



Giffordtown & District Community Council



Minutes of Meeting on Monday 3rd November

7.30pm - 8.30pm

1. **Chair's Welcome:** David Ellison (Chair), Neil Brooks (Treasurer), John Rae (Vice Chair), Barbara Groves (Secretary) and 7 members of the public.
2. **Apologies:** Stuart Easson (member)
3. **Approval of minutes** for meeting 15th September 2025 - **APPROVED**
4. **Reports:**
 - 4.1 Finance Report. Update on budget plan for 2025/2026 update **N. Brooks**.
 - 4.1.1 Donation request - none received
 - 4.2 Speeding issues - update provided. **D. Ellison**
 - 4.3 Road Matters update. Confirmation from Fife Council to say reported items being taken forwards. No progress has been reported as yet. D. Ellison advised hopes to have meeting with Scottish Minister of Transport **J. Rae**
5. **Cllr Holt Actions:**
 - 5.1 Independent meeting for G&DCC roads issues and ward meeting due October update. C/Fwd **Cllr Holt**
6. **Business arising from previous minutes:**
 - 6.1 Proposal for Edentown and Giffordtown defibrillators to be considered. Update.
 - 6.1.1 Edentown - C/Fwd. **S. Easson**
 - 6.1.2 Giffordtown - JM advised that costs now complete. Next step is to go out to community to agree on location and associated costs. **JM/N. Brooks**
 - 6.2 Quarry Liaison Committee and recycle centre meetings - propose we have 2 reps attending both meetings. DE to speak with appropriate senior management on potential options (IBA Dust sampling). **Actioned D. Ellison - Awaiting feedback**
 - 6.3 Hearing loop for hall. Model identified at £200. Spend approved. Propose not progressed due to doubts about compatibility. **D. Ellison - CLOSE**
 - 6.4 Agreed if required to rent generator to other community councils at £25 per day. **Contract in Draft closed. D. Ellison - CLOSE**
 - 6.5 **General wellbeing proposal (blood pressure units) and fitness classes.** Proposed spend approx. £1,500. Free BP Monitors provided to those that requested them (10 already distributed with a further 10 available to the community). Small subgroup now established to make proposals for wellness classes to be presented back to CC. Update provided - now in place - Pilates and Yoga classes. Bonfire night held. Planning progressing for Quiz night next year. **N. Brooks**
 - 6.6 Autumn litter pick completed. Good turnout - **S. Easson - CLOSE**
 - 6.7 **Recycle plant fire. Update provided.** The recent fire has caused concerns around toxic fumes, water pollution and vermin. Ladybank recycling centre being approached for further clarification. **Actioned email sent. Michael Lee will endeavour to keep us informed. D. Ellison - CLOSE**
 - 6.8 Village signage on accounts - £1200. Discussed as part of point 4.2. Point on accounts updated to 'Road Safety Allowance' as spend proposed for village signage to help with speeding issues. DE advised there are other options that can be considered e.g. narrowing road / Islands, 20mph on side roads (Charlottetown), chicanes. DE requested residents write a letter re impact of speeding issues and share with DE. DE will then take forwards this as evidence of impacts with Fife Council. **N. Brooks & D. Ellison - CLOSE (being included with point 4.2)**
 - 6.9 **Closed**
 - 6.10 DE advised that the CC needs more members. Possible for CC to no longer be viable with office bearer resignations/changes. Discuss options. CC will have to lessen its workload/not take on addition items if no additional members. For the foreseeable future we will have no choice but to scale back our CC activities. To do this we will record items raised but not action them until we have more members **ALL - 2 new members joined - Sappho Dias and Elaine Bailey**
7. **New Business**
8. **Correspondence**
 - 8.1 none
9. **AOCB**
 - 9.1 Request from owner of Killwhiss strip woodland to bequeath - discuss. Agreed that new member Elaine will take this activity forwards and report back with findings to CC.
 - 9.2 E bike for sale? - Agreed bikes to be sold. **N.Brooks**
10. **AOB**
 - 10.1 Propose trimming of trees in Giffordtown potentially impinging upon overhead wires be left till leaves fall then assess which branches need trimming (take photos) and get a volunteer team together with chain saw on pole/s before spring growth. Agreed to take forwards. **D. Ellison**
 - 10.2 Sappho Dias discussed help with local craft representation at V&A Dundee. SD advised no help required at this time. **CLOSE**
 - 10.3 **Next meeting to be held on 12th January 2026.**

Residents are invited to attend and participate. Comments/questions may be submitted via any community councillor by email or WhatsApp.

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