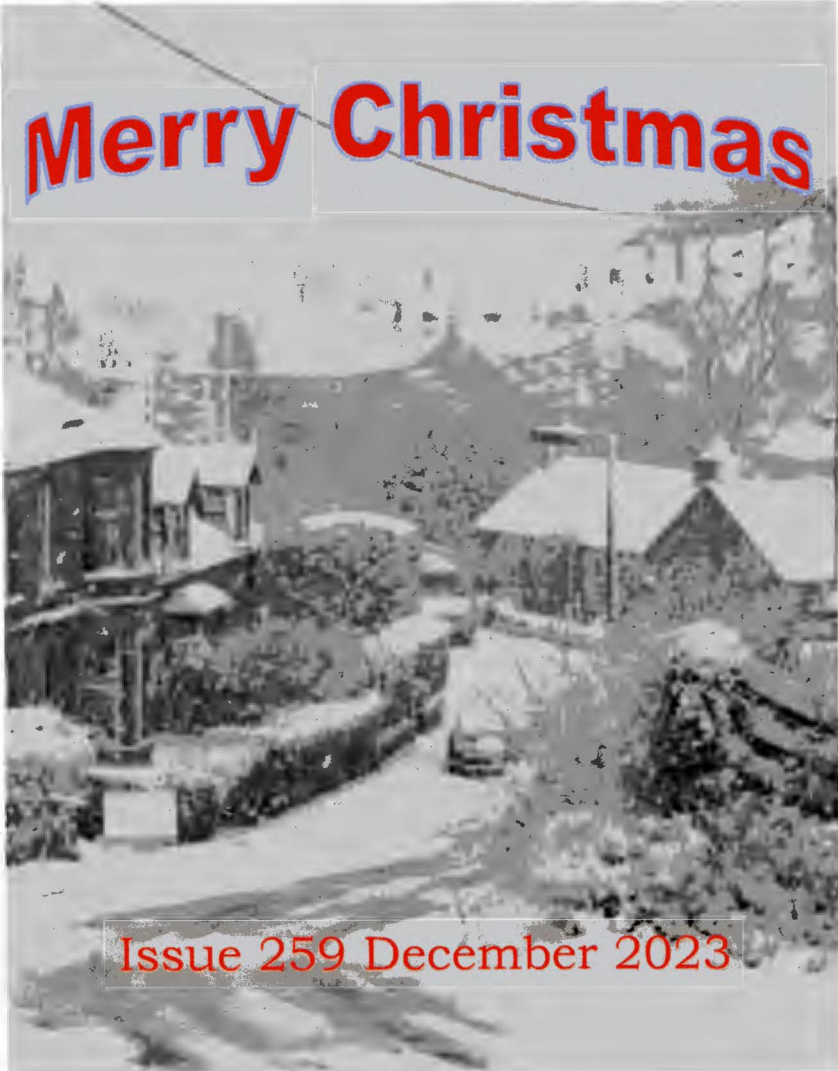


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Merry Christmas



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Editorial

There is quite a lot going on in and around Glenfarg.

The 55 bus service is going from strength to strength with a regular recorded figure of 400+ passengers per week. Plans are in place to increase the service, heading North to Perth. The new bus looks great in it's new livery and is drawing attention.

Another busy place is The schoolhouse. We have articles on the grand opening, and also an article on the Christmas Fayre.

Arngask Home Farm have their Christmas Fayre going on. Visitors are reminded not to park at the farm, but park in the village and walk, or alternatively, catch the shuttle bus.

There is an article on the Corbett Institute, and links with estates in London.

We are sorry to lose Cat Scott from the Editorial Committee and would like to thank her for her contributions to the Newsletter during her time on the committee. Her daughter, AnnaFaith, has now completed her Duke Of Edinburgh works with us, and we can now sign this off as being successful.

This leaves us short of Editorial Committee, and if you'd be interested in joining the team please do not hesitate to contact us.

We hope that all of our readers have a very enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

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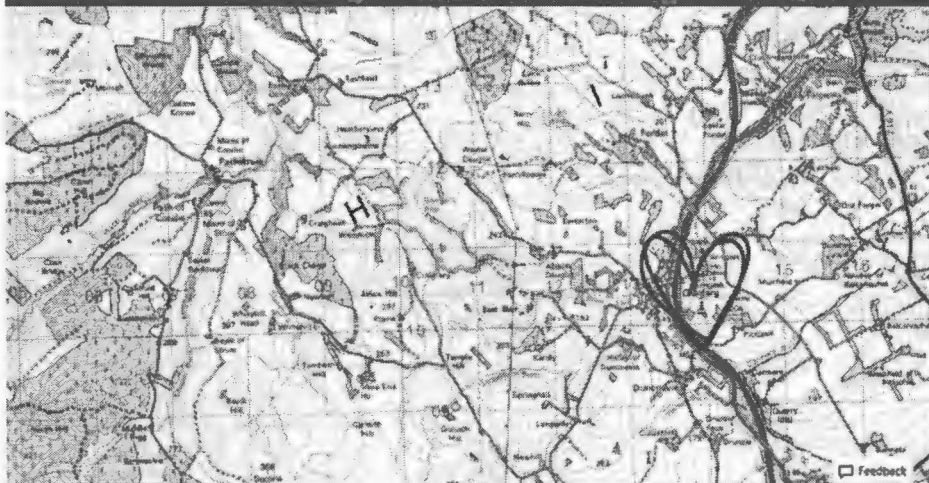
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The Glenfarg Newsletter



Purpose

The Glenfarg Newsletter is a quarterly magazine published by the community, for the community.

Why not advertise your business, community group or event, or tell us about what's happening in our wonderful wee village?

And whatever you want to know, from bins and busses to buying local, pick up a copy today! (Suggested donation £1)

Publications

Copies are available in the village shop and in various libraries and social spaces on the 1st of March, June, September and December.

Deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month prior to publication.

