

Giffordtown & District Community Council

DRAFT minutes of meeting - Monday 7th Mar, 19:30 - Village Hall

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1. **Chair's Welcome.**
2. **Present/Apologies:** N. Brooks (Chair/Secretary), M. Sanders (Vice Chair/Treasurer), J. Wightman, D. Ellison, A. Emler, J. Kennett (from item 5). Cllr A. Heer)
Apologies: A.Christie, S.Easson, Cllr.Lothian
3. **Minutes** for meeting 10th Jan 2022 were approved.
4. **Special item: Purpose of the Community Council.** A brief review for new committee member, long serving committee members, and the public. We are a committee of elected volunteers who operate according to a 'Scheme of Establishment' set down by Fife Council which is effectively our Constitution which is available online and an extract will be in the Spring Gazette. In summary, our aims are:
 - 4.1 To ascertain, coordinate and express the views of the community to Fife Council
 - 4.2 Take such action in the interests of the community as appears to be expedient and practicable
 - 4.3 Encourage a sense of community participation and a sense of community spirit
 - 4.4 Other functions as approved by Fife Council or other bodies...for safeguarding and improvement of the amenities and environment in the area.Therefore, using these guidelines, we as a community council will do what we can to improve the community for the overall benefit of the residents and the environment. Please help us by letting your local community councillor know your views
5. **Reports:**
 - 5.1 Treasurer's Report: Balance stands at £7800.16.
 - 5.2 Paths Working Group: Full minutes from PWG meeting available on request.
 - 5.2.1 Good discussions with Lairds re quarry diversion but completion is expected within months. Exact route and surface still under discussion. Query whether 3m width is necessary. Query screening planting: **A.Christie**
 - 5.2.2 Actively engaged with F.C, Access officer re locked gates on B936 leading to path FN432. Will try and establish landowner for discussion. **A.Christie**
 - 5.2.3 Still trying to establish who owns wooden sign for Coffin Road. **A.Christie**
 - 5.2.4 Continuing low level maintenance of paths. Thanks to volunteers. Seeking to establish ownership of land around Gaddon Loch for core path FN 432. Request public assistance.
 - 5.3 Speed reduction:
 - 5.3.1 Telraam system recovered and to be deployed in Charlottetown during April. **D.Ellison**
 - 5.3.2 Traffic police completed unmarked speed assessment on B937 and were 'horrified' at speeds. Police have indicated they are pursuing installation of two active speed monitoring signs. One in Edentown and one in Giffordtown. But they may instal mobile unit initially.
 - 5.3.3 Establish if SpeedWatch campaigns can restart at the beginning of April. **D.Ellison**
6. **Business arising from previous minutes:**
 - 6.1 Speed awareness sign: See 5.3.2. **Cllr Lothian.**
 - 6.2 Pumping station condition - refurbished. **Closed**
 - 6.3 Defibrillator. Ordered from St John Scotland at cost of £1000 to CC. Should arrive mid April. Training plan will be advertised. Location approx. outside hall kitchen. **Secretary**
 - 6.4 Queen's Jubilee. Ongoing liaison with Hall Committee. Looks like a tea party at the hall. **Secretary**
 - 6.5 Compost from recycling centre. Looks like April/May for screening certification. **Secretary.**
 - 6.6 Community Resilience Planning. Establish scope of what our communities needs. **D.Ellison**
 - 6.7 WhatsApp Groups. Partial success. Giffordtown 9, Edentown 4, Charlottetown 4. This is for ease of communications of all kinds. It is free and secure. Excellent for info about all sorts of things.

6.8 Trafalgar Junction: As Cllr Lothian was absent, this will be carried forward to next meeting.
However, Cllr Heer is looking into getting the bus shelter refurbished and some street lighting,
Cllr Lothian

7. New Business:

7.1 Ukraine. Committee agreed on £500 humanitarian donation. UK Government will match this.
Treasurer

Meeting closed at 8:15pm. Next meeting 2nd May 7:30pm