



Giffordtown & District Community Council



Minutes of Meeting - Monday 15th September

7.30pm - 8.30pm

1. **Chair's Welcome:**
David Ellison (Chair), Neil Brooks (Treasurer), Barbara Groves (Secretary), John Rae (Deputy Chair), Stewart Easson. Thank you to 3 members of the public in attendance
2. **Apologies:** None received. Cllr Holt did not attend.
3. **Approval of minutes** for meeting 5th May 2025 approved.
4. **Reports:**
 - 4.1 Finance Report. Update provided on budget plan for 2025/2026 **N. Brooks**.
 - 4.1.1 Donation request to compensate resident for spend to cut down/maintenance of common land at Edentown. £200 - approved. **S. Easson**
 - 4.1.2 Donation request for grass seed and shrubs to fill the common ground area at Edentown. £50 - approved. **S. Easson**
 - 4.2 Speeding issues. **D. Ellison**
 - 4.2.1 Auto speedwatch trial completed. To be closed out with Police. DE will arrange meeting. **D. Ellison**
 - 4.2.2 Issues raised by members of the public regarding speed of traffic at Trafalgar junction and speeding lorries. DE will be attending meeting with Fife Council Road Traffic Department to be scheduled for late September/early October. **D. Ellison**
 - 4.2.3 Proposed purchase of additional auto speedwatch camera to allow the tracking of average speed, spend of £980 approved. **D. Ellison**
 - 4.3 Road Matters. JR has confirmed list of complaints with Fife Council. Will continue to chase for updates. **J. Rae**
5. **Cllr Holt Actions:**
 - 5.1 Independent meeting for G&DCC roads issues and ward meeting due September. C/Fwd. **Cllr Holt**
6. **Business arising from previous minutes:**
 - 6.1 Proposal for Edentown and Giffordtown defibrillators to be considered. Provide update.
 - 6.1.1 Edentown - Provide update. No appetite to progress for Edentown. Item Closed. **S. Easson**
 - 6.1.2 Giffordtown - Provide update. Discussions within the community are continuing. **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. Member of the public advised that there would need to be separate meeting/attendees to cover recycle centre concerns. Confirmed J. Rae to attend additional meeting. **J. Rae & D. Ellison**
 - 6.3 Hearing loop for hall. Model identified at £200. Spend approved. Provide update. C/Fwd. **D. Ellison**
 - 6.4 Agreed if required to rent generator to other community councils at £25 per day. Contract drafted. Agreed to close. **D. Ellison**
 - 6.5 Wellbeing Group - NB confirmed there are still 9 blood pressure units for members of the public. Initiative is going well with a separate WhatsApp group detailing all the arranged activities. upcoming events will be posted on notice boards and community WhatsApp pages. Currently working on Nov/Dec programme. **N. Brooks**
 - 6.6 Agreed next date for Autumn litter pick 27th September 2025. NB to send reminder via community WhatsApp pages. **N. Brooks/S. Easson**
 - 6.7 Recycle plant fire. Update provided. The recent fire has caused concerns around toxic fumes, water pollution etc. Ladybank recycling centre being approached for further clarification. This point to be included with 6.2. Agreed to close. **D. Ellison**
 - 6.8 Village signage on accounts - £1200. Discussed as part of point 4. Point on accounts updated to 'Road Safety Allowance' as spend proposed for village signage to help with speeding issues. DE advised there are options that can be considered e.g. narrowing road, 20mph on side roads, chicanes, islands, five way stops signs. 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. This point to be included with 4.2. Agreed to close. **N. Brooks & D. Ellison**
 - 6.9 Complaints from residents about the quantity of horse manure on the Loftybank path between Edentown and Ladybank. Checked was minimal. Agreed to close. **S. Easson/D. Ellison**
 - 6.10 DE advised that the CC needs more members. Possible for CC to no longer be viable with office bearer resignations. CC member to check with hamlets for anyone interested in joining. **ALL**
 - 6.11 Request from village hall for supporting funds of £500. Agreed in principle pending confirmation of funding requirement. **N. Brooks**
7. **New Business**
8. **Correspondence**
9. **AOCB**
 - 9.1 Proposal to purchase further 2 auto speed watch cameras was discussed - £980 each. Approval of spend for one camera at this time. Added to point 4.2. **D. Ellison**
10. **AOB**
 - 10.1 **Community** asked to consider if there is a need for any other local charity that may benefit from a contribution from the CC. **N. Brooks**
 - 10.2 Member of public raised concern regarding high trees interfering with phone lines at Giffordtown. **D. Ellison**
 - 10.3 Ditch that runs long side the playpark at Giffordtown is overgrown, DE will take forwards with Fife Council. **D. Ellison**
 - 10.4 Giffordtown speed limit of 20mph needs extended past park area. DE will take forward with Fife Council. **D. Ellison**
 - 10.5 Consideration to road at Giffordtown playpark to be adopted. DE will take forwards with Fife Council. **D. Ellison**

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

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