



# Giffordtown & District Community Council



Agenda - Monday 6th April 2026

7.30pm - 8.30pm

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1. **Outgoing Chair's Welcome:** & formalities to incorporate Andrew Christie as the new Chair, Proposer/seconded.
2. **Apologies:** none received
3. **Approval of minutes** for meeting 12th January 2026
4. **Reports:**
  - 4.1 Finance Report - Provide update on 2026 budget plan. **Treasurer**
    - 4.1.1 Donation requests -
  - 4.2 Speeding issues - Provide update. **D. Ellison**
  - 4.3 Road Matters. eg. Reporting potholes, signs down etc. Provide update. **This requires reassigning, any volunteers?**
5. **Clr Holt Actions:**
  - 5.1 **Clr Holt** to provide update.
6. **Business arising from previous minutes:**
  - 6.1 Proposal for Giffordtown defibrillators. Provide update to all present. **JM/Treasurer**
  - 6.2 Quarry Liaison Committee and recycle centre meetings - **This requires reassigning, any volunteers?? And/or request Kevin McDaid (Chair Ladybank CC) and/or Robert Balfour, Kinloch to appraise GDCC on meetings and act as conduit for questions etc.**
    - 6.2.1 Quarry and Recycle centre Meeting attendance/update on meeting schedule . **As 6.2 above**
    - 6.2.2 Rubbish on A92. **Closed.**
  - 6.3 **General wellbeing proposal (blood pressure units) and fitness classes.** Provide update. **Treasurer**
  - 6.4 CC membership and office bearers update. **ALL**
  - 6.5 Killwhiss strip woodland to bequeath. Provide progress update. **E. Bailey**
  - 6.6 E bikes for sale. Provide update. **Treasurer**
  - 6.7 Trimming of trees in Giffordtown. Update-photos to be taken. Provide update/Close?. **Treasurer**
  - 6.8 Spring litter pick. Saturday 21st March 2026. Update. **(Is passed by time of CC meeting) S. Easson**
  - 6.9 Fife Council complaints from Fife community councils. DE will progress with other CCs that have raised concerns. Pending **D. Ellison**
  - 6.10 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), have much greater decision making powers, can implement projects and can employ a salaried Clerk of Council, initially it is proposed we place this survey online on WhatsApp and Email etc, so every citizen can have their say. This follows on from item 6.9. where CC's are feeling compromised, have no powers and very little if anything is being achieved on our behalf by eg. FC.
7. **New Business / Correspondence/ AOCB**
  - 7.1 2026 schedule of meetings:-

Monday 6th April, Monday 7th September, Monday 5th October (AGM + ordinary meeting)

## Notes not included in agenda for CC/community information

Lots of discussion at an informal get together about land already owned by community and that we could inherit further lands (Kilwhiss Strip) in the future and how best to establish an entity (eg. A charitable Woodland or Land Trust), along with how this could be paid for due to CC and community funds being limited.

A number of ideas/options were discussed including:-

- (i) set aside monies per financial year until adequate funds are available and only setup entity when funds fully available (in two or 3 years time.)
- (ii) research other ways of raising funding .eg. grants, fund raising events etc.

Other items discussed during this subject were:- existing and potential future limited liability insurances with Fife Council, especially for the children's playground. DE said he would try and clarify with FC Legal department, this may also include who maintains the playpark (grass/hedge cutting and play equipment) and whether this is an informal arrangement or something was put in writing (a written Agreement)

Lots of discussion about the budget spreadsheets and how finances are allocated, it was discussed about how the community as a whole would feel about big chunks of the funds being redirected towards land owning entities. It will be further assessed how best to approach the whole community about this eg. A special meeting/ online questionnaire.