



Giffordtown & District Community Council



Minutes of Meeting - Monday 10th August 2026

7:30pm – 9:00 pm

Attendance: Andrew Christie - Chair (AC), David Ellison – Acting Secretary (DE), Neil Brooks – Treasurer (NB), Stewart Easson (SE).
Cllr Donald Lothian (DL)

1. Chair's Welcome: AC thanked those attending and welcomed Cllr Lothian.

2. Apologies: EB

3. Approval of minutes - minutes approved for 6th April 2026. Prop: SE, Seconded: NB

4. Reports:

4.1 Finance Report – An update on the 2026 budget Plan vs Actual was provided. Financial position and monthly income and expenses from April to August were shown. Future spending plan according to budget was detailed. See separate document. Agreement was reached on the following: 1. Complete phase 2 of the tree maintenance was reached at a further cost of £408. 2. Donate £600 to the hall. Contractor to be contacted and asked to schedule. **EB**

4.1.1 Donation requests - none received.

4.2 Speeding issues - An update was provided to those in attendance. Contact Autospeedwatch to check if there is a buyback possibility for the decommissioned camera. **DE**

4.3 Road matters. Road and sign defect reports to be provided to FC. **DE**

5 Fife Councilor Actions:

5.1 DL attended and discussed current issues within our CC, including the fires at recycle center & speeding on the B937 and will bring to the attention of Ken Gourlay regarding that the feedback the CC and notifications of any future situations that impact on public safety etc.

6 Business arising from previous minutes:

6.1 Defibrillator update provided. Giffordtown defibrillator now fully installed. Letters of thanks will be sent to Scottish Water and Howe of Fife Rotary - **AC**. The defib for Edentown was closed but can be reopened by Edentown residents at a future date if desired. **Closed AC/JM/NB**

6.2 Quarry and Recycle centre meeting attendance/update. Discussed with **RB** (Kinloch) who attends the quarry meetings and **KM** (Chair Ladybank CC) who attends recycling centre meetings. **DE** confirmed that both stated that they will feedback updates to our CC. Next meetings schedule to be sent to **Chair** by **KM** and **RB**.

6.3 Litter on A92. Continue to monitor and consider future engagement if continued problem. **Closed**

6.4 General community wellbeing. **Closed**

6.5 CC membership and office bearers' update. Still a permanent member, plus permanent secretary short. Approach possible candidates personally. **ALL**

6.6 Kilwhiss strip woodland bequeathment. Provide an update when available. **EB**

6.7 E bikes. **Closed**

6.8 Trimming of trees in Giffordtown. **Closed**

6.9 Autumn litter pick. Confirmed date 5th September meeting at 10:00 at hall - **SE**. Publish poster & info online. **NB**

6.10 Fife Council complaints from Fife community councils.

6.10.1 Progress with other CCs that have raised concerns. Pending/Ongoing. C/Fwd. **DE**

6.10.2 An online questionnaire/survey is to be circulated to our communities of thought necessary. **AC**

7 New Business

8 Correspondence

8.1 Comms on Events (Hall) It was discussed about FC offering a discretionary £100 towards community events subject to satisfactory application. We speculated that the Christmas event at the hall might be a candidate and we will submit an application on that basis. **NB**

9 AOCB

9.1 Planning application at Kilwhiss farm was discussed. **Closed**

9.2 Fires at recycle center were discussed. **Closed**

10. AOB

Agreement was reached that where relevant and helpful, the CC can develop light touch guidance policies in addition to the FC Scheme of Establishment. The CC Engagement & Communication Policy was discussed and it was agreed to adopt this and publish on the website. **NB**

10.1 Update on the proposed A92 crossing at Loftybank (Edentown to Ladybank): a trial closure of laybys south of crossing on both sides of road by AMEY was discussed but in order for any crossing built to be effective the trial/final plan may have to include speed restrictions. See circulated email from AMEY but HGVs parking in the laybys (were originally bus stops) restricts crossing visibility and therefore safety. Residents should let the CC know if they desire this crossing initiative to progress.

10.2 SE raised the task of land search on a common ground area at Edentown and requested financial support for a further search. It was agreed to get an estimate of these costs to establish a budget. It was recommended by DL that reasonable attempts had been made to establish ownership and that local knowledge should be recorded in a statement to be included in the minutes to the effect that the land was bequeathed to Edentown by Mr. Crawford. Also include the results of the land search. **SE**

Dates of next meetings Sept 21st, Nov 2nd, Jan 11th, Mar 1st, May 3rd (plus AGM)

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

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