

# Giffordtown & District Community Council

DRAFT minutes of meeting - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept, 19:30 - Village Hall

1. **Chair's Welcome.**
2. **Present/Apologies:** N. Brooks (Chair/Secretary), M. Sanders (Vice Chair/Treasurer), J. Wightman, D. Ellison, A. Emler. J. Kennett, S. Easson. Cllr Lothian (from 5.6). Two members of the public attended (Robert Balfour & John Rae).  
**Apologies:** A. Christie, Cllr Holt.
3. **Minutes** for meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Jul 2022 were approved.
4. **Reports:**
  - 4.1 Treasurer's Report: Bank balance stands at £9485.95. Another vote was taken in support of Gazette funding circa £230. Hall shed is no longer going ahead, so previous approval of £1000 support toward this project no longer required.
  - 4.2 Paths Working Group: Volunteers helped clear FN431 (Easter Kilwhiss – Dunshalt Road) and FN437 (Coffin Road. Brief PWG meeting in favour of continued work to keep paths passable and safe. Next meeting of PWG to be advertised soon.  
Quarry Path – Commissioning work continues on plant. No work on core path diversion until this work complete – likely end of Sept. Existing paths are reported as blocked with bunds and ditches – to be raised at Quarry liaison meeting with supporting photographs.
  - 4.3 Speeding: Community Speed Watch (CSW). Forms submitted but backlog at police end means likelihood of processing this year are almost nil.  
Idea to purchase community laser to monitor and log speeds as evidence will be discussed with police to ensure it is legal to do so. **D. Ellison**  
Proposal discussed to request a meeting with senior police officials to discuss our concerns. **Secretary**  
Speed awareness signs. See 5.7 and 5.8 Request for meeting with Head of Transportation
5. **Business arising from previous minutes**
  - 5.1 Compost: Request more compost in batches for each community. **Secretary**
  - 5.2 Community Resilience: Final version underway for review next meeting. **D. Ellison**
  - 5.3 WhatsApp group. Closed - but keep persuading as many people as possible to join.
  - 5.4 Community Engagement. No Progress. **Secretary/A.Christie**
  - 5.5 Gazette: Support of circa £230 re-approved. All articles by 12<sup>th</sup> Sept latest.
  - 5.6 Bulk Buy Logs: Discount of free delivery (£5 at time of writing) from Kingdom Firewood if enough people support. How does it work in practice? Give the Secretary your name & contact number. This is passed to KF. Next time they are in the area they will message to see if you want logs. If yes, you pay KF and they will be delivered in bulk bags as normal. If not, that's fine.
  - 5.7 Roadside sweeping: A lot of dissatisfaction was expressed at the poor state on the local roads. Cllr Holt submitted a note to say it had been raised with the Council and they are working through the backlog. Request was made to have a meeting with Head of Transportation. **Cllr Lothian**
  - 5.8 Trafalgar Junction Visibility. Cllr Holt submitted a note to say it had been raised but still awaits a reply. This can come into discussions under 5.7.
  - 5.9 New development at Trafalgar Junction. No update. **Cllr Holt.**
  - 5.10 Smelly drains. Scottish Water attended. No further action.

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## 6. New Business

- 6.1 Autumn Litter Pick. Date agreed October 29<sup>th</sup> 10am – 12pm. **S. Easson**
- 6.2 Donation for St Andrew's Ambulance for First Aid talk and St John Scotland for CPR and Defib training agreed at £50 each. **Treasurer.**  
**Note: there has been hardly any uptake for the second tranche of CPR and Defib training on 14<sup>th</sup> Sept – choice of three slots 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 8:30pm. Booking essential through Secretary. Insufficient numbers may mean cancellation.**
- 6.3 Recognition for Community Service. Agreed that a letter of thanks be formally drafted and delivered upon Community Councillor stepping down. **Secretary.**
- 6.4 Chestnut tree on Kilwhiss Road. Agreed to pay Secretary £50 for take down and removal. **Secretary**
- 6.5 Maintenance of Kilwhiss Road. In previous years a local contractor appointed. Agreed to ask same contractor. Expand scope to hedge around pumping station and Whin bushes on corner of Giffordtown Main St (East of playpark). **Secretary.**
- 6.6 Streetlight out. Since repaired. **Closed.**
- 6.7 Giffordtown Main St verge. Survey residents of that street to see what they want to do with it. Possibilities; leave as is, trim, sow wildflowers, other ideas. **Secretary**
- 6.8 Community Council Elections. Planned for around October 2023. Fife Council will issue timetable and instructions nearer the time. Any residents can apply to become a Community Councillor. In the meantime, we are always looking for people to come along and support at the regular meetings. You are welcome to come and observe, make comments and ask questions.
- 6.9 Use of Community Funds for Community Education and Betterment. No specific ideas agreed, but at last meeting it was agreed to put something in the upcoming Gazette and also to await the outcome of the Resilience Plan document. **Secretary.**

## 7. Correspondence

- 7.1 Request for £160 for shelves in hall. Shelves had been sold in the interim, therefore request withdrawn.

## 8. AOCB

- 8.1 Smell from recycling centre notice along with burning smell. Request update from LMWL. **Secretary**
- 8.2 Trees at Edentown. After the recent storm caused a tree to fall and take down power lines, more trees were due to be felled as they posed a safety issue. Monitor progress. **S. Easson.**

Meeting closed at 9:15. Next meeting Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 7:30pm

Note: AGM is same date at 7:15pm

**All residents are invited to come along, make comments and ask questions.**