People

- In-Bloom (GDIB)
- Community Cinema
- Community Transport (GCTG)
- Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- Scottish Women's Institute
- Community Council



Places

- Village Hall
- Wallace Park
- Amgask Primary
- Amgask Church

Projects

- Village Inn Co.
- Water Treatment Works
- Greener Glenfarg
- Community Centre



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TWO CORBETT LIBRARIES – NEARLY 500 MILES APART!

By Dave Arnold



I was born and grew up near Hither Green Station in SE London and on a recent visit to central London I decided to go back and have a look at the house where I was born, the infants and primary schools I attended etc. I hadn't been back for a very long time as I joined the Royal Navy in 1970 and my parents moved from the area in the mid !970s.

As I was leaving Hither Green station I saw an information board about the local area which included a large picture of “The Corbett Community Library”.

Glenfarg residents will be aware that we have a Corbett Institute/Library in Greenbank Road next to the war memorial so I was curious to find out if there was any connection. I had a wander around the streets and did some research; this is what I found out:

Back in the 1860s a railway junction was built at Hither Green on the edge of the Saint Germain's estate – a huge area of open countryside and farm land. In 1896 a Glasgow born developer called Archibald Corbett acquired much of the St Germain's estate (some 278 acres) and began to develop a vast housing estate of around 3,200 houses.



As a first step he did a deal with the railway company to upgrade Hither Green junction to a station and to offer new residents a

reduction on the cost of season tickets to central London.

He also built a sales office in the first road to be built which - was right next to the station - Duncrievie Road! To reflect Archibald Corbett's Scottish



roots 27 of the roads on the estate were given Scottish names including Glenfarg Road; Arngask Road; Torridon Road; Fordel Road etc.

The estate was developed between 1896 and 1911 and the house prices were based on the width of the house frontage. In 1898 a 4 bedroom terraced house cost £298. The same house today would cost between £700,000 - £800,000!

Corbett was one of the great philanthropists of the Victorian age and he aimed to deliver well built houses in a balanced community that promoted healthy living by incorporating shopping parades; churches; schools; a library; and recreation grounds in the estate. This was in sharp contrast to the squalid slums that existed in many Victorian cities at this time.



Despite the size of the estate there were NO public houses; social clubs or off licences built! This was because Corbett had a strict Presbyterian upbringing and was a fervent teetotaler. (This may be the reason I knew little about this area when I was a young man!)

The impressive Corbett library in Torrison Road was built in 1907 and is still operating today as a hub for the community; although nowadays it is run by volunteers rather than Lewisham Council.

As mentioned earlier Corbett was from Glasgow and he had two brothers : Thomas and Harry and a sister : Jessie. It was his younger brother Harry who settled in Arngask but sadly

Harry died in his late 20s from tuberculosis. In his will he donated his books to the village and in 1892 the Corbett family erected a library/village hall in Greenbank Road in his memory – “The Corbett Institute”.



This building is still in Greenbank Road but is now a private house; a larger village hall having been built further along the road to meet the needs of Glenfarg’s growing population.

An interesting film about Corbett and the housing estates he built in London was produced by the Archibald Corbett Society a few years ago and includes an interview with Bill Macpherson who talks about “our” Corbett Institute in Glenfarg (Approx 34 mins into the film).

Glenfarg & Duncrievie in Bloom

A great big “Thank You” to all who came along for the Autumn clear up of Glenfarg Green.



A great effort was made by all to ensure we continue to enjoy this great asset on our doorstep.

With all of the hard work put in, it didn't take long for the skip to be filled.



Weather was perfect and although there was a lot of hard work there was a lot of fun as well!



And finished off with a nice cup of tea / coffee and some home made goodies.

Glenfarg Community Transport Group

We are hoping by now that you've all had a trip on our new EVM Cityline bus. If not, why not give us a try soon? Our new low floor bus has easy access for wheelchairs and buggies, and our friendly drivers are only too willing to give you a help onboard.



The Glenfarg Community Bus in all its glory!

A New Year a New Service.

After getting off to a great start in 2023, the new year brings a number of exciting developments for Glenfarg Community Transport. In January, The 55 Bus will start to run an extended hourly service between Kinross and Perth via Glenfarg and it is hoped to deliver same benefits that the Glenfarg to Kinross route introduced – reliability,

punctuality, friendliness and inexpensive travel. Like the shorter route, the Perth service will be flexible and in due course, offer a wider range of destinations in Perth.

The new service will be run as a pilot for 3-6 months to allow GCTG to trial a few innovative solutions for public transport. For the first six weeks, to allow the service to bed in, it will be run as traditional bus service. In March, however, it is hoped to start the trial of a flexible service using the MooveFlexi passenger App which will allow passengers to book a trip, pay for a trip via the App, watch the progress of the bus with a real time tracker and receive updates if the schedule should slip. It is hoped that The 55 Bus at this stage will connect with every Ember E1 service during the day and run to a number of destinations in Perth -such as the Railway Station, Bus Station, Leisure Pool, Perth Royal Infirmary, Retail Park and Mill Street Bus Interchange. A telephone booking service will continue for those who do not have access to smart phones. More information about this development in February issue, the new website Glenfargct.co.uk and the GCYG social media channels.

The 55 Bus Further details at

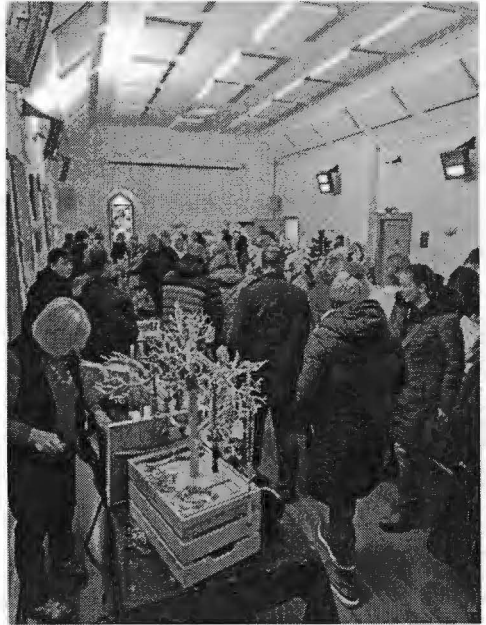
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Christmas Fayre

Bill MacPherson

I would like to thank all the people who came out to make it such a busy Fayre! Thanks also to all the stall-holders who not only paid for their stalls but also gave raffle prizes. I hope you found it an enjoyable and profitable event and made some new contacts.



