

# Giffordtown & District Community Council

## **APPROVED** Minutes of Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 via Zoom.

### 1. Chair's Welcome.

1.1 Thank you all for coming. Reminder that public are welcome to participate in the meeting.

2. **Present:** N. Brooks (Chair/Secretary), M. Sanders (Vice Chair/Treasurer), J. Wightman, D. Ellison, W. Munro, A. Emler, S. Brydon, J. Kennett (voice only), Cllr A. Heer (from item 6), Cllr D. Lothian, R. Balfour (temporary replacement for A Christie), two members of the public also attended.

**Apologies:** Cllr A. Heer (up to item 6).

### 3. Minutes of Meeting on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March were approved.

### 4. Reports:

**4.1 Treasurers Report:** Audit of accounts successfully completed. Bank balance stands at £5964.92. Expenditure since last meeting: £25.44 for publishing software to produce newsletter, £122.40 for community website annual fee. Fife Council grant expected soon. Confirm annual wind turbine payment date and if it is pro-rata depending on how much it has been in operation. **Secretary.**

#### 4.2 LMWL:

- 4.2.1 Phase 3 Cell 2 (responsible for the majority, if not all smells) final capping due by beginning of May. This should mean little, if any fugitive gases. We must remain vigilant and keep reporting.
- 4.2.2 Active cell: 3 Horizontal gas wells for extraction in place but not started as waste not yet high enough although this should begin soon. Vertical gas wells also due to be installed soon. Temporary capping on flanks as pile grows to reduce leakages. Expected life span of cell is 12 - 18 months. Likely to be final cell. No plans for additional cells at present.
- 4.2.3 Compost: Still awaiting PAS 100 accreditation. Once complete, community will be able to benefit from the compost.

**4.3 Paths:** R. Balfour to chair the PWG while A. Christie overseas.

- 4.3.1 Organize a work party to trim back to bushes etc. on the Coffin Road. **R Balfour.**
- 4.3.2 The Coffin Road is a Core Path. It does not appear in the title deeds for either the owner of the adjacent field or the Equestrian Centre. See [www.scotlist.gov.uk](http://www.scotlist.gov.uk). Check with adjacent farmer to clarify understanding. **J. Kennett**
- 4.3.3 Path in Heatherhall woods running parallel to B937 between Charlottetown and Edentown. Check with Forestry and Land (previously Forestry Commission) as to their timescales for maintenance and the scope of that maintenance. **R. Balfour.**
- 4.3.4 Quarry diversion: Lairds are going to wait until the harvest is complete before starting the path.
- 4.3.5 Footpath at Kinloch towards A91. (Previously item 5.1) Update is this path will be scraped by summer at latest. **Cllr Heer.**

#### 4.4 Speed Reduction:

- 4.4.1 The Telraam unit is still inside the now vacant house. Inquiries are being made to recover. **D. Ellison/S.Brydon**
- 4.4.2 Speedwatch: PCLO unsure as to when this can resume. Likely June/July. **D. Ellison**
- 4.4.3 Dangerous driving: Instance of car clipping stirrups of horse it was so close. Please report instances of any dangerous driving to the Secretary [giffordtownsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:giffordtownsecretary@gmail.com) or the PCLO on [HoweOfFifeTayCoastTCP@Scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:HoweOfFifeTayCoastTCP@Scotland.pnn.police.uk)
- 4.4.4 Speeding: Contact senior police officer in Fife to raise awareness of the concern from the community about the high levels of speeding on the B937. **R. Balfour.**

#### 4.5 Roads.

- 4.5.1 Missing 40mph sign at Edentown replaced. **Closed.**
- 4.5.2 Fault reporting: Currently 33 out of 36 reported this year have been fixed.
- 4.5.3 Mud/Debris on road: Advice from PCLO is to initially contact the person responsible if known, otherwise contact the police. See email [HoweOfFifeTayCoastTCP@Scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:HoweOfFifeTayCoastTCP@Scotland.pnn.police.uk)
- 4.5.4 Kilwhiss road:
  - 4.5.4.1 Refurbishment completed to high standard. Concerns that speeds have increased, especially from farm vehicles. Tractors do slow when pedestrians are visible; send note to farmer thanking them for their diligence and requesting it continues. **Secretary.**
  - 4.5.4.2 Verges: A lot of debris has been piled onto the verges in various locations. Request this be tidied up by Fife Council. **Secretary.**

#### 5. Business arising from minutes

##### 5.1 Ways to invest wind turbine money.

- 5.1.1 One suggestion received. Contact Historic Scotland to establish whether they could do a survey of the Coffin Road which might expand on the history already revealed in the book by George Calley. Establish if there is a cost, what the scope could be and possible outcome. **Secretary.**
- 5.1.2 Ideas to use the money to benefit the community: All residents encouraged to put forward suggestions before the meeting date so that they can be considered at the G&DCC meeting.
- 5.1.3 See 4.3.3 It was suggested that some money be used to improve this path.

**5.2 IBA.** It was agreed, after a vote, there was no necessity to consult wider with the community to establish a representative for the IBA committee, as the committee already has a high ratio of community representation. A second vote was taken to appoint John Sanders (who volunteered) as the community representative. Inform FRS of the decision and pass on contact details for John. **Secretary.**

#### 6. New Business - None

#### 7. Correspondence.

- 7.1** PCLO quarterly report. This was circulated prior to meeting. No discussion. Copy available on request.
- 7.2** Freuchie CC: Seeking support over concerns about status of road markings and signage at the triangle of Dunshelt/Freuchie. Cllr Heer already in contact with Transportation. It is felt that this was in progress. Reply to Freuchie CC. **Secretary.**

#### 8. A.O.C.B.

- 8.1 Bottle at hall:** Contact FRS to establish when LMWL will recommence bottle recycling. **Secretary.**
- 8.2 Recycling Centre – Booking:** Contact FRS to establish duration of the booking system. **Secretary.**
- 8.3 Dog Training:** Field being used for commercial enterprise. Concerns about potential volume of traffic and consequent parking issues. Does this constitute change of use and require some form of planning or other consent? **Secretary.**
- 8.4 Newsletter:** J. Kennett enlarged size to make readable and is charging £1 a copy for CC funds.
- 8.5 Wedding:** Neil & Lesley to hold son's wedding in their field on 2nd July. Apologies if a little noisy for a bit in the evening.
- 8.6 Manhole cover opposite Anworth, Main St, Giffordtown:** Add to Fife Council Roads faults. **Secretary.**

**9. Confirmed date of future meetings are 1930hrs via Zoom:** 5<sup>th</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup> Sept, 1<sup>st</sup> Nov (plus AGM at 1900hrs)



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