

**Glencairn Community Council, General Meeting
Monday 2nd December 7.30pm, Memorial Institute**

1. **Sederunt:** Chair Kevan Neill, Vice Chair Scott McMillan, Treasurer Jan Burgess, Ian Hatcher, Annie Wright, Sarah Shackleton

Apologies: Secretary Sue Grant, Matt Cook

Observers: Gordon Donald, Stephen Sparrow, Lynsey Duncan, Peter Roberts, Tony Berretti

2. Reports

2.1 Police Report – None

2.2 Treasurers Report – Windfarm account had a closing balance of £32,523.55 as of November 30th having received £19,564.57 from Windy Rigg and paid windfarm allocations of £29,376. This comprised of £6,337.66 ringfenced funds and £29,185.99 unreserved funds. The General account closed on November 30th with funds of £2,207.83, having paid £1,220 to small grant applications. This comprised of £ 2,565.80 ringfenced funds and -£357.97 in unreserved funds.

2.3 Resilience Report – Correspondence circulated re new monitor, all weather container proposed to solve current problems with relay of signal, also stand alone monitor sought, not related to any dwelling to remove problem of power supply being interrupted.

2.4 Councillors Report – None

3. Minute of November meeting – Proposed Scott McMillan, Seconded Jan Burgess

4. Matters Arising

4.1 Small Grant Application – Peter Roberts requested £200, to update photography gallery of local people's portraits in Watsons Store. Photography done voluntarily, £200 to cover commercial printing of approximately 40 A4 photographs.

Proposal: Jan Burgess proposed full amount of £200, Seconded Scott McMillan, no further proposals. Annie Wright declared a conflict of interest. Agreed unanimously £200

4.2 Local Place Plan Update – Annie Wright reported that Dr. Steve Connolly had been appointed as a Project Support Officer, Group met 12/11/24 to address timescale and draw up an action plan which will be reattached to draft consultation and brought back to GCC, village and M.I. before any decision is taken. Remit includes land use and aspirations plotted on map, for example field used for folk festival not shown, recording it would protect it in future. Anything included would have a statutory right to be considered when taking decisions. On completion of first draft 28 day notice will be given of public event to present it. July deadline isn't finite as interest has been registered.

Scott McMillan commented that folk festival field recognition is valid but should consult with landowner. Clarification, Annie Wright said folk festival and landowner would both be recognised. Peter Roberts commented that the boundary would be Glencairn not just Moniaive. Gordon Donald asked if the Local Development Plan would include Wallace-ton and can any individual suggest ground for possible housing proposals, Annie Wright said that this was the case.

4.3 Bus Timetables - Stephen Sparrow recapped that no timetables provided despite boards in situ, he will continue to follow up.

4.4 Christmas Tree – currently no response obtained from Fraser Dykes re provision of tree, Kevan Neill to follow up.

5. Business

5.1 CCES - U394 (N) reclassification to include agricultural traffic. Clarification sought over implications to bridge weight limit.

5.2 Car park/camper van parking - emails circulated with detail.

Matt Cook raised the point (via email) that motorhomes currently can and do park in the car park and that the site is listed on SearchForSites app., also questioned whether residents were supposed to avoid parking in designated camping bays.

Members were asked if they were happy for their personal emails to be included in Gazette article requesting feedback from residents. Annie Wright, Sarah Shackleton, Jan Burgess and Scott McMillan responded affirmatively, Scott clarified that he would prefer to be approached personally. Kevan Neill was not willing for his email to be published.

Responses received so far from Matt Cook, Scott McMillan and Moniaive Initiative. M.I. are not opposed to the principle of camper van parking provision but do not think current site proposal is suitable. Stephen Sparrow commented that he felt consulting on proposals was ludicrous as no-one had agreed to 3 large spaces. Scott McMillan commented that his was best place in regards folk festival.

5.3 Barbuie Footpath – no updates, carried forward to next agenda

5.4 Cherry Tree Inscription – no updates, carried forward to next agenda

5.5 Cross Damage – no further updates, carried forward to next agenda

5.6 Defibrillator/Wallaceton - Sarah Shackleton to proceed with managing instillation.

5.7 Playcare Business Plan – not available yet, carried forward to next agenda.

6. Windfarm Matters

6.1 Awards - Blackcraig Windfarm Monies £2,000 pending, ANCBC Windfarm Monies £4,000 pending – both expected to be received in next month as criteria for payment met.

7. Planning

7.1 Appin Windfarm - email circulated detailing proposal. Matt Cook (via email) questions why no neighbours have been consulted re proposal. Scott McMillan offers clarification that it is a Met Mast that has been proposed and not necessarily a windfarm, and that this is an obligation for a proposed site to site a mast, planning would still need to be sought, this would appear in planning application summary list received by GCC and could be discussed then. Requested that it be added to agenda for next meeting to oversee.

8 Correspondence

8.1 SEPA

8.2 Budget consultation – deadline for response 3rd December if members wish to contribute.

8.3 Theatre Group Update – carried forward to next meeting

8.4 Community Bulletin - details circulated by email

8.5 Planning Services Update Windfarms – carried forward to next agenda

8.6 SPR request for resilience quote – in hand to be carried forward to next agenda

9 AOCB

9.1 Kirkland Gravestones - Gordon Donald informed GCC that D&G Council had surveyed headstones at Kirkland to ascertain safety. 60 had been deemed unsafe and signs attached. His concern is that Community Councils were supposed to have been contacted and given guidance and advice to be disseminated to local community and parishioners. His understanding is that families are liable for the safety of headstones. Attached signage dated 3/10/24 requires designated headstones to be made safe within 3 months. Cited example of Mr. Dryfe in Sanquhar who was deemed responsible for repairs to 4 headstones, council did work without his permission, and he is currently suing them. Some gravestone inscriptions are illegible so unclear how next of kin

could be established. Advocates that local community should be advised to go and check family graves otherwise concern is that the headstones will be sunk into the ground or laid flat as solution, he regarded this a desecration of graves.

Councilor Tony Berretti joined meeting at this point and clarified that he thought it unlikely that the process would be quick – to his knowledge 15 sights had been done, 18 remaining and Glencairn was in the third stage. Gordon Donald felt that gravestones should be documented in their current state as a record should damage occur in the future and sought assistance in this task. Ian Hatcher agreed to assist. Councillor Tony Berretti acknowledged the concern and offered the opinion that it was an ongoing requirement for D&G Council but speed of operations was unclear as there were limited personnel available who could complete the task.

Next meeting: Monday 6th January 7.30pm, Memorial Institute. Minute taken by Jan Burgess.