To the legion of helpers, bakers, tea/coffee makers, cheeky Mulled Pies and Minced Wine deliverers, music maestro, Santa: thank you all.

It just seemed a perfect way to start the Christmas Season, and apart from all of that, it made money for the Glenfarg Community Centre! What a win-win.



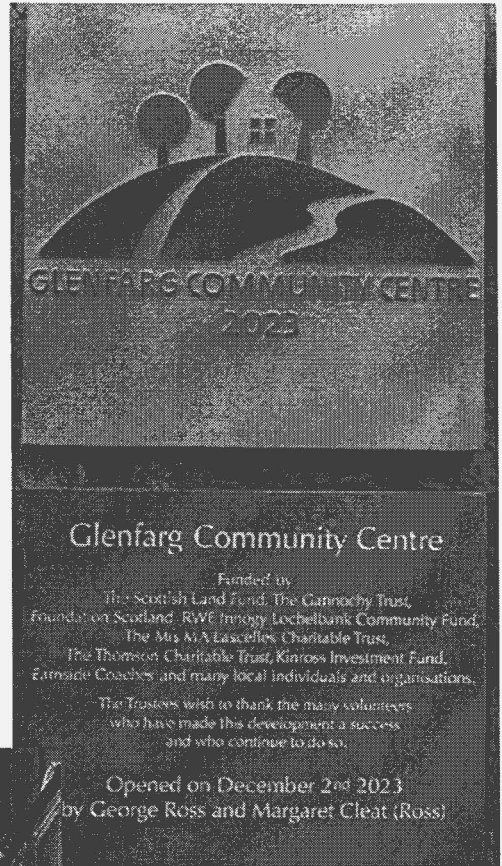
To Elaine Mark and Russell: what an accomplishment! Your efforts and organisation are much appreciated, thank you. We all look forward to a repeat performance.



Opening of Glenfarg Community Centre

A good crowd was present to attend the opening and unveiling of the plaque for the new Glenfarg Community Centre.

Although there was snow on the ground, the event was well attended.

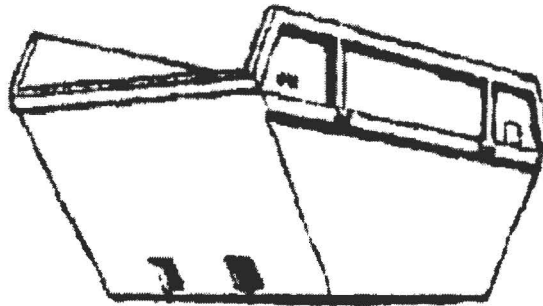


Coffees / Teas and home baking were served to warm up all that attended. This was followed by the Christmas Fayre.





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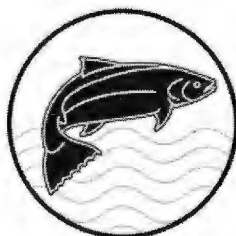
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Here's the rundown of everything you need to know about the Arngask Home Farm Christmas Market!

Important Info:

- Please do not park at the farm. You will be turned away. You must park in Glenfarg village. There is a long Main Street and plenty of side streets. From here, there are two options:

1. You can walk from your car up to the farm. We are a 5 minute uphill walk just over the motorway footbridge, up through a lovely wooded pathway to the farm on the right. We will have plenty of stewards to keep you right. This path will be lit up as the light starts to dim.

2. The amazing Glenfarg Community Transport group will be offering shuttle runs from all of the Glenfarg Main Street bus stops (Starting at Copperfields and running to the Glenfarg waterworks) every 20 minutes direct to the farm. You can also hop back onto this bus to head back to the village when you're done shopping. These are just

minibuses, so if you can manage the walk up, we'd encourage you to do this so those who really need a lift can get one.

- The event itself is not ticketed, so you can just come along! Please do try to support the businesses though and spend something to help support this event being put on.

- Most of the stall holders WILL have a card machine but please bring cash too just in case.

- This is an outdoor and indoor event, so please dress accordingly. It will be cold. Please get your thermals on!

-There will be portaloos on site.

Book your spot on one of Eric, The Tartan Viking's Scottish Christmas Tales. He'll be journeying 5-10 minutes from the farm and taking you on a tour filled with Scottish folklore and Christmas fun. He'll wander up to an old graveyard and church with you and it promises to be a tour filled with wander and entertainment. If you don't know who Eric is, all you need to do is Facebook or Instagram search 'Tartan Viking'!

SHOPPING!

The Arngask Home Farm Christmas Market will really champion farmers at the forefront, with the courtyard being the food and drink hub. There will be a huge range of ethical meat available, from our rare breed pork, Arngask lamb, local beef, venison, duck, pheasant and partridge, pasture fed chicken and venison charcuterie. As well as meat, there will also be a huge range of small Scottish business food and drink produce outside - from wine merchants, to whisky, beer and gin. Plus two barns of other small business offerings - everything from jewellery, to art, to pottery, to homeware and more.

JOHN ANDERSON

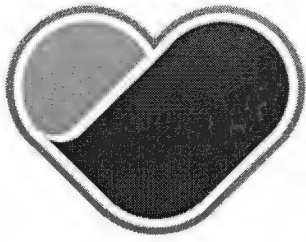
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In Glenfarg and Duncruevie Every Wednesday Morning

On the van

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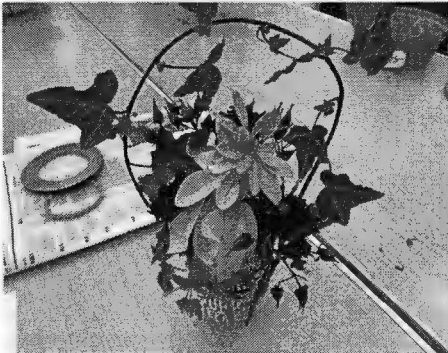
SWI

Scottish Women's Institutes

Another very successful afternoon at Glenfarg SWI.

