Giffordtown & District Community Council

Minutes of Meeting - Monday 21st September 2026

7:30pm - 9:00pm

Attendance: Andrew Christie - Chair (AC), David Ellison - Acting Secretary (DE), Neil Brooks - Treasurer (NB), Elaine Bailey (EB), and 7 members of the public.

1. **Chair's Welcome:** AC welcomed attendees and invited participation. Declaration made that if no objections, the meeting would be recorded to support the production of minutes. None received.
2. **Apologies:** Stewart Easson (SE) and Cllr Donald Lothian (DL).
3. **Approval of minutes for 10th August 2026.** Approved as accurate by NB; seconded by DE.
4. **Reports:**
   - 4.1 Finance Report. August closed at approximately £3,900; the current balance was £3,462. A successful £100 event grant was passed to the hall. Planned spending could reduce reserves to £812, so each item will require prior approval against the £1,000 minimum reserve. NB
   - 4.2 Woodland remedial works. High-priority work completed and paid. Reinspect in two years or after extreme weather; lower-priority work may be completed by volunteers. CLOSED EB
   - 4.3 Speeding. Update provided by DE. Further information will be sought on Fife Council (FC) speed data, Police Scotland invited to November meeting, DE requested £10 for Fife Herald archive subscription to review history of B937 speeding- unanimously approved. Agreed northern camera to be removed when practical. ACTION DE
   - 4.4 Road matters. Advised that road and sign defects can continue to be reported individually to FC. ACTION DE
5. **Fife Councillor's Report**
   - 5.1 AC provided updates from DL who sent apologies. The recycling-centre fire response and communication lessons remain under review, further liaison meeting due 2nd October- minutes to be shared when received. B937 diversion impact will form part of speeding evidence, however to be closed as sperate item as traffic flows have normalised. ACTION AC/DL
6. **Business arising from previous minutes:**
   - 6.1 Defibrillator. Thank-you letters will be sent to Scottish Water and Howe of Fife Rotary. Further CPR training opportunities to be explored. JM
   - 6.2 Membership. The Council still needs members and a permanent secretary; recruitment to be promoted. ONGOING ALL
   - 6.3 Autumn litter pick. Approximately 15 bags and two tyres were collected; thanks to all who attended. Next event is expected in spring. CLOSED
   - 6.4 Fife Council concerns. Feedback from FC recognizing need to improve engagement with CC. Offer of meeting with FC community manager noted and can be considered if required by CC. ONGOING AC
   - 6.5 Edentown common ground. DE updated on engagement with A Crawford on ownership of common land in Edentown. SE to prepare a proposal on recording evidence of community ownership and exploring possible legal steps to formally record will require approval for costs. ACTION SE
   - 6.6 A92 lay-bys. DE will seek an AMEY update on the continuing trial and consultation on potential crossing at Loftybank. ACTION DE
   - 6.7 Quarry and recycling liaison. JS and RB continue as community representatives. JS provided update on recent liaison meeting regarding IBA and capping of cells. Minutes to be shared with AC. JS to seek agreement to publish relevant minutes on CC website. ONGOING AC
7. **New Business**
   - 7.1 Kilwhiss wood. Offer that residents can collect roughly wheelbarrow-sized quantities with optional donation by end October; publicise with a photograph. ACTION EB/NB
   - 7.2 Full fibre. Residents encouraged to register demand with Openreach.
   - 7.3 Paths. Agreed number of local paths overgrown. Although FC responsibility, agreed benefit of community action. AC to identify potential date and complete FC risk assessment and liability requirements. ACTION AC
8. **Correspondence**
   - 8.1 Noted concerns with parking at Victoria Hospital. Issue to be referred to DL. ACTION AC/DL
9. **AOCB.** Noted concerns with dog fouling. MS offered to research official-style signage for the play park; Fife Council's Scheme of Establishment consultation closes 20th November, community encouraged to comment; Armistice Day event at Collessie-arrangements are being coordinated locally-further updates to follow.
10. Next meeting: Monday 2nd November 2026 at 7:30pm.

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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