



Giffordtown & District Community Council



Minutes of Meeting - Monday 5th May

7.30pm - 8.30pm

1. **Chair's Welcome: Present**
David Ellison (Chair), Neil Brooks (Treasurer), Barbara Groves (Secretary), Stewart Easson. Thank you to 3 members of the public in attendance.
2. **Apologies:** Cllr Holt.
3. **Approval of minutes** for meeting 3rd March 2025. Approved.
4. **Reports:**
 - 4.1 Finance Report. Budget plan for 2025/2026 Approved. **N. Brooks**. New spend requests as follows:-
 - 4.1.1 Request to continue speedwatch and renew subscription cost of £179. Approved subject to police extending the trial or making permanent. **D. Ellison**
 - 4.1.2 Donation request to compensate resident for spend to cut down/maintenance of common land at Edentown. Approved in principle pending amount of request. SE to confirm proposed donation. **S. Easson**
 - 4.1.3 Donation request for grass seed and shrubs to fill the common ground area at Edentown. Approved in principle pending amount of request. SE to confirm proposed donation. **S. Easson**
 - 4.2 Speeding issues. Update provided. C/Fwd. **D. Ellison**
 - 4.3 Road Matters. Multiple signs down. DE confirmed that this has been followed up. C/fwd **J. Rae**
 - 4.4 Community Resilience Planning. Generator now fully connected. Agreed to CLOSE. **D. Ellison**
5. **Cllr Holt Actions:**
 - 5.1 Crossing of A92 at Lofty Bank is dangerous. DE has asked Cllr Holt for update. C/Fwd. **Cllr Holt**
 - 5.2 Independent meeting for G&DCC roads issues and ward meeting. DE has asked Cllr Holt for update. C/Fwd. **Cllr Holt**
 - 5.3 Litter issue on either side of A92 at recycling entrance. DE advised that Ladybank CC have written to Fife Council to request clear up action is taken. C/Fwd. **Cllr Holt**
6. **Business arising from previous minutes:**
 - 6.1 Red Squirrel Project. Awaiting contract name for Fife Council. Suggest to Red Squirrel Group that we gift camera to do survey. **B. Groves**
 - 6.2 Request for Fire Department to give talk on fire safety. Agreed to CLOSE. **D. Ellison**
 - 6.3 Request for Police to give talk on home security and rural crime. Agreed to CLOSE. **D. Ellison**
 - 6.4 Kinloch Scottish Water adoption of water pipes. Response received from W. Rennie. Suggest grant application by each household. DE to ask W, Rennie to search planning history for original plans to see that there is more information available. **B. Groves & D. Ellison**
 - 6.5 Path opposite Zoo - tree is obstructing passage of prams and wheelchairs but still passable to pedestrians. Now have name of land owner. C/fwd. **D. Ellison**
 - 6.6 Proposal for Edentown and Giffordtown defibrillators to be considered. Provide update. C/fwd.
 - 6.6.1 Edentown - SE advised no household willing to host however, no objections to progress. Suggested use of common land where there is Scottish Power available as potential host. SE to check residents views. **S. Easson**
 - 6.6.2 Giffordtown - Jamie Moor (representing Giffordtown residents) advised that community happy to progress. There are 2 proposed sites to host to be considered. Rotary have confirmed matched funding and Scottish Power have confirmed will host free of charge. Moving forwards for community agreement on site to be used. **JM/N. Brooks**
 - 6.7 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). Member of the public advised that there would need to be separate meeting/attendees to cover recycle centre concerns. DE to progress. **J. Rae & D. Ellison**
 - 6.8 Hearing loop for hall. Model identified at £200. Spend approved. **D. Ellison**
 - 6.9 Agreed if required to rent generator to other community councils at £25 per day. Draft contract. C/fwd. **D. Ellison**
 - 6.10 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 sub group now established to make proposals for wellness classes to be presented back to CC. C/Fwd. **N. Brooks**
 - 6.11 Footpath sign on corner between Charlottetown and Farm needs repaired. Repaired by DE. Agreed to CLOSE. **D. Ellison**
 - 6.12 Spring litter pick completed. Low turnout - suggest further promotion in advance of future litter picks. Agreed next date for Autumn litter pick 20th September 2025. **S. Easson**
 - 6.13 VE Day (8th May). Mention in gazette to see if anyone would like to organise. No volunteers to take forwards. DE advised Ladybank are hosting events if any residents wanted to attend. Agreed to CLOSE. **N. Brooks**
 - 6.14 Possibility of central freezer to be purchased for power cuts. Not to be progressed. Agreed to CLOSE. **D. Ellison**
7. **New Business**
 - 7.1 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. **D. Ellison**
 - 7.2 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. 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**
 - 7.3 Complaints from residents using the quantity of horse manure on the Loftybank path between Edentown and Ladybank. To be checked. **S. Easson/D. Ellison**
8. **Correspondence**
 - 8.1 none
9. **AOCB**
 - 9.1 Next CC meeting to be agreed. Summer recess agreed and next planned CC meeting to be held on 6th October 2025. Should anything important arise before the next scheduled meeting, council members will reconvene an extraordinary meeting or deal with items online. **ALL**
10. **AOB**
 - 10.1 DE advised that the CC needs more members. If current members stand down there is a possibility that the CC could no longer continue. Requested all office bearers to check with individual hamlets if anyone interested in joining the CC. **ALL**

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

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