



Giffordtown & District Community Council



Minutes of Meeting - Monday 2nd September

7.30pm - 8.30pm

1. Chair's Welcome

Present: David Ellison (Chair), John Rae (Vice Chair), Neil Brooks (Treasurer), Barbara Groves (Secretary), John Kennett, Stewart Easson, Cllr Holt. Thank you to 1 member of the public who also attended.

2. Apologies. Cllr. Lothian

3. Approval of minutes for meeting 6th May 2024. **Approved**

4. Reports:

4.1 Finance Report. **N. Brooks**

4.1.1 Update on finance position provided. Current balance £7212.16, income £4314.38, expenditure £981.59. Anticipated spend £3090.

4.1.2 Cllr Holt advised there is a Community Planning & development fund that Community Councils can apply for project funding. Criteria for applications is available on Fife Council website. CC to consider for any potential projects.

4.1.3 Cllr Holt advised next year's budgets likely to be cut. CC should consider appropriate reserve in place. New Communities Manager is Kirstie, Freeman@Fife.Gov.UK.

4.2 Speeding issues update. All permissions now in place for 'autospeedwatch'. Camera deployed on 31/08 and will be going live on 15th September 2024. **D. Ellison**

4.3 Road Matters. JR reported that the speed indicator sign at Edentown was not working. Cause likely to be as its in the shade. Approach Fife Council to provide another solar power panel. **J. Rae**

4.4 Community Resilience Planning. **D. Ellison**

4.4.1 Update on final phase of generator project - £1389.78 for generator and fitments and £600 to connect to grid. Request to proceed with purchase of generator £1289.78 and £600 to connect to grid - **Approved**.

4.4.2 List of additional assets to be added to the Fife Council insurance policy. Asset register to be created.

4.4.3 Generator to be stored in Hall without fuel. Servicing to be considered.

5. Cllr Holt Actions:

5.1 Concerns over IBAA spreading on landfill bing and potential for leachate. Cllr Holt advised unable to comment on this agenda item due to conflict of interests. CC should raise this with Cllr Lothian. **D. Ellison**

5.2 Crossing of A92 at Lofty Bank is dangerous. Cllr Holt advised there is an Amey Transport Scotland meeting where this item should be raised. Cllr Holt will ensure we are invited to meeting along with Ladybank CC representatives. **Cllr Holt**

5.3 Issues with C57 road - pothole criteria document. Cllr Holt advised we should take pictures of any potholes and email him with detail for his review. **Confirmed action can be closed.**

6. Business arising from previous minutes:

6.1 Red Squirrel Project. Update. Number of items to be considered before this project can proceed. Survey of current population, land owner permissions, Council permissions etc. Progress on-going **B. Groves**

6.2 Community Walks - book of local walks for the community. Will be included as Gazette article to seek community feedback. **N. Brooks**

6.3 Request for Fire Department to give talk on fire safety. c/fwd. **D. Ellison**

6.4 Request for Police to give talk on home security and rural crime. c/fwd. **D. Ellison**.

6.5 Paths - trialing of monthly maintenance plan on Coffin Road. **N. Brooks Confirmed CLOSED**

6.6 Litter Pick. Propose October Autumn pick. Propose 26th October for next litter pick. **S. Easson**

6.7 Question on whether there should be life vests/rings at Gaddon/Birnie Lochs. **D. Ellison Confirmed CLOSED**

6.8 Kinloch Defibrillator donations proposal. **B Groves Confirmed CLOSED**

6.9 Kinloch Scottish Water adoption of water pipes. B. Groves to check if further action needed. c/fwd. **B. Groves**

6.10 Path opposite Zoo is impassable due to large tree. Update. Check should be made with landowner before any work undertaken. Contact Fife Council Tree Officer -Cllr Holt can provide name. **D. Ellison**

6.11 Public transport. Bus frequency. New business items 7.2 tagged to this item. Cllr Holt advised he is putting together petition for local communities. Cllr Holt to pass on invite to any on-line discussions. Any specific petition/letters we have should be shared with Cllr Holt. **D. Ellison**

6.12 Request made for seedling donations from the community to be used in the decorative planters. Current £50 budget spend to be progress for summer planting. **D. Ellison Confirmed CLOSED**

7. New Business

7.1 Coffin Road. Equestrian centre complain people on bikes with hi viz vest upset horses causing riders to fall off. Look at possible remedies. Proposal to add signage and/or positioning of trailers could help. Message in Gazette for local awareness. **N. Brooks**

7.2 Bus rescheduling/cancellations. See agenda point 6.11. **D. Ellison**

8. Correspondence

None

9. AOCB

9.1 Next CC meeting will be held on Monday 4th November 2024. **ALL**

10. AOB

10.1 Library van parking. There were complaints from residents on where the van was parking. Consideration of preferred parking to be considered. **N. Brooks**

10.2 Approval for gazette spend. **Approved**

10.3 Apply for Fife Council Grant and to Rock Solid to cover the purchase of second auto speedwatch camera. **N. Brooks**

10.4 Proposal for Edentown and Giffordtown defibrillators to be considered. Canvass residents for their views. **S. Easson and N. Brooks**

10.5 Consideration to white/give way line to be re-painted on road at junction turn going to Dunshalt/Heatherhall/Monkstown (U104). **J. Rae**

10.6 Bridle path from Edentown to Loftybank needs maintenance. Contact Fife Council (Kirstie Freeman) to progress. **J. Rae**

10.7 Remembrance Service - proposed community attend at Collessie this November. It has been proposed to do year about with Collessie. **D. Ellison**

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

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