New members are always welcome, we meet the 2nd Thursday of the month @ 2 pm in the Village Hall.

For more info tel Linda Martin 07771 632830





REDUCE, REUSE, REPAIR, RECYCLE

RECYCLE

Thursday 18th January, Village Hall 7pm

Ever wondered what goes on up at the Binn EcoPlant? We all pass by regularly, but are we aware that our neighbour is one of the most fully integrated resource recovery complexes in the UK?

MSPs have visited the company to witness its 'progressive approach' in adopting sustainable green solutions. Recyclable materials are collected from households and businesses throughout Perthshire, Stirlingshire, Fife, Dundee, Angus and Central Scotland. Over 86% are transformed into useful commodities. The remaining 14% is now being processed into Solid Recovered Fuel, generating electricity and power from materials that would otherwise have gone to landfill. As we are being asked to improve our personal recycling, it's reassuring to know that our efforts are not wasted.

On 18th January we are holding a Climate Café in the village hall. The invited speaker is John Ferguson, Head of Strategy at Binn Eco-Innovation Park. John has over 20 years' experience as an applied environmentalist and is an inspirational speaker on how to adopt a greener way of life. This will be an opportunity to learn about the work of the Binn Group and discuss the ways in which our community could be involved in tackling climate change.

REUSE & REDUCE

In September we held another very successful Clothes Swap. Here is Sheila in her 'new' hat and coat. Doesn't she look great! Thanks to Leigh, Christine and the CHAS shop for their help.

We are trying several ways of giving people the opportunity for items to be Reused. Also Reduces the amount of new clothes that are bought, with big savings on water and other resources, less pollution, less transportation. Plus, big savings on your pocket. And remember, we also have a Tool Share scheme. So, no need to buy new equipment if someone is willing to loan out theirs.



REPAIR

We felt that our community was perhaps too small to support a Repair Shop – unless you would like to offer your services? Alternatively, we started talks with the Kinross Men's Shed about what they could offer. Now we hear that the Kinross-shire Climate Café group are seeking funds to set up a repair shop in association with the Men's Shed. Hopefully, this will get off the ground and we'll keep you informed about how to use its services.

PRESENTATION TO THE CLIMATE CAFE

In November, Glenfarg groups gave a presentation at the Kinross-shire Climate Café. We included all the ongoing projects, Tara spoke about the Freewheelers Ebike Loan Trial and Douglas spoke about the Transport Group's bus scheme. We were billed as the Glenfarg Eco Village! And a larger than usual audience came to listen and ask questions.

Care4Calais

Freya Corcoran

Hey everyone - a few friends and I have organised a donation collection for the refugee charity Care4Calais. We will be driving all of the donations down to Calais between Christmas and New Year. We are mainly looking for men's clothes, since most of the refugees in Calais are young men, but since the weather is so so bad at the moment, any and all waterproof/warm clothes are welcome (and really needed!). I have attached a list below of all the things we are looking for. The situation in Calais is really dire at the moment, there are more refugees there now than there normally is at this time of year and the weather is worse than it's been for a long time. Medics working on the ground are reporting cases of trench foot, hypothermia and respiratory illnesses, and flooding has caused residents of Calais to be evacuated from their homes. Sufficient emergency shelter has not been provided for the refugees in Calais and the surrounding area, who are living in flooded tents. Your donations have the opportunity to really make a difference. If you have anything you can donate please drop it at The Old Bakehouse (Main Street) over the next few weeks, or send me a message and I might be able to come and pick it up at some point. We leave on the 27th of December so any time before then is great! Thank you so much !!!

(anything we cannot take with us to Calais will go to homelessness and refugee charities locally/in Glasgow)

DONATION CALL:

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Tarpaulins
Sleeping bags
Blankets
Rollmats
Coats and Jackets
Trousers: mainly joggers and jeans
Tshirts
Thermals
Fleeces
Hoodies/Sweatshirts
Socks
Boxer shorts (must be new)
Trainers/Shoes
Hats
Gloves

Scarves
Backpacks
Rain ponchos
Mobile phones
Portable chargers
Bin bags

Hygiene items (new/unopened) :

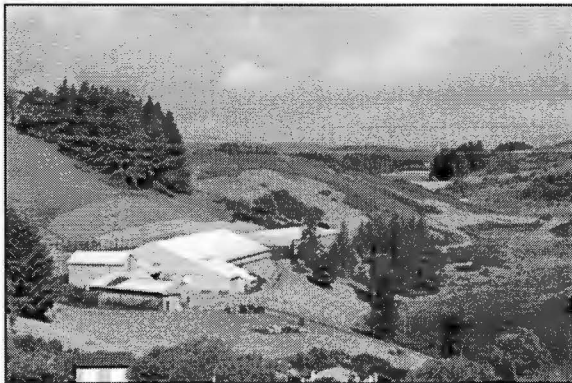
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Toothbrushes
Razors
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Shampoo
Body wash
Deodorant



Fact Sheet provided
by Scottish Water

Glenfarg Water Treatment Works

Glenfarg Water Treatment Works (WTW) has a vital role, supplying drinking water for 179,000 people in communities across Kinross-shire and Fife.



The existing WTW was built in 1984 and is now in need of significant investment so that it can continue to serve the area for decades to come.

What would the work involve?

The proposed investment includes several elements which work together to improve the way drinking water is produced; and to provide greater security of supply for all of the communities that the site serves.

Some of the proposed work would take place within and

around the existing WTW buildings, including:

- Upgrade and replacement of key equipment and filters
- A new backwash tank, to keep the filters within the WTW working effectively
- A new filtered water pumping station.

The redevelopment of the historic filter beds near to the dam would include:

- A new Chlorine Contact Tank to improve the final crucial stage in the production of drinking water;
- 4 new Clear Water Tanks to store drinking water before it leaves the site. The stored water could continue to supply all the communities that the site serves

if the production of drinking water was interrupted. The tanks also mean that stable production of drinking water can continue over the course of daily variation in demand from customers.

