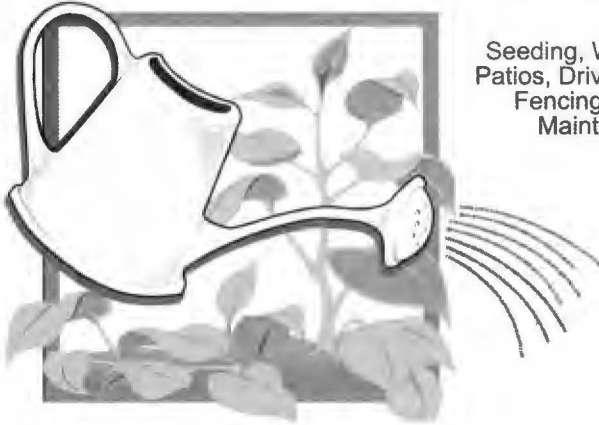
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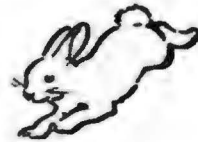
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# **Glenfarg Community Council**

**Draft Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007 at 7.30pm**

## **Present**

Cllr K Armstrong, Cllr T Bisset, Cllr C Campbell (Chairman), Cllr W Connolly, Cllr P Doran, Cllr A Grave, Cllr A Johnston (Secretary), Cllr D McKenzie, Cllr C Murison (Treasurer), Cllr R Quartermaine, Cllr Reid.

## **Apologies**

None

## **By Invitation**

P&K Cllr K Baird, P&K Cllr Robertson, Sgt Childs.

## **Members of the public**

1 member of the public was present.

## **01/11/07 Previous minutes**

An email from Mrs Jean Andrew, treasurer of Glenfarg Village Hall Association, pointed out an error on page 2 of the previous minutes under the heading Closed Items. The purchase of the land at the hall has not yet been successfully completed. It is hoped that the land purchase will be finalised soon. Mrs Andrew thanked the Community Council for their support and intervention, which helped in having the fees that P&KC were charging, being further reduced.

Subject to this correction, the minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2007. Proposed Cllr Bisset, seconded Cllr Grave.

## **02/11/07 Police Report**

Sgt Childs reported that the police had investigated two reported cases of vandalism in the village since the last meeting. In the first case the perpetrator had admitted to carrying out the act and the matter was being further dealt with. In the second case, which took place on the evening of 26<sup>th</sup> October, 3 youths have been reported to the prosecuting authorities.

As a result of the petition raised concerning speeding on Main Street, the police set up a speed trap and stopped a substantial number of vehicles. All drivers were warned that the police were running an anti-speeding campaign. Unfortunately a significant number of the drivers stopped were residents of the village. Cllr Bisset agreed to write an article for the Glenfarg Newsletter highlighting this situation and asking people to watch their speed. Sgt Childs also reported that an unmarked police car had also been recording the speed of all vehicles over a fixed period of time. This information was being fed into a computer system that would analyse the data and produce a report detailing the traffic patterns in Main Street, including the percentage of speeders. They hoped to report on the results of this exercise at the next meeting. The Secretary reported that, in spite of being chased, P&KC had still not responded to the petition.

The Chairman reported an incident of fly tipping at the north end of the village near to the sewage treatment works. Sgt Childs said they would investigate.

Cllr Quartermaine asked about the procedures for escorting abnormal loads. This question related to the abnormal loads that will pass through the village when construction of the Lochelbank wind farm gets underway. Sgt Childs suggested that we contact the Inspector in charge of traffic.

## **03/11/07 Matters Arising**

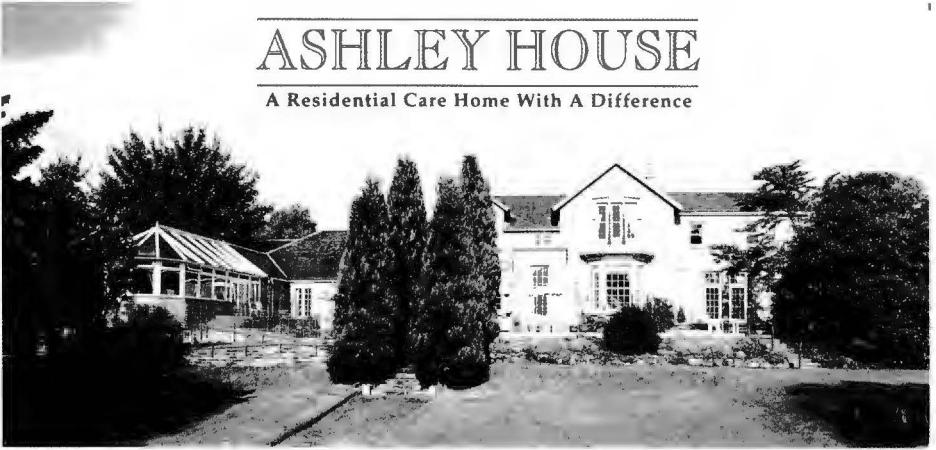
**30MPH signs Church Brae:** Cllr Baird said that P&KC were carrying out a survey of the positions of all 30 and 40 mph signs throughout their area. No signs will be moved until this survey is complete.

