



Giffordtown & District Community Council



Minutes of Meeting - Monday 6th April 2026

7.30pm - 8.30pm

1. **Outgoing Chair's Welcome:** Andrew Christie accepted the position of Chair after being proposed, seconded and receiving unanimous votes in favour. Andrew thanked David Ellison for his chairmanship over the past 2 years. It was confirmed that John Rae has stepped down from the committee and that Barbara Groves will also be stepping down as secretary with immediate effect. Thank you to 4 members of the public for attending.
2. **Apologies:** none received
3. **Approval of minutes** - minutes approved for 12th January 2026
4. **Reports:**
 - 4.1 Finance Report - Update on 2026 budget plan provided by NB. Current bank balance £2023.41, available funds £971.41 and uncashed cheques £1052. Agreement to lower our minimum bank balance to £1000 as our contingency. Several considerations were identified:-
 - 4.1.1 As suggested by EB, further funding to be set aside for community held land e.g. surveys etc. DE to follow up on understanding for CC liability for the community land. Once this understood will provide a better understanding of what liabilities the CC need to consider. Appropriate funding can then be set aside within the budget. **Action DE**
 - 4.1.2 Full breakdown and budget options provided within the March gazette. Community have been asked to respond with feedback to enable budget decisions to be agreed. Further meeting to be held 27th April to finalise 2026 budget to allow for feedback to be received and included within the budget decisions. All community are welcome to come along. **Action NB**
 - 4.1.3 Donation requests - none received.
 - 4.2 Speeding issues - Update provided by DE. Feedback unsatisfactory from Fife Council (correspondence). Further actions identified.
 - 4.2.1 Community letter to be signed by all residents (like a petition) to send to Fife Council. **Action DE**
 - 4.2.2 Meeting to be requested with new Road Safety Police Sergeant to discuss speeding concerns. **Action DE**
 - 4.2.3 Member of the public raised concerns regarding bin lorry speeds. Additional concerns to be collated from community and raised at meeting with Police Sergeant (see point 4.2.2). **Action DE**
 - 4.3 Road Matters. eg. Reporting potholes, signs down etc. **Reassigned to DE**
 - 4.3.1 Note for residents - w/c 27th April B937 resurfacing works will commence between Kinloch Quarry and Fife Zoo. Fife Council will share details with impacted properties in advance of works commencing.
 - 4.3.2 A copy should be kept of any submitted road reports by communities to Fife Council and monitored via the CC meetings. **ACTION DE**
5. **Cllr Holt Actions:**
 - 5.1 **Cllr Holt** - no reports received. C/Fwd
6. **Business arising from previous minutes:**
 - 6.1 Proposal for Giffordtown defibrillators. Update provided. Defibrillator now ordered. Agreed this will be installed in Giffordtown playpark area. **JM/NB**
 - 6.2 Quarry Liaison Committee and recycle centre meetings. Quarry and Recycle centre Meeting attendance/update on meeting schedule. DE discussed with Robert Balfour (Kinloch) who attends the quarry meetings. Kevin McDade (Chair Ladybank CC) attends recycling centre meetings. Both will be asked to feedback into CC. **DE**
 - 6.3 Litter on A92. AC to write to SEPA re excessive litter on roads around the recycle centre. **Action AC**
 - 6.4 General wellbeing proposal (blood pressure units) and fitness classes. **NB - CLOSED**
 - 6.5 CC membership and office bearers update (covered in point 1). CC is looking to fill Secretary position. Request for any Kinloch residents to consider joining CC. Any resident (including 16-18 year olds) can volunteer to be co-opted to lead a project. **ALL - CLOSED**
 - 6.6 Kilwhiss strip woodland to bequeath. EB provided update. Progress is being made to enable acceptance of land (charity status). Exploring fund raising opportunities. **EB - CLOSED**
 - 6.7 E bikes for sale. Interested party will be arranging trial. CC looking for fair price. C/fwd. **NB**
 - 6.8 Trimming of trees in Giffordtown. NB will arrange cut. C/fwd. **NB**
 - 6.9 Spring litter pick. Good turnout for event in March. **SE - CLOSED**
 - 6.10 Fife Council complaints from Fife community councils.
 - 6.10.1 DE will progress with other CCs that have raised concerns. Pending. C/Fwd. **D. Ellison**
 - 6.10.2 AC to write to Fife councillors to enquire if there is intention to attend the CC meetings going forwards. **ACTION AC**
 - 6.11 The CC have received an email inviting us to contribute towards an online survey for progressing Scottish Community Councils towards being similar to English Parish Councils, where they receive funding from central government (in our case the Scottish government). DE to send all relevant correspondence to AC. **ACTION DE**
7. **AOB/Correspondence**
 - 7.1 Defibrillators locations to be shared in the next edition of the gazette. **ACTION NB**
 - 7.2 Member of the public raised concerns about the green slime seen in the burn running towards the play park. DE advised he will investigate. **ACTION DE**
 - 7.3 Member of public raised an issue (correspondence) around the amount of mud on the Kilwhiss road caused by a lot of farm traffic. This item to be included with action point 4.2.3 above. **ACTION DE**
 - 7.4 Further to issue raised above (7.3), DE/AC to investigate possible work to rebuild eroded passing places on the Kilwhiss road. **ACTION DE/AC**
 - 7.5 EB requested if consideration be given for budget to fix the broken bench and picnic table on the Kilwhiss strip. **ALL**
8. **AOCB**
 - 8.1 Agreement made to increase time of meetings from 7.30pm - 8.30pm to 7.30pm - 9.00pm. CC meeting to end no later than 9pm.
 - 8.2 2026 schedule of meetings:-

Monday 27th April (public budget meeting), Monday 7th September, Monday 5th October (AGM + ordinary meeting)