A smaller piece of work is also due to be delivered soon to improve the air curtain within the reservoir, which helps to maintain the quality of the 'raw' water entering the WTW during summer conditions.

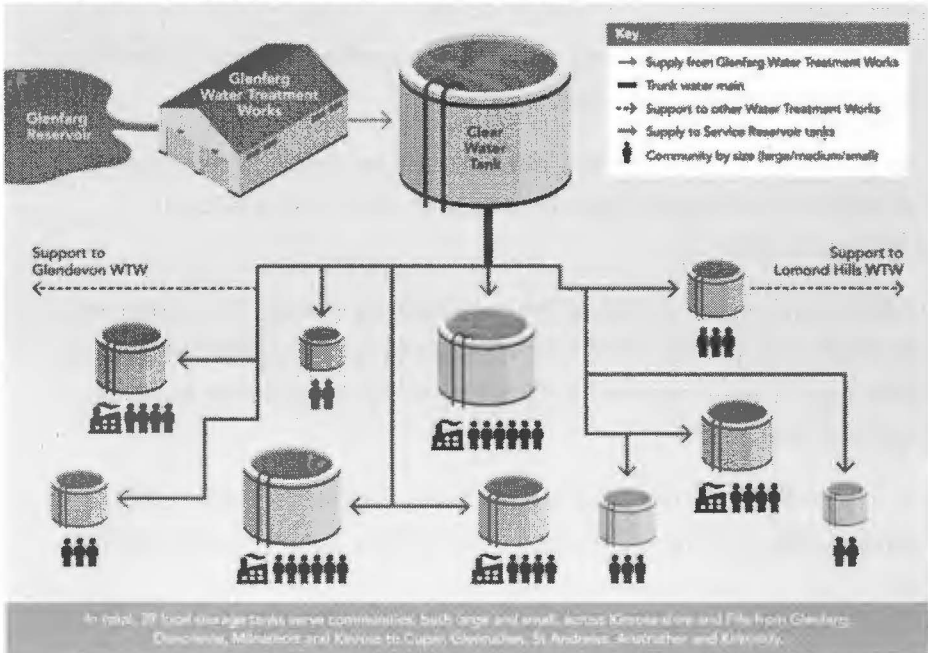
Why is additional water storage capacity needed at Glenfarg?

plays a critical role in supplying a complex water network which spans Kinross-shire and Fife.

Within the network, there are 39 local storage tanks, referred to as 'Service Reservoirs'. These local tanks are typically located on high ground close to the communities that they serve - and their size varies to meet local needs.

A Clear Water Tank (CWT) is the source of drinking water from which all of the local tanks, both large and small, are supplied. This has to be located and sized so that The WTW at Glenfarg can maintain supply to all of the communities that the site serves if the normal production of drinking water is interrupted - for example due to a major technical fault or a pollution event.

Simplified overview of the water network supplied by Glenfarg WTW



The existing CWT at Glenfarg is significantly smaller than is required to meet modern design standards, compared to the population the site supplies with water every day. As a result, it can only maintain supply to the network for a short time.

The CWT also has a close link with the production of drinking water itself. Storage capacity at the WTW allows stable production of drinking water to be maintained through significant daily peaks and troughs in demand. This helps to achieve consistently excellent quality of drinking water at customers' taps.

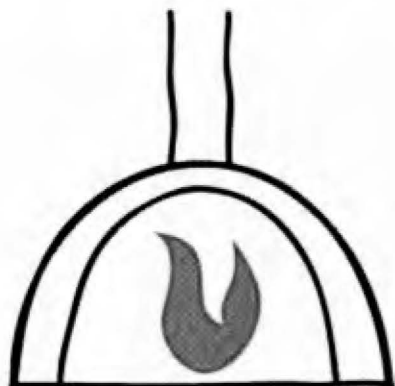
A liaison group has been formed to allow the community council to regularly meet with the management of the SW major project team and receive updates on the progress of the project and also to raise awareness of concerns being expressed by the community.

Following receipt of this fact document, Glenfarg CC have gone back asking for clarification on several points.

A large focus of attention has been placed on Traffic Management and progress has been made having held two Liaison Group Meetings to date.

Scottish water have updated their website to include this document. This sheet was produced at CC's request to try to explain why these works have been proposed at Glenfarg WTW as opposed to further down the line.

It is hoped that this document goes some way to explaining this, however, the CC have gone back with further questions for clarification.



PIZZA VIA

Menu

Margherita

cherry tomatoes / basil / rocket

Pepperoni

italian pepperoni / roquito peppers

Hawaiian

parma ham / pineapple

Vegetarian

red onion / peppers / mushroom / courgette / black olives

Chicken

chicken / red onion / mushroom
(chilli / piri piri / bbq sauce available)

Spicy Meat Feast

salami milano / chorizo / parma ham /
italian pepperoni / nduja salumi / chillies

Monthly Special

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BUDAPEST CAFÉ ORCHESTRA REVIEW

Lawrence Bec

Well, it's not often you'll hear a seagull INSIDE the Glenfarg village hall, but Christian Garrick of the *Budapest Café Orchestra* managed to recreate the sound of a screeching gull when he came to the last few bars of their rendition of "Adagio of Spartacus and Phrygia" (aka the theme for the Onedin line, for those of us of a certain age!)

Having previously seen the BCO twice in Birnam, once in Falkland, and once already in Glenfarg, I was not going to miss these four impresarios working their musical magic once again in our local "Glenfarg Palladium".

Christian Garrick, one of the world's most celebrated jazz violinist and composers, did things with his violin that defied belief...gypsy Jazz, classical, freestyle, and traditional styles were all played with consummate ease and, quite frankly, amazing ability.