## **Argask Walk Bench:**

The Chairman reported that the bench is ready for installation. It was agreed that he

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contact Mrs Ross to arrange a suitable date for it to be officially installed. Once the date was known the Perthshire Advertiser and the Courier are to be informed, with a view to them sending a photographer.

Recycling Facility: Environmental Services have reported that there will be a further delay to this due to the fact that the costs were too expensive and the work has been put out for further quotes.

War Memorial: Cllr Baird reported that P&KC have a considerable amount of disabled access work to do and that War Memorials are well down the list of priorities.

#### **04/11/07 Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer updated the meeting on income and expenditure since the last meeting.

#### **05/11/07 The Village Shop**

CCllr MacKenzie reported that the shop committee had continued to meet. Proposals are being developed with a view to them being presented to a public meeting early in the New Year. A business plan is in an advanced state of preparation and a structural survey of the property has been carried out. The report for this is still awaited. The committee has decided on the legal form of the business. Applications for funding are being put together at present.

CCllr Holt Brook reported that they had had just under 25% response to the survey. This was a good outcome and the responses contained lots of interesting information and suggestions.

#### **06/11/07: TRACKS**

The Secretary reported that Janet Croft of TRACKS had said that everything was going well, although the Wallace Park part of the project was slowing the process slightly. They were still working on a late 2007/early 2008 implementation. Cllr Baird reported that the problem was that the Wallace Park part of the project was costing too much. The Council was looking at ways to cut costs and it may be that the path from the main pathway to the play area will have to be dropped. Cllrs Baird and Robertson

both undertook to follow the matter up with Council officials.

#### **07/11/07: Core Paths**

The Secretary reported that Dave Stubbs, the P&KC Access Officer, will be holding a series of drop-in meetings around our part of the Ochils. The purpose of these meetings is for members of the public to come along and mark on maps paths or walks that they already use or would like to use. Everyone who walks, rides or cycles is being encouraged to go along. Posters have been put up in the shop and on the CC noticeboard. The Glenfarg meeting will take place in the Church Hall on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November between 6.30 and 8.30 pm. Cllr Robertson explained that this meeting was the first in the process. The next stage was to meet with the landowners to get their responses to the suggestions from the public. Thereafter it was down to negotiations to arrive at an agreed set of core paths. This process has already been carried out successfully in other areas of Perth & Kinross.

#### **08/11/07: Convention of Perth & Kinross Community Councils**

The Secretary intimated that the autumn meeting of the Convention will be held in the Tulloch Community Centre on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm. It was agreed that the Secretary and CCllr Quartermaine would attend. CCllr Grave will also try to be there.

The Secretary stated that he felt there was some apathy in the Council towards the Convention and also towards the national Association of Scottish Community Councils. He said that he

felt that membership of both bodies was important because they were the bodies that dealt with P&KC and the Scottish Government respectively. The officers of the Convention have a twice yearly meeting with senior officials of P&KC when matters such as the level of grant awarded by P&KC to Community

Councils and the poor response from some areas of the P&KC are discussed. The ASCC regularly meets with senior civil servants and MSPs to discuss, amongst other things, the future of Community Councils. Most people are aware that the SNP, in their pre-election manifesto, put forward ideas as to how more responsibilities could be devolved to Community Councils with a consequent increase in grant. What has become apparent now that the SNP form the Scottish Government is that these proposals run alongside the idea of increasing the size of Community Council areas to equate to the local wards. In our case this would mean that we would have a Kinross-shire Community Council. The ASCC is the body that is fighting these ideas on our behalf. It is clear that the more Community Councils that are members of these 2 bodies, the more influence they will have in the negotiations that they carry out on our behalf. The Council agreed that we should maintain our membership of both these representative bodies.

#### **09/11/07: Planning**

Windfarm Appeals Update: The sub committee appointed at the last CC meeting in September has met. They had invited Earn Community Council to appoint one of their members to the sub committee. CCllr Irene Thorogood has therefore joined the committee. The sub committee has sent letters to P&KC, SEPA, SNH, HSE, Shell, BP and npower. Copies of these letters were sent to P&K Councillors representing both ward, our MSPs, MP and MEP. To date responses have been received from npower, SEPA, P&KC, SNH, Richard Lochhead MSP and Gordon Banks MP. The Chairman suggested the sub committee should reconvene in a couple of weeks to consider the responses received. CCllr Quartermaine pointed out the difficult situation that P&KC officials would find themselves in when trying to monitor the development. Cllr Robertson suggested that we form a liaison committee

consisting of npower, P&KC, local councillors and representatives from both Community Councils. In his experience this type of arrangement had worked well with other large industrial developments.

