

Giffordtown & District



COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Meeting – Mon 4th Sept 2023

1. **Chair's Welcome.** Six members of the public attended and had a good night out! A special welcome to new residents of Charlottetown, Abi and Ian attending their first Community Council meeting.
2. **Present:** Neil Brooks (Chair/Sec), Monique Sanders (Vice Chair), David Ellison, Jan Wightman, John Kennett, Cllr Gary Holt. **Apologies.** Andrew Christie, Stewart Easson, Angie Emler, Donald Lothian.
3. **Approval of minutes for meeting 3rd July 2023.** Approved.
4. **Reports:**
 - 4.1 Finances. Current balance £4536. Planned spend for Jul/Aug was £716, actual spent was £384 (Gazette £268, flowers for tubs £83 and mics £33). Wind turbine grant of circa £3200 has not yet been received. A full budget for 2023/24 with plan vs actual is available on request.
 - 4.2 Paths Working Group. Good use of paths reported and the maintenance noted. The paths from Ronnie's corner to the road that runs to the recycling centre is called the 'Donkey Path' – unless anyone knows differently.
 - 4.3 Speed reduction/speed awareness. Awaiting final approval of Speedwatch+ (autospeedwatch) from Fife Police. Attempting to do a few more manual Speedwatch campaigns before the end of September. **D. Ellison.**
 - 4.4 Road matters. Review water under bridge with Fife Council. **Cllr Holt.**
 - 4.5 Community Resilience Planning. Discussed provision of rechargeable safety torches @ £20 each. Place an article in gazette to see level of support. Those that want one will be able to claim it FOC, funds allowing. **N. Brooks.**
5. **Business arising from previous minutes:**
 - 5.1 Edentown noticeboard. Awaiting trees being removed. **S. Easson.**
 - 5.2 Commemorative tree. Agreed to allocate £100 towards the Hall Committee to allow them to source a suitable tree and arrange planting. If value of tree chosen is greater than £100, come back to next meeting with proposal.
6. **New Business:**
 - 6.1 'No paths' signage for village street. Agreed to request Fife Council to support this. In addition, look at making the whole street 5mph and adopting the section from the park to the U101 (formerly Q road.) **Cllr Holt.**
 - 6.2 Purchase of automatic Speedwatch £650. Approved on the proviso that Fife Police agree to support. **D. Ellison**
 - 6.3 See 4.5
 - 6.4 Donation towards Kinloch sited defibrillator £500. Agreed. **Treasurer.**
 - 6.5 **Notice of first meeting of the new Community Council on Oct 2nd, Village Hall 7:30pm. This is not a public meeting as it is just for the new Community Council team to elect office bearers. It's not too late to apply to be a Community Councillor. Deadline is 7th Sept 4pm. Check Fife Council website.**
7. **Correspondence: N/A**
8. **AOCB**
 - 8.1 Agreed to pay N. Brooks £50 towards fuel costs for paths restoration and maintenance.
 - 8.2 Processed IBA (incinerator bottom ash) is being spread over the landfill mounds. Concerns about potential poisonous leachate. Investigate legitimacy of this practice. **Cllr Holt.**
 - 8.3 Fly Tipping. Increasing amounts next to Heatherhall woods. Please can everyone be vigilant.
 - 8.4 Crossing A92 from Edentown to Ladybank quite dangerous. Investigate possible solutions. **Cllr Holt.**

Next full meeting, with the newly formed Community Council is on 6th November. 7pm for AGM. 7:30pm for normal meeting. As usual, all residents are welcome to attend to observe, ask questions, or make their views known.