

Giffordtown & District

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Meeting – Mon 9th Jan 2023 7:30pm in Village Hall

1. Chair's Welcome.

2. **Present/Apologies.** N. Brooks (Chair/Secretary), M. Sanders (Vice Chair/Treasurer), J. Wightman, D. Ellison, J. Kennett, S. Easson. A. Christie (up to 6.1). Cllr Holt. Four members of the public attended. Apologies from A. Emler and Cllr Lothian.

3. **Minutes for meeting 7th November 2022** were approved.

4. Reports:

4.1 Finances. Current bank balance £8128.39. No outstanding cheques or payments.

4.2 Paths. Quarry diversion path made but unclear if more work to be done. In discussion with adjacent landowners to link paths towards Kilwhiss road and also from quarry entrance towards Gaddon Loch. PWG meeting to be set up within a few weeks. **A. Christie.**

4.3 Speeding: B937 signage reviewed by Fife Council roads dept. Findings: The signs at the gateways are as they should be and there are sufficient repeater signs along the length. A works order will be created to have 3/2/1 countdown signs installed on the two approaches on the main road. These will highlight to drivers that they are approaching the 40mph speed limit from 300yds out. In addition, a white 40mph roundel painted at the two gateways to increase their profile too. It will probably be into next financial year before these get installed. The flashing "Your Speed" signs, have the two locations agreed and the works order is being prepared. **D. Ellison**

4.4 Road Condition. Awaiting update from Fife Council. **Secretary.**

5. Business arising from previous minutes:

5.1 Community Resilience Planning. Report edited and ready for submission to Fife council for approval. Once this is done, various meetings to test the plan in various scenarios will be held. **D. Ellison.**

5.2 Trafalgar junction visibility. Cllr Holt liaised with Fife Council. Review to be carried out. **Cllr Holt.**

5.3 New development at Trafalgar junction. No update. **Secretary.**

5.4 Kilwhiss strip tidy up where cutting back has shredded branches. Volunteers wanted. **Secretary.**

5.5 Main St Giffordtown flowers. Update for next meeting. **Secretary.**

5.6 Solar panels for community. Various options under consideration – mainly at hall. One option discussed is to build a car port and put solar panels on top. **D. Ellison.**

5.7 Flower tubs for B937. Presentation showed areas for tubs. Proposed 6 tubs at circa £25 each. Planting likely to be low maintenance and drought resistant. Up to £500 allocated for all items. Check with Kettle Produce for free soil. **J. Wightman**

Check with Fife Council for legal implications for siting of tubs on verge. **Cllr Holt.**

5.8 Insulation and sustainable energy for community homes. On hold. **H. Wade.**

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6. New Business:

- 6.1 Community e-bike. Approval obtained to create a proposal for two e-bikes which will be presented at next meeting. Anyone who has an interest in this, contact secretary. If proposal approved it will go into March edition of Gazette with request/survey to obtain community feedback. This feedback will be presented at the May meeting of G&DCC after which a decision will be made. **Secretary.**
- 6.2 For safety reasons, a new mini grit bin will be purchased and located within the hall grounds. Discuss and agree with the Hall Committee. **Secretary.**
- 6.3 Letter of thanks received from the 'Giffordtown Writers for donation of £169 for ISBN numbers.
- 6.4 Letter of thanks received from the Hall Committee for donation of £500 towards funds.
- 6.5 Suggestion received that Edentown have a dedicated notice board instead of the pole was supported after discussion with Edentown. Donation of noticeboard was offered by Bruce Pairman. **S. Easson.**

7. AOCB

- 7.1 IBA report. A meeting and site visit was held on 8th December. Rock Solid were unable to commence processing due to technical issues. Planned to commence 9th January for approx. 3-4 weeks. Stockpiling has continued while sales opportunities for processed IBA are investigated. John Sanders will do a site visit with Michael Lee this month or early next. **J. Sanders.**
- 7.2 Litter Pick: Next event is 11th March 10am. Volunteers keenly sought. **S. Easson**
- 7.3 Fibre broadband. It was revealed that communities have fibre in some areas, but not all. Openreach do not seem to have an easily identifiable roll out plan, but it was recommended to keep up pressure.
- 7.4 Library van: The library van visits ever second Tuesday between 1:15pm and 1:45pm. It has been parking on the main road, but this gives reduced visibility and is dangerous to cars exiting from Giffordtown. The van will return to its original place and now park in the open access area opposite Gifford Farm.
- 7.5 Flooding under railway bridge on U103 requires investigating. Added to point 4.4. **Secretary**
- 7.6 HGV lorries using U103 and U102 despite signage that these are unsuitable roads. Investigate with Fife Council in first instance for revision of signage. **Secretary.**

Meeting closed at 8:52pm

Meeting Dates. Monday at 7:30pm: 6th March. 1st May. 3rd July. 4th September. 6th November (AGM at 7pm).

Many thanks to all those that attended.