

Glenfarg Community Council
Draft minutes of meeting held on 5th Nov 2012

Present

CCllrs MacKenzie (Chairman), Watson (Secretary), Armstrong, Arnold, Johnston, Macpherson & Ponton

By Invitation

Cllrs Barnacle, Giacomazzi & Robertson

Members of the public

There were 6 members of the public present

Apology

CCllr Vaughan (Treasurer)

Previous minutes

Proposed by CCllr Macpherson and seconded by CCllr Johnston

Matters Arising

Fete

Letters were sent to 3 main beneficiaries requesting continuing support and representation on organising committee. Church representatives will be Bill Connolly & Janet Little with Rosemary Johnston taking over the role of Treasurer from Sheona Reid and representing the Old Folks will be Stewart Smith and Arthur Jenkins. The Hall committee have not yet replied. Steve Whiting said that he was happy to chair fete meetings but required other(s) to lead as main co-ordinator. He will organise initial meeting.

The Community Council welcomed the fact that there were people in place to manage the organisation of the fete and that it didn't have to concern itself further with the future of the event.

Investment Fund

CCllr Ponton updated the meeting on her research into Trim Trail options. Ongoing.

CCllr Vaughan (by e mail) reported on Christmas decorations costing and practicalities. CCllr Johnston reminded the meeting of his suggestion to illuminate trees in the Green as an alternative to street lighting. Ongoing.

It was agreed that the next GCC meeting decide on next actions.

CCllr Watson reported that she will be meeting with Community Youth Workers to discuss ways in which Glenfarg's young people can be given a voice in this process.

Drains, flooding, road sweeping, general street maintenance

Flooding continues to be a problem, particularly at the bottom of Duncrievie Road at its junction with Ladeside/Church Brae. Cllr Giacomazzi gave contact details of P&KC Roads Supervisor. Secretary to liaise. Request to be made to P&KC for schedule and routes of street sweeping and drain/gully clearing as both seem to be spasmodic and frequently carried out only after drains totally blocked and resident(s) alert P&KC.

The area in Duncrievie Road, which was affected by Stephens plant crossing is being addressed by Stephens.

Hedges

The hedges beyond the Stables have now been cut back. Some of the hedges within the village which overhung footpaths have been cut back but others are still giving rise to complaints of lack of

height and width clearance. Statutory vertical clearance is 2.4m and advice is being sought on whether full width of pavement/footpath should be unobstructed. The latter is particularly relevant in Glenfarg where pavements can be extremely narrow.

Weeding

A request has been made for weeding of Sundial feature and the path from Ladeside to Ash Grove. Also requested that gravel be used to fill in the muddy area at the Ash Grove end of this path.

Dog Fouling

A continuing problem throughout area. Request has been made to P&KC for more frequent emptying of dog waste bins (especially well used bin at top of Wallace Park to Duncrievie path)

Road Markings

CCLr Johnston corrected from last minute that a white line outside the church had been requested. This is specifically for use by elderly/infirm churchgoers, wedding and funeral cars. The white line at the hall, which was not repainted during recent program, will not be required when car park at rear completed.

Police Report

There was no police officer present and no report received. Council unaware of any issues. It was later reported to the CC that our Community Police Officer is taking up a new post as Community Engagement Officer for the Ryder Cup. In his final report, PC Mitchell cites one case of vandalism to and theft from a car.

The new Community Officer covering our area will be PC Jim Pentley. Jim joined Tayside Police in 2003 and has previously worked at the Bridge of Earn, Perth and Pitlochry stations and has been based in Kinross since November 2011. Jim has a wealth of experience on all aspects of Policing and looks forward to engaging with the community on all issues causing concern locally. Jim can be contacted at either the Bridge of Earn or Kinross Police stations, by telephone on 0300 111 2222, or by email at jimmy.pentley@tayside.pnn.police.uk

Treasurer's Report

CCLr Vaughan reported (by e mail) current balances.

GCC current account £8030.49 which includes £467 of unallocated micro grant fund & £6000 former Investment Fund
Newsletter £2814.84
School Prize Fund £841

Glenfarg District Nursing Association

CCLr Vaughan has been alerted to the existence of a trust fund that was originally set up in the 1950's to build a house in the village for the District Nurse and then to provide assistance to elderly and infirm residents. As the NHS took over responsibility for the provision of district nursing and providing physical aids, the trust's purpose became redundant. The bank would like to close the account but there are no surviving trustees or signatories. The trust appears to have been wound up at some stage as there is no record of it with OSCR/Charities Commission or HMRC. The bank appears to be amenable to transferring the funds to GCC for us to distribute. Further investigation and discussion at next meeting.

Planning

CCLr Johnston reported on the 6 applications considered, 5 were noted and 1 objection lodged. The objection was lodged against wind turbine at Colliston Farm. Full details can be found on website.

Village Hall application

CCLrs Watson & Johnston met with Village Hall committee chairman to discuss detail of

application. There will only be 5 parking spaces including 1 disabled since hall users expressed a desire to maintain a grassed area. The hall committee will maintain landscaping. Access to Scottish Water equipment at Main Street end will remain.

Community Council Role & Responsibilities

CCLr Mackenzie is to attend a meeting at Loch Leven Campus which will examine the report of the Government Short Life Working Group on Community Council Role.

Binn Eco Park

Community Engagement Meeting CCLr Arnold attended and reported that general consensus was that forum was working well and complaints re Binn Farm operations had reduced. Proposed increase in production/storage of wood pellets will result in an extra 8000+ vehicle movements per annum. All movements should be routed via Junction 9 of M90.

(Binn Eco Park)Wind Farm Community Liaison Group CCLrs Armstrong and Arnold attended. Also represented were Abernethy CC, Earn CC and Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo CC. The proposal is for 4-5 turbines, approx 120m high with planning application expected early 2013. Should this proposal reach fruition there may be a community benefit fund established. Public awareness meetings/exhibitions to be held in Abernethy & Glenfarg.

AOCB

1. Arngask Primary School Extended L&A report received and welcomed.
2. Correspondence received since last meeting has been circulated. No action required.
3. Department of Energy ongoing review on Wind Farms survey response time-scale not feasible plus relevance to Scotland questioned.
4. CCLr Johnston has been in communication with G Lawrie of TRACKS re issues of lack of maintenance of path Duncricvie chalets to Stables. Barbed wire on style to viewpoint reported. Ongoing discussions with landowners.
5. Newsletter – a request has been received from current advertiser for insertion of loose A5 leaflet. Agreed charge of £30 for this service. CCLr Armstrong will arrange with advertiser.
6. Ladeside/Main St junction parked cars – the danger from restricted visibility on exiting this junction has been raised with Police and roads department. Agreed no action. Residents and hotel users are encouraged to leave junction clear.

Next meeting 7th January 2013 at 7.30pm