Energy From Waste plant: On a motion from CCllr Bisset, seconded by CCllr Reid, it was agreed to set up a similar sub committee working with Abernethy Community Council to cover issues with the Binn Farm development. It was agreed that Abernethy should be the major player in this, as their area would be much more affected than ours. It was agreed that their secretary, CCllr Ann Sangster, would be contacted.

Tillyrie Wind Cluster: The Secretary reported that notice had been received that the Public Inquiry on the Tillyrie development would take place in the Windlestrae Hotel starting at 10.00am on Wednesday 12 December and is expected to last for 6 days.

Hilton of Duncricvie Application: This application has been approved by P&KC but with several conditions. The exact number of houses to be built has been left open until the detail application is submitted and the planners can see how the houses are to be positioned on the site, however the Development Control Committee made it clear that they expect to see an extremely small development. The applicant is not being allowed to fell the trees on the site but may apply to fell individual trees if there is good reason. Before any work is started on the site the developer must install passing places on the road to the satisfaction of the Roads Department. They must also install horse and rider signs at each end of the road.

#### Applications Considered by Planning Sub Committee:

One application was considered by the sub committee. This was for a house on a vacant site in Hayfield Road. Previously the CC had supported an outline application on this site, but the sub

committee decided to object to the house now proposed because it was contrary to the Guidelines published by the Planning Department in the summer of 2006 in that the house would occupy more than 25% of the site area.

#### Steading Developments:

Friends of Rural Kinross (FORK) have contacted Cllr Mike Barnacle to suggest that a meeting of representatives from all Community Councils in the Kinross-shire ward together with local councillors and representatives of FORK be convened to discuss the issues surrounding the Housing in the Countryside Policy. The Council agreed to take part. Cllr Robertson said that the meeting would receive a presentation from Roland Bean, Head of Planning at P&KC, and that it was hoped to hold the meeting before Christmas.

#### Other Planning Applications

No other applications were considered.

#### **10/11/07: Meeting Dates for 2008**

The following dates for the regular meetings of the Community Council were agreed.

7 January	23 June
3 March	8 September
12 May	3 November

It was also agreed that elections would take place on 17 March. In the event that elections are not required the AGM would take place on 17 March. If elections are required the AGM will take place on 14 April.

#### **11/11/07: Correspondence**

The Secretary advised Council of correspondence received since last meeting.

#### **10/09/07: Any Other Business** Community Council responsibilities in relation to planning and post-planning

CCllr Armstrong asked for clarification on this point. The Chairman and

Secretary explained the role that community councils have in the planning process and that they have no statutory role post-planning.

#### Website Update

CCllr Bisset reported that the sub committee had drawn up a list of improvements that they would wish to see and sent it to the developer. To date they have had no formal response. It was suggested that the developer be asked to quote for the work and that quotes from other developers be obtained also.

#### Motorway Trees

It was reported that trees bordering the motorway at the south end of the village are hitting telephone wires. BEAR have been informed.

#### Buses to Kinross High School

It was reported that parents of children attending Kinross High School had written to P&KC and the school concerning the timing of buses between Glenfarg and the school. The Council was being asked to support these demands for changes in the timetable. CCllr Bisset agreed to draft a letter from the Council to P&KC.

#### Faulty Light in Greenbank Road

CCllr Connolly reported that there had been a delay in activating the new light in Greenbank Road. This light had been moved as a result of the work on the village hall. Scottish Hydro has been informed and is dealing with the issue.

#### Opening of Lochleven Walk

CCllr Holt Brook reported that she had attended the opening of the second part of the Lochleven walk and thoroughly recommended it as a very pleasant and interesting walk or cycle ride.

#### Marquee

The Chairman indicated that there may be problems with regard to the insurance of the marquee. It appears that a number of insurers are now insisting, for health and safety reasons, that only trained personnel are used to erect and take down marquees. The Treasurer is to contact our insurers to clarify the situation.

The meeting closed at 9.40p.m.

**The date of the next meeting is Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2008.**



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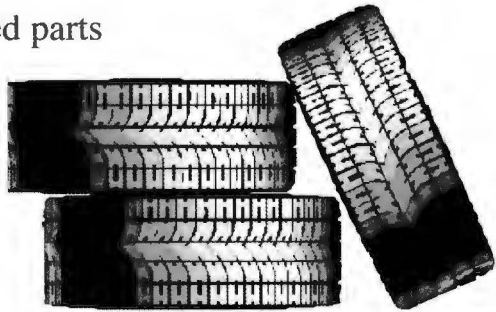
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