Eddie Hessian, on button accordion, had those fingers running up, down, and across those buttons faster than Usain Bolt. His performance was a testament to the fact that he is a former British accordion champion, and a runner up in the World Championship. Credited with music from the film "Chocolat", he has previously accompanied Pavarotti, Domingo, Carreras, as well as playing keyboard, for 14 years, in London's west end production of "Les Miserables"and here he was in Glenfarg!!

Kelvin Cantlon was a founding member of the BCO. He was one of the Vagabonds that went along with Jimmy James and his Vagabonds, and he ensured the steady bass beat was held through the up-beat numbers, and then the bow came out to add the mellow accompaniments to the slower pieces.

Finally, on "other "strings was Adrian Zolotuhin (aka "the sultan!). With his soft hat and mysterious, spy-like facial expressions, he worked his magic on guitar, on Bala-laika, on Saz, and sometimes on Dobra for good measure. Adrian just kept strumming and picking away with whatever stringed instrument that was needed to accompany the other three orchestra members.

The Budapest Café Orchestra hail from Harringay (yes, that's around London!), but their musical style is classed as Gypsy Jazz, with a liberal sprinkling of Balkan and Eastern European influences for good measure. Musically, I can't fault them, as each musician is amazing in their own right, but, even more importantly, they come together without one note of music in front of them and have a tight and perfectly balanced orchestral precision.

Those of us that were in the Glenfarg palladium in September were treated to a wonderfully entertaining evening of music. . PLEASE tell you friends and neighbours that didn't go and let's try to get to 100 for their next event

So, in summary, I thoroughly enjoyed the night, and hope you did too. I would encourage everyone to visit www.budapestcafeorchestra.co.uk where you can find out all about the band, tours, merchandise etc.

Arngask Church

Remembrance Sunday

Our village's Remembrance Sunday 12th November church service was held at 3:00pm. This was followed by the Wreath Laying ceremony at the War Memorial.



As far as we are aware, this church service is scheduled to be the penultimate Sunday service to be held. The church is due to cease services with a final closing event to take place sometime in the future. Following the Wreath Laying ceremony the Village Hall was opened for hot beverages and tasty scones.

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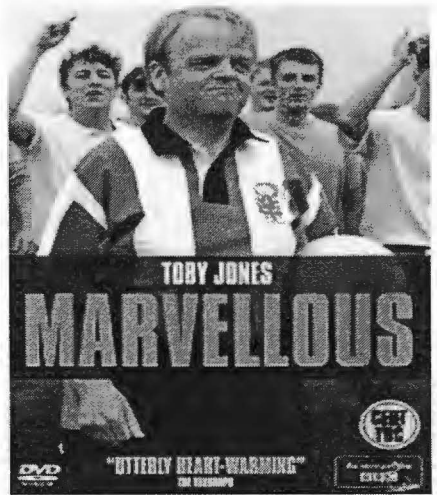
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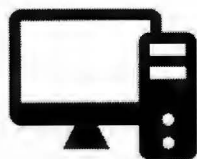
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Glenfarg Community Council Minutes

Glenfarg Community Council Business Meeting 7:30pm, Monday 6th November 2023, Glenfarg Village Hall.

Attendees: CCllrs Fraser, Pilmer, Christie, Murray, Ponton, MacLeod, PKC Cllrs Cuthbert, Watters, Police Scotland Community PC Samson and 8 members of the public.

1. Apologies: CCllr Smart and PKC Cllr Cuthbert

2. Approval of last Business Meeting Minutes

CCllrs Murray and Macleod prior approval

3. Police Report

PC Samson attended and advised on the following:

42 calls and one crime reported. Traffic statistics Community officers are aware of the regular areas related to complaints about speeding in Glenfarg. These have been added to our Speeding Matrix and we will make efforts to carry out speed checks across the area during our patrols. In the last month local officers from Kinross have been carrying out speed checks in the areas of Glenfarg, Milnathort, Crook of Devon and Powmill.

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Community Speedwatch – CCllr Pilmer stated that he had contacted Milnathort CC and shall do again and report back to the GCC. *Action CCllr Pilmer*

4. Sub Committees

Following and outstanding Business action from the AGM of the 28th October 2023 the appointments for the post of Vice Chair and SC are as follows:

Vice Chair – CCllr Christie

Planning, Newsletter – CCllr Christie

Finance – CCllr Murray

Transport - CCllr Smart

Communication & Media, Data Controller, Emergency Plan, Lochelbank Wind Farm Panel, Minute Secretary – CCllr Pilmer

Wind Farm (others) CCllr Ponton

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5. Action Points *

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Bilge pump – Continuing and in relation to the topic of Flooding in Item 7.
Sign in Wallace Park – removed.
Binn Community turbine – Item 8.

6. Meetings – Virtual and Public

Virtual - Nil

Public

Scottish Water - Water Treatment Works project. CCllr Fraser reported that he and CCllr Christie had held a meeting with representatives from the joint Scottish Water and Efficient Service Delivery Team (ESD) project. The meeting was amicable and the GCC position of the *intended works should not be happening in this community* was discussed. Matters relating to the planning application as a whole and the topic of Impact Statements relating to Traffic and Ecology were discussed. The meeting ended with an agreement to listen to the points of views from both parties and a further meeting will take place later in November. It was stated further that in excess of 90 Objections were recorded against the planning application and that a Reporter from the Courier Newspaper is to attend the Coffee Lounge, Glenfarg Village Hall on Thursday morning 9th October to speak to members of the public (this particular public discussion was posted on to the Glenfarg Social media outlets).

A member of the public spoke about the overall negative points about the intended Works project as a whole and the physical impacts to properties and personal wellbeing. The viewed disruption to the village life and the area to be affected was discussed by a member of the public who had drafted Traffic Impact and Ecology Impact Statement assessments. Both documents will be presented to interested parties. It was felt that a lack of preparedness existed with Scottish Water and ESD in relation to the feedback from the Community.

A member of the public stated that he has had meetings with Scottish Water and ESD and as a result will have another meeting on Friday 17th November to discuss matters relating to his property's location and wellbeing. PKC CCllr Watters stated that a decision on the Planning Application is a *good few months* away yet and shall require to be considered very carefully. It was noted too that the consensus of the CC meeting's attendees is that the overall Works project requires to be located where the storage of water will be best served for East Fife's area with the location based centrally in the Glenrothes, Fife.

