

Giffordtown & District Community Council

DRAFT minutes of meeting - Monday 1st Nov 2021, 19:30

1. **Chair's Welcome.** The meeting started early as the AGM finished early.
2. **Present:** N. Brooks (Chair/Secretary), M. Sanders (Vice Chair/Treasurer), J. Wightman, D. Ellison, A. Emler, J. Kennett Cllr A. Heer, Cllr D. Lothian, one member of the public
Apologies: A Christie
3. Minutes for meeting 6th Sept 2021 were approved.

4. Reports:

- 4.1 **Treasurer's Report:** As per the AGM, the balanced stands at £7262.20. However, at the AGM it was agreed to donate £500 towards the Village Hall.
- 4.2 **LMWL:** It was agreed that significant improvement to quality of life has been achieved, although there is still the occasional burst of very unpleasant odour. Site management have put extraction measures in place for the current active cell.
 - Establish current reporting mechanism of odour issues to SEPA: **Secretary**
- 4.3 **Paths Working Group:** A number of paths need attention as they have become difficult to negotiate safely and with ease. The PWG is to set up a working group before Christmas with the aim of tackling one of these paths. The objective being a light touch approach of cutting back and clearing. Notices will be placed for volunteers shortly: **A.Christie**
- 4.4 **Speed reduction:** This topic had the biggest discussion of the night. Significant speeding on the B937 is a major safety issues and causes severe detriment to quality of life and seems to have increased even more that before lockdown.
 - Telraam system still locked in the house that is empty. Try and recover: **D.Ellison**
 - Request was re-iterated to Cllr Lothian and Cllr Heer to represent our plight to the Roads Dept. and to rigorously pursue flashing speed awareness signs **Cllr Lothian, Cllr Heer.**
 - Investigate purchase of our own 'Pop-up Bob' with the CPLO: **Secretary**
 - Investigate whether additional signage to indicate this is an area for walkers, cyclists and horse-riders can be installed: **Cllr Lothian, Cllr Heer.**
 - Suggestion made that the whole of the B937 was made 40mp. Investigate feasibility: **Cllr Heer, Cllr Lothian**
 - Request CPLO tell us how many times they have deployed to catch speeders: **Secretary**
- 4.5 **Road's status:** It was reported that FC have adopted a more permanent style of road repairs recently. This will improve the situation where a repair was made, only to breakdown in as little as three months.
 - The Kilwhiss road is starting to see potholes in the sections of road that was not renewed. Other potholes in various locations are also starting to become apparent. Please notify the secretary so that these can be reported via the online system: **Secretary.**
 - A major road issue is at the dip on the B937 just before the turn off to Kinloch. Cllr Heer has been in touch with the Roads and Drainage technicians to find a solution: **Cllr Heer.**
 - 'Trench' developing in road outside Giffordtown Villa. Report to Roads Dept: **Secretary**

5. Business arising from previous minutes:

- 5.1 **Speed awareness sign:** Awaiting feedback from Roads Department: **Cllr Lothian**
- 5.2 **Bulbs & Tree planting:** Three trees have been selected for the hall grounds. Gilmartin contractors are to source and to plant.
 - Various bulbs have been sourced but more needed and there appears to be a shortage. Possible locations are around the hall, refreshing areas opposite Giffordtown, perhaps within Edentown 'green' and along the road to Kinloch from B937: **J.Wightman**

- 5.3 **Signage for playpark.** Sign and post received. Planning to install this week. **Secretary**
- 5.4 **Pumping station condition.** Some work undertaken but the 'control box' is very unsightly and the area still weedy. Also establish if they maintain the hedge. **Secretary**
- 5.5 **Quarry liaison meetings update.** Separate minutes available on request, but highlights are:
- Three areas of non-compliance/ Dust suppression – now resolved. Visibility spray – cutting back imminent. Fuel tank to be double bunded.
 - HGV's turning right (south) onto B937. Contractor responsible warned.
 - Processing likely to begin in early 2022
 - New hedge contractor appointed and will plant mixed species rather than just beech.
 - Footpath diversion to commence shortly
 - Importation of materials may not be in original planning scope. Check: **Cllr Heer**
 - A.Christie will represent G&DCC at the next QLC meeting until further notice. **A.Christie**
- 5.6 Clanging drain cover Giffordtown Main St. Repaired. **Secretary**
- 5.7 Community Resilience Fund. Application for defibrillator submitted. Response in 3 weeks: **Secretary**
- 5.8 Kilwhiss roadside maintenance – hedge cutting. Local contractor appointed. **Secretary**
- 5.9 'thefivewayscommunity' website name change. Still in progress. **Secretary**

6. New Business:

6.1 IBA liaison committee report:

First meeting in June. Site meeting on Sept and Oct. First IBA processing campaign commenced 22/9 and will complete 7/11. Next campaign planned for Aug 2022. Operation looked neat and tidy with minimal noise or dust. Dust suppression measures available. 26,000 tons processed about 10% various metals and 90% aggregate which has been used by FC or sold to third parties. Height of stockpiles a concern

- Rock Solid (Dutch operators) stated they are willing to make a community donation. Will request they pay for repairs to Village Hall roof: **J.Sanders/Treasurer**
- Confirm IBA is just incinerated household waste coming from Dundee: **Cllr Heer.**

6.2 Queen's Platinum Jubilee: Agreed in principle to support. Review in March: **Secretary**

6.3 Remembrance Day – 11th November: Obtain new wreath: **Treasurer**

Confirm Role of Honour is complete: **Secretary**

7. Correspondence:

7.1 Proposed management rules for public parks. Reviewed. No further action.

8. A.O.C.B.

- Sandy Brydon resigned from the committee. A replacement from Edentown to be sought. Initially by putting up a poster in that hamlet: **Secretary**
- Property status at Trafalgar junction. Clarify position. **J.Kennett/Treasurer**
- Screw spill (used screws) on B936 between Giffordtown and Charlottetown. This happened last year too, but nails, and resulted in four burst tyres. Traffic police contacted. Spread the word amongst locals getting work done to pass on to contractors to check vans are secure. Thanks to J.Kennett and J.Wightman for picking up the nails – a dangerous operation due to speeding vehicles.
- Unusual activity noted at layby between Edentown and Charlottetown. Let's all be vigilant to keep our community safe. Inform CPLO: **Secretary**
- New bins erected at hall for grass cuttings and compost. Thanks to D.Ellison.
- Check if new load of compost can be ordered: **Secretary**
- Please be extra security conscious when buying or selling high value items online e.g., Gumtree.