



Giffordtown & District Community Council



Minutes of Meeting - Monday 6th January

1. Chair's Welcome Present:

David Ellison (Chair), John Rae (Vice Chair), Neil Brooks (Treasurer), Barbara Groves (Secretary), Stewart Easson, John Kennett. Thank you to 7 members of the public who also attended.

2. Apologies: Cllr. Holt, Cllr. Lothian.

3. Approval of minutes for meeting 6th January 2025. **Approved**

4. Reports:

- 4.1 Finance Report. Information in Report. No actions. **N. Brooks**
- 4.2 Speeding issues update. Update provided. Review of auto speedwatch due mid-January **D. Ellison**
- 4.3 Road Matters. There are 3 items in progress that are awaiting update from Fife Council - Speed indicator countdown sign and lines at Heatherhall junction **J. Rae**
- 4.4 Community Resilience Planning. Update provided. For generator project we are awaiting further work from EDF then sign off from SP Energy Networks and accredited electrician. **D. Ellison**

5. Cllr Holt Actions:

- 5.1 Crossing of A92 at Lofty Bank is dangerous. D. Ellison provided update. Changes to be made to laybys on each side of the A92 to improve safety. **D. Ellison & K. McDaid**
- 5.2 Public transport. Bus frequency. Update provided by D. Ellison. New timetable proposed from March 2025. Timetable to be circulated to community. **Cllr Holt & D. Ellison.**

6. Business arising from previous minutes:

- 6.1 Red Squirrel Project. Trail Camera purchased. Decision as to location to be determined. Update provided. S Easson advised has noticed increased numbers of red squirrels that have been run over at Edentown - could possibly be site for trail camera. Member of the public suggested to contact St Andrews university to see if a student might like to get involved as part of their thesis. **B. Groves**
- 6.2 Request for Fire Department to give talk on fire safety. c/fwd. **D. Ellison**
- 6.3 Request for Police to give talk on home security and rural crime. c/fwd. **D. Ellison**
- 6.4 Kinloch Scottish Water adoption of water pipes. N. Emler from Kinloch community provided update on what the Council have requested to consider adoption. Discussion and agreement to take forwards with MP and MSP - DE. Action to check average water rates paid by individual households - BG. **B. Groves & D. Ellison**
- 6.5 Path opposite Zoo - tree is obstructing passage of prams and wheelchairs but still passable to pedestrians. Unable to identify landowner. Spend of £25 approved to progress land search. **D. Ellison**
- 6.6 Library van parking. Consideration of preferred parking to be considered. Some resident spoken to, still need to speak with 2 residents. C/fwd. **N. Brooks**
- 6.7 Apply for Fife Council Grant and to Rock Solid to cover the purchase of second auto speedwatch camera. Put a proposal forward based on existing data. C/fwd. **N. Brooks**
- 6.8 Proposal for Edentown and Giffordtown defibrillators to be considered. Edentown - no objections however, no one willing to host or contribute funds towards installation. Giffordtown - approx 80% of those that responded to survey were in favour. Questions raised from those not in favour around effectiveness and if money should be spent elsewhere. Agreement reached to check if there would be electric supply available without community cost. Once known this item should be taken back for further community discussion. **S. Easson and N. Brooks**
- 6.9 Consideration to white/give way line to be re-painted on road at junction turn going to Dunshalt/Heatherhall/Monkstown (U104). covered under 4.3 above. **J. Rae - CLOSE**
- 6.10 Quarry Liaison Committee and recycle centre meetings update to be requested from John Sanders C/fwd. **J. Rae**
- 6.11 Hearing loop for hall, which costs around £100 - previously approved. Identify model. **D. Ellison**
- 6.12 Agreed if required to rent generator to other community councils at £25 per day. Only during summer months and subject to formal agreement/contract. Draft contract. **D. Ellison**

7. New Business

- 7.1 Charlottetown woodland clear fell for discussion/update. Discussion took place with community representatives. Concerns raised over wildlife in the area. Details of timing and proposal to be discussed with landowner. Any information from community to be passed to DE and BG. **D. Ellison/B. Groves**
- 7.2 Gaddon/Birnie Loch wildlife concerns (possibly include with item 6.3). Meeting to be arranged with Fife Countryside Trust. **B. Groves/D. Ellison**

8. Correspondence

None

9. AOCB

Next CC meeting will be held on Monday 3rd March 2025. **ALL**

10. AOB

- 10.1 JR to raise air quality monitoring at Quarry Liaison meeting to understand the extent of what is checked. **J. Rae**

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

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