In summary the Water Treatment Works project discussions are to continue, Action CCllrs Fraser, Christie and in association with one member of the public.

Note. Further notification received from Scottish water regarding a reviewed Traffic Plan - refer to an Adendum

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Big Conversation. CCllr Fraser stated that a report from the PKC's Robert Wills, Planning Officer had been submitted on line (Big Place Conversation – Perth & Kinross Council Citizen Space – Citizen Space (pkc.gov.uk)) and was available for discussion. CCllr Fraser reported further that the matter related to an overall Local development Plan 3 (LDP3) for our area and discussed matters relating to what the area could/should look like in many, many years to come. The BC document covers further matters relating to Mobility strategy for 2027 and beyond. PKC Cllr Waters stated that the topic was very much community focussed and does rely on input from communities that could shape the future for their area in terms of builds and the encouragement of mobility via greener methods. Further discussions/communications are to take place and another public meeting is expected to be held in the Village Hall and is likely to be discussion led involving Mr Wills of PKC. Further announcements to be made in due time. *Action PKC's Mr Wills and the GCC*

7. Flooding Issues

CCllr Christie and R. Stewart PKC (Flooding) had carried out a walk and visual survey of The Avenue and related areas where water is flooding through gardens, encroaching properties, and affecting the Greenbank's Road, Avenue and Crescent and the Main Street too. It was discussed that drains, gullies, culverts sump or sumps require to be inspected and cleaned with a particular requirement for drains to be inspected by a Camera Survey. A question was raised if the farming owner of the adjacent land to The Avenue had been contacted to raise the matter with him and whether an obligation is required to ensure that all gullies/culverts related to farming land are kept clear as they adjoin The Avenue this preventing/limiting flooding? No answer was apparent. *Action PKC/CCllr Christie to investigate this point. Bilge pump remains to be purchased. Action CCllr Christie*

Two members of the public, whose properties are being affected, spoke about the water incursions and steps that they had taken/were taking to prevent flooding damage. Also the properties in Greenbank Road that had experienced previous flooding and what limitations were in place now. Matters of waste water and overflowing onto the roadways was noted too. PKC Cllr Robertson spoke about an PKC Flood Prevention/Response Team that can be mobilised to take action on flooding matters and recommended that Glenfarg's flashpoints need to be added into this Team's strategy. *Action CCllr Christie to notify PKC's R. Stewart for two requests namely Camera inspection and Response team*

8. Windfarm discussions

CCllr Ponton reported about a joint meeting with Kinross-shire Community Councils about the Craigend Wind farm at Carnbo. The WF Project company (Galileo) has submitted a notice of Planning Application Notification (Not a full planning request and not due until Spring 2024) and two public



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meetings are due week commencing the 12th November. CCllr Pilmer has posted notice of the public meetings on to social media. CCllr Ponton added that the joint Community Council Group is to work together to agree a common plan/policy to seek the most appropriate benefits for the communities whilst ensuring that the WF Project company work with a united CC response group.

CCllr Ponton spoke briefly about the Binn Wind Turbine and that money from the fund should be available for the local community. CCllr Murray (Treasurer) was requested to take ownership for claiming community funds.

CCllr Pilmer spoke about the Lochelbank Wind Farm Panel and that an additional member of the public was being sought to join the panel. One person has been in contact and they shall be invited to attend.

CCllr Fraser spoke about the Friends of the Ochils group and their concern that the proposed or future proposals for Wind Farms could be to the detriment of the countryside. Whilst this group is not against Wind Farms overall it was noted that concerns about *countryside industrialisation* were of a concern.

9. Village Inn Update

A working group was formed with members from Village Hall Trustees, Village Inn Committee, and the Community Council some months ago. However, at this juncture the proposals for additional Architectural drawings/information were somewhat diffracted and met with surprise for what reason? The suggestion that there is a state of *no action* and that the matter has now been dragging on for some time was met with complete disdain from those in attendance at the CC business meeting. Two members of the public, who are involved with the topic, reiterated their professionalism to do with the matter, their business plan, the architectural drawings, and discussions that appear to have been set aside. The discussion led on to The Village Hall Trustees Committee and a need for them to work with all parties and resolve this matter for the community. Evidence is abundant in terms of the success of the Pub nights as a profound example of what a Village's community desires. Further discussions noted what the adjoining and former School House was being set up to work as (to be confirmed) and in what way this will benefit the community. It was noted that a Village Hall Trustees Annual General Meeting is to take place week commencing 12th November.

10. Glenfarg Transport Group

CCllr Fraser reported that the GTG is going from strength to strength. GTG have recently received excellent coverage in the public media and that the community bus ownership was being increased with another vehicle arriving shortly with another due in an estimated four weeks. This will allow the GTG to operate a small fleet and Driver recruitment is on the agenda. CCllr Fraser stated further that early in 2024 the CTG plan to operate an Hourly Ser-

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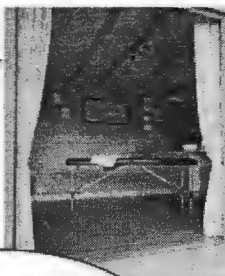
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11. Planning

