

Giffordtown & District Community Council

DRAFT - Minutes of Meeting - 2nd November 2020 via Zoom.

1. Chair's Welcome.

1.1 As his first meeting as Chair, Neil welcomed all the attendees.

2. Present: N. Brooks (Chair/Secretary), M. Sanders (Treasurer), J. Wightman, D. Ellison, A. Emler, S. Brydon, W. Munro. Councillor Andy Heer (from 4.6), Andrew Christie. A. Christie (Co-opted). Two members of the public also attended.

Apologies: None

3. Minutes of Meeting on Monday 7th Sept 2020 were not presented for approval but have been circulated and if there are any discrepancies can you make it know to the secretary by 9th November otherwise, they shall be deemed as correct and will be duly approved by the Chair.

4. Reports:

4.1 Treasurers Report: As per AGM. Funds stand at £7586.68.

4.2 Landfill Smells: Secretary read out highlights from latest report by FRS (available if anyone wants a copy). Final capping is 85% complete. Continued delays due to wet weather. Enquire as to when the capping will be finished within realistic timescale - which will help manage expectations. Confirm why a 6-day dry window is really required. **Secretary.**

4.3 Paths: Andrew Christie gave an update on the Paths Working Group (PWG) inaugural meeting attended by eight people in October. Minutes of this can be requested via Andrew or the Secretary. In the main it was a scoping exercise with the main objectives to establish what paths we have, where they are and what are the obstacles or barriers to using them. Meetings will generally be on a bi-monthly basis. The quarry diversion path was approved although two reports have been commissioned; establish whether any badger sets will be disturbed in creating the new path and also access for all abilities. It was confirmed that the path from Edentown to Loftybank is to be maintained by the community.

Post meeting comments by member of public present (mic was muted): a). Footpath from Brucefield road (Q61) north towards recycling center needs some weedkiller applied to verges. b). Path from Kinloch road end south alongside B937 is a safety hazard – see 5.1

4.4 Speed Reduction: Telraam traffic monitoring system shows approx. 1200 vehicles per day on average, rising to 2500 during the weekend of traffic diversions. Of these an average of 25% are speeding (30% peak and at least 20%). The police were contacted to help reduce speeders during the A92 roadwork diversions and the Telraam system recorded a reduction in speed the day after their high-profile visit. In addition, two rubber traffic monitoring strips were placed initially but removed soon after. Progress with council roads department. **D. Ellison**

4.5 IBA: We await any further information. Monique was congratulated on coordinating the activities against this application.

4.6 Kilwhiss Road. The rapid repairs to the potholes went ahead as planned. Unfortunately, some of these are starting to fall apart in the more heavily damaged areas. There is still a commitment from the roads dept. to do two sections of road replacement but there is no timetable for this work. Fife is biggest vegetable producer in Scotland, multiples ownership of farms, Kettle Produce means there is more vehicular traffic. Contact farmer to see if he can help the community understand why the traffic is so busy and perhaps introduce measures to mitigate. Same for Kettle Produce. **Secretary.**

The sunken manhole cover on B937 outside Monique and Jan causes a lot of noise. Contact roads reporting system. **Secretary.**

Cutting back of overhanging trees. Working group set up for Tuesday 10th at 1pm. Meet at hall.

Volunteers welcome with tools. Separate notice and email to follow. **All CC members.**

5. Business arising from minutes

5.1 Footpath at Kinloch towards A91. Path needs completely scraped/redone. Site visit now been requested. **A. Heer**

5.2 Facebook: Wayne produced Facebook Briefing Document. This is to be reviewed by all to see if it fits the bill within the next week. Make sure it is the right thing for us to do Any question, come back to Secretary or Wayne. **All CC members**

5.3 Kilwhiss Road: See 4.5

5.4 Bridge over ditch at park: Leave this one until Spring and revisit.

5.5 Edentown to Loftybank path: see 4.3

6. New Business

6.1 Vehicles on B937 – as result of A92 roadworks and diversions. No advance warning about this. Bear were contacted. Bridge at Lindores were only 20-ton limit. Speeding lorries. Drivers were contacted to reduce speed. Traffic reduced on second weekend. Police were contacted to manage traffic and came out.

7. Correspondence – none

8. A.O.C.B.

8.1 Community Police Liaison Officer Report. Quarterly report issued. Copy available on request to Secretary. Note we now have two new CPLOs; Kirsty Haddow and Mark Lowe. They come with lot of experience and want to engage with the community. It is best to contact them by email in advance if we want their support in anything.

8.2 Meetings: It was agreed that the only practical way to continue the meetings was via Zoom and emails. Neil thanked everyone present for their perseverance in the face of the usual technical difficulties.

8.3 Remembrance Day: It is cancelled but the CC will place the wreath. Some of the community may attend on an ad-hoc basis (social distancing observed). £25 donation to Poppy Scotland

8.4 Community Cohesion: Christmas Carols at the hall grounds for all the four communities together. Obviously, this depends on the exact nature of the lockdown restrictions in place at the time. Initial co-ordination to be done by Jan with regard to a date and time, music etc. Angie to co-ordinate the Kinloch community to come to the hall. **Angie/Jan**

9. **Confirmed date of future meetings are 1930hrs via Zoom:** 4th Jan, 1st Mar, 3rd May, 5th July, 6th Sept, 1st Nov(plus AGM at 1900hrs)

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