



Giffordtown & District Community Council



Minutes of Meeting - Monday 12th January

7.30pm - 8.30pm

1. **Chair's Welcome:** David Ellison (Chair), Neil Brooks (Treasurer), John Rae (Vice Chair), Barbara Groves (Secretary), Stuart Easson (Member), Elaine Bailey (Member) and 5 members of the public.
2. **Apologies:** none
3. **Approval of minutes** for meeting 3rd November 2025 (addition to minute to be noted. Ref. 9.2 of minute. Any funds from sale of e-bikes should be offered pro-rata between Rotary and Rock Solid -or alternatives eg. Part of funds to charity of choice). **APPROVED**
4. **Reports:**
 - 4.1 Finance Report - Update provided. Funds currently £2150 with expected spend by financial year end of around £900. **Treasurer**
 - 4.1.1 Donation requests - SE requested contribution towards Edentown common ground landscaping. Agreed to donate £100 at this time and further donation to be considered when the budget is set for next year.
 - 4.2 Speeding issues - update provided. Meeting scheduled with MSP Willie Rennie on 19th January to discuss and agree next steps. Action to request update on speeding outcomes from Scottish Safety Unit van deployment. **Chair**
 - 4.3 Road Matters. Update provided. Confirmed still no progress reported. Further sign (horse sign) has corroded, request J. Rae add to his list. Chaser to be sent to Fife Council. **Vice Chair**
5. **CLlr Holt Actions:**
 - 5.1 Independent meeting for G&DCC roads issues and ward meeting due October update. C/Fwd **CLlr Holt**
6. **Business arising from previous minutes:**
 - 6.1 Proposal for Edentown and Giffordtown defibrillators to be considered. Update provided.
 - 6.1.1 Edentown - agreed close this item as no interest at this stage from Edentown residents to progress. **Edentown Rep - CLOSE**
 - 6.1.2 Giffordtown - JM advised that costs now complete. Next step is to go out to community to agree on location and associated costs. **JM/Treasurer**
 - 6.2 Quarry Liaison Committee and recycle centre meetings - **Vice Chair**
 - 6.2.1 J. Rae to start to attend both meetings. J. Rae to check when next meetings are scheduled.
 - 6.2.2 SE advised observed a lot of rubbish along A92 near entrance of recycle centre. D. Ellison will speak with Michael Lee (recycling centre) to check if any contact made with SEPA or Fife Council regarding this matter.
 - 6.3 **General wellbeing proposal (blood pressure units) and fitness classes.** Update provided. The 10 blood pressure units will be offered to the community for free. If no uptake by end of January these will be advertised for sale to the general public or other local community councils. The yoga and pilates fitness classes have proved to be very successful and are continuing for further block sessions. **Treasurer**
 - 6.4 CC membership and office bearers update. Make up of CC now maximum 6 persons. D. Ellison in now stepping down as Chair however will continue as an ordinary member. J. Rae will take on the Chair position with immediate effect.

NB advised that any member of the community can be co-opted onto the CC at any point to progress any projects that the community wish to progress. Welcome to Elaine Bailey who joins the CC as an ordinary member. **ALL**
 - 6.5 Request from owner of Killwhiss strip woodland to bequeath. EB provided an update on activity to date. A working group and steering committee have now been set up and have carried out investigations on how the woodland strip can be bequeathed to the community. EB confirmed there is a lot of support to take this forward. The request was made to the CC to accept the bequeath on the community behalf. Some discussion took place on this subject. It was agreed that an extraordinary meeting should take place to discuss this item in detail to understand any items that still require investigation before the CC could confirm agreement to accept the bequeath.

Motion was carried to look at the land bequest pending more information and subject to the extraordinary meeting (5 approved/1 abstained). A further vote will take place following the review.

Extraordinary meeting scheduled for 2nd March 2026. EB to share all details received with the CC members.
 - 6.6 E bike for sale - Agree proposed sale price of £500 each. To be offered to residents. If no uptake to be offered for sale within wider community. Any proceeds to be offered pro-rata to Rotary and Rock Solid. **Treasurer**
 - 6.7 Trimming of trees in Giffordtown. Update-photos to be taken. C/Fwd (member of public offered assistance with trimming trees) **Treasurer**
7. **New Business** None
8. **Correspondence** None
9. **AOCB**
 - 9.1 Spring litter pick - agreed next litter pick to be Saturday 21st March 2026. **Edentown Rep**
 - 9.2 Fife Council complaints from Fife community councils. DE will progress with other CCs that have raised concerns. **Chair**
 - 9.3 2026 schedule of meetings to be agreed - discussion on reducing scheduled meetings to 4 per year. Any special projects can be discussed through extraordinary meetings. **Motion carried.** Agreed CC meeting dates will be: -

Monday 6th April, Monday 7th September, Monday 5th October (AGM + ordinary meeting)
 - 9.4 NB thanked D. Ellison for all his hard work whilst chair of the CC.