CCLr Christie reported on the following

Date	Applicant	Details	Action / Decision
30/05/2023	Baillie	Demolition of C Listed building at Grieves House, Colliston Farm, Drunzie	Withdrawn
08/09/2023	Girling	Extension to dwellinghouse at Muirfield, Glenfarg	Approved
12/09/2023	MacFadyen	Extension to dwellinghouse at Davaar, Main Street, Glenfarg	Awaiting Decision
10/07/2023	Horne	Alterations and extension to Duncrevie Cottage, Duncrevie, PH2 9PD	Withdrawn
17/07/2023	Horne	Alterations and extension to Duncrevie Cottage, Duncrevie, PH2 9PD	Withdrawn
15/06/2023	Cheape	Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse at Foresters Seat, Glenfarg	Approved
10/07/2023	Verstage	Alterations to dwelling house at Arngask Home Farm, Glenfarg, PH2 9QA	Approved
31/07/2023	Verstage	Alterations to dwelling house at Arngask Home Farm, Glenfarg, PH2 9QA	Approved
25/10/2023	Horne	Alterations and extension to Duncrevie Cottage, Duncrevie, PH2 9PD	Awaiting Decision
25/10/2023		Alterations and extension to Duncrevie Cottage, Duncrevie, PH2 9PD	Awaiting Decision
25/10/2023		Internal alterations to Duncrevie Cottage, Duncrevie, PH2 9PD	Awaiting Decision
28/08/2023	Ain-scough	Erection of dwellinghouse, change of use and alterations to steading to form ancillary accommodation and associated works at Land at Auchengownie, Glenfarg	Approved

As mentioned previously under Windfarms there is a Planning Application Notification for the Craigend Wind Farm at Carnbo.

12. Finance Report

Treasurers Report 06/11/23: Action points (completed from previous report/meeting): - Yearly Reports, checked by Chair and Secretary- still need to get the



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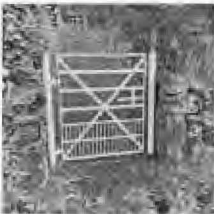
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community councils was within the £300 bracket with the full £700 only ever being issued 6 times over that 3-year period. This shall be reviewed again in 3 years' time when the next review of the Scheme of Establishment will take place but will be monitored.

3. Question, what are the conditions for the expenditure of the £700 in as much what can a CC spend it on/not spend it on?

PKC This information is contained in the Financial Guidance for Community Councils – copy attached to this e-mail.

4. Question, we have our basic income from our Newsletter and its advertisements therefore, can we use that to fund some of our outgoing operational expenditure that the £700 is not stretching to cover (for example we have spent the £700 and we have a few Hall invoices to pay and await the next PKC cash injection)?

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13. AOCB

Remembrance Sunday and Memorial Service 12th November. CCllr Fraser stated that the service in the church will commence at 3:00pm followed by the Wreath laying at the Village's War Memorial. The Memorial wreath was purchased and CCllr Murray has volunteered to lay the wreath this year. CCllr Fraser and a member of the public confirmed that this service in the Church will be one of the last if not the last service due to the Church closing and for it to be sold publicly. Services will continue locally at Milnathort.

Overgrown path. A member of the public raised concern about the path adjacent to the roadway leading from Calfford Brae to the Village's Main Street in that it has become over grown with vegetation and is almost non-existent. Photos to be taken and sent to PKC Cllr Robertson. *Action CCllr Pilmer*

CCllr Fraser added that any volunteers to join the Glenfarg & Duncricvie in Bloom Group would be most welcome and could assist in cutting down vegetation that may be affecting the path. A request to be placed in the Newsletter for additional people to volunteer.

Glenfarg Hotel. A member of the public raised the matter of the Closing of the Glenfarg Hotel and that the Hotel has been closed for eight years as of the end of this month. A question was asked *who owns the Hotel now and what is happening to it?* CCllr Ponton is aware of the owner and shall raise



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accounts verified. Questions put forward by Secretary to PKC. (Answers below).

Spoken to Malcolm at Foundation Scotland about filling in form A377541 to top up Micro-Grant funds, also about taking the Binn arrangement money to add an additional Micro-Grant fund available to applicants, yet to hear back. - Sent accounts to Foundation Scotland for the top up of the Lochelbank fund. - Filling in form for micro-grant top up. (form with me this evening) 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). - Submit Reports to PKC to top up funds in GCC account. Current balance £3.57, currently cannot pay for hall usage. Isla Craig is aware. - Meeting with Chair and Secretary to look at accounts going forward, distribution of money etc.

Account Movement 1st September 2023- 06 November 2023:

Treasurer Account: Balance 06/11/23: £3.57 Money In: £0.00 Money Out: £38.40

Newsletter Account: Balance 06/11/23: £4649.74 Money In: £187.22 Money Out: £661

GCC Treasurer Account Statement: GCC Newsletter Account Statement:

NOTE: The Finance report as a pdf Document is affixed as an Addendum

Finance questions were asked of PKC's Community Team and the answer/responses are as follows:

Firstly, the GCC has a new Treasurer who has simplified the Account information and the style/framework of the year's activities.

1. Question, is this acceptable to PKC or must CC's use the original PKC format? PKC Providing all the information we are looking for in our suggested template, any style that you wish to use is acceptable.

Question, do the Accounts still require to be signed off by an Accountant/noted finance person if the finances do not involve a turnover more than £10,000? Our Treasurer is of the opinion that because the turnover is not over this threshold then the Account information can be authorised by the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Any advice is most welcome. PKC

Yes, they must be examined by a suitable independent person unconnected with the fund. This can be anyone in the community that is happy to do so. The signatories required are that of the independent examiner, Chair and Treasurer. The Secretary is not required to sign the accounts. If a balance of over £10,000 is held, they must be sent to a qualified accountant. 2. Question, is there

any thought from PKC to increase the CC grant of £700 and if so, by how much? PKC Consideration was given to increasing the top-up level of £700 administrative grant. After an exercise on looking at levels of top-up administrative grant provided by PKC to community councils over the last 3 years, the average top-up provided to

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the question with the appropriate person. *Action CClIr Ponton*

Meeting closed at: 9:30pm

Date of next meeting:

Monday 8th January 2024

Proposer: CClIr Fraser 14/11/23

Seconder: CClIr Murray 14/11/23

Addendums

Treasurers' Report as attached in PDF Format

Scottish Water and ESD Project Team have submitted a Traffic Management Plan Revised to Perth Planning, PKC. The two Documents are available to view on the Glenfarg Village Website in the Community Council section under the Planning topic. The documents can be accessed by visiting the Glenfarg.org website and link via

<http://www.glenfarg.org/cc/ccplanning.html>. This topic is due to be discussed by the Community Council, Scottish Water and ESD liaison group week commencing the 20th November 2023.



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