

## **Glencairn Community Council, General Meeting**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025, Glencairn Memorial Institute

1. Sederunt: Chair Kevan Neill, Vice Chair Scott McMillan, Treasurer Jan Burgess, Matt Cook, Ian Hatcher, Annie Wright

Apologies: Secretary Sue Grant, Sarah Shackleton

Observers: Lynsey Dunse, Peter Roberts, Stephen Sparrow

2. 1 Police Report – none

2.2 Treasurers Report - Windfarm Account is sitting at £35,523.55, £6,337.66 of which is ringfenced. General Account ended the month at £5,544.77 having received £3,139.94 from ANCBC and spent £655 as previously agreed. £6,755.74 was ringfenced and unringfenced remained negative at -£1,120.97

2.3 Resilience Report – In wake of power cut from storm warm space was provided by Memorial Institute with food from D&G Council, thanks from GCC to Kate Howard from Memorial Institute for putting this in place.

2.4 Councilor's Report – none

3. Minute approval – Proposed Scott McMillan, Seconded Jan Burgess

Stephen Sparrow asked about the proposed purchase of a salt gritter and quad for the resilience team from last month's meeting, he said it was a 'complete waste of time' and 'impractical', regarded it as 'boys toys'. Scott MacMillan acknowledges his concern, saying it is an expense and may only be used 1 or 2 times a year if that, but that it is impossible to know if it would be needed, if not would indeed be a waste of time but if it was, it would prove invaluable. Arguably equipment could be hired but that would necessitate knowing exactly when storm would be or when flooding would occur which is equally impractical.

4.1 LPP, Kevan Neill and Sue Grant met with Stephen as representatives of GCC. It was agreed to add proposed Wallaceton development to LPP.

Peter Roberts advises that LPP Group is required to submit a pathway document by July which will outline the strategy in line with existing planning policy. Having submitted their

strategy, they will then undertake a housing need survey to assess local concerns and requirements. The July submission will also need to include mapping of local assets, which will be achieved using a mapping tool online which is initially free but then will cost £50/year. Matt Cook asks to be added to this online mapping tool so that he can contribute as well.

Brief discussion of additional housing not exceeding 10% of existing housing stock. Scott MacMillan comments that 5 new houses in Berts(?) Yard and 8 new houses in Cairn Drive through a social housing scheme already has exceeded this and so no precedent has been established.

Annie Wright will send electronic copy of LPP notes reported to this meeting for minutes

#### 4.2 GCC Communications –

- Annie Wright expresses concern that GCC is not fulfilling its obligations in widely publishing its meeting minutes and agenda. Identifies issue of where to post, observes that notice board in Moniaive is still displaying minutes from 2022 and Wallaceston 2019. Annie reports receiving complaints and suggests a website would fulfill this obligation and could also circulate details of LPP effectively over the 2 sites of Moniaive and Wallaceston.

Matt Cook queries the cost and maintenance involved in creating a website.

Kevan Neill shares that Dunscore effectively utilise Facebook to disseminate information and puts this forward as an example of good practice.

Annie Wright offers to research costs involved. Previously Scottish Tech Army have been available but can't commit at present. Annie suggests sourcing a local person such as Tim Jones, in the community and that some of the discretionary grant could be used.

Jan Burgess confirms that discretionary grant is £488/yr and already has yearly fixed costs attached to it.

Stephen Sparrow adds that when the GCC was previously investigated that it was a requirement that a website be established.

Annie says that draft and approved minutes and agenda should be available for those community members not online and suggests reintroducing a ring binder into the local shop for the secretary to keep updated.

Proposal; Annie Wright - proposes an advert be created to advertise the opportunity to set up a website at minimal cost for the GCC. Seconded, Scott MacMillan.

- LPP training online 12<sup>th</sup> Feb-12<sup>th</sup> March, only 4 people have signed up to participate as yet. Committee discuss but due to timing of events members unavailable as at end of working day.

#### 4.3 Community Asset Transfer Strategy for D&G

- Suggestion that both parks would come under this scheme and could be adopted by GCC. Ian Hatcher queries who would be responsible in that event for the maintenance of the play park and swings. Scott Macmillan expresses concern for the ongoing cost of providing street lighting through the park. Matt Cook raises concern for public liability and other members concur. Matt Cook suggests public toilets would also fall under a community asset classification and potentially be owned.

#### 4.4 Boundaries Scotland Consultation – no comment

### 5. Business

#### 5.1 Ongoing

#### 5.2 Car Park/Campervan Parking Consultation

- Committee recognise that all feedback received has been negative and as such the project should not be taken further at this site.

#### 5.3 Ongoing

#### 5.4 Ongoing

#### 5.5 Cross Damage

- Discussion over alternative remedies to fix the damage. Scott MacMillan raises the possibility of asking a local builder to source smaller pieces of stone and provide remedial work. Local stonemason A. McKinna to be consulted re efficacy.

#### 5.6 Defibrillator/Moniaive Upkeep

- Sarah will register the defib so it shows on the system. Peter Roberts is currently checking expiry dates on disposables and charge on device. Annie suggests that someone in Wallaceton is found to monitor this going forward, and suggests two medics in the village. Jan says she will approach Dr. Bramley and ask, but that anyone would be able to monitor expiry dates if medics not willing.

#### 5.7 Playcare Business Plan

Annie queries if they have used all of last allocation as anything not used for wages was to be returned. Annie also says that it must be ensured that it is a legitimate bid as she doesn't believe that it was last time.

6.1 Feedback Horseshow – circulated, no comment

6.2 Feedback Flower Show – circulated, no comment

7. Planning – no comment

8. Correspondence – all circulated

Jan reiterates that CC survey asking our training requirements should be answered individually as suggested by Sue Grant.

9 AOCB

9.1 Ice on Roads

Discussion raised about the water running onto the A702 at Peilton.

Scott MacMillan recounts incidence of bad crash at Throughgate due to ice and raises concern of same thing happening at Peilton. Requests a strongly worded letter from the GCC to the landowner as the water is visibly running from their land onto the road at Peilton which will cause pot holes and ice.

9.2 Storm damage to Dalry sign

Member of the community has raised that there is a missing sign at the cross following the storm as it was blown down and needs replacing. Observed that post could be straightened at the same time.

9.3 Requested contact to EE

Allan Waddell requests GCC to contact EE and ask why 2 mobile telephone masts in Dalwhat Glen have no back up power provision

9.4 DGC Website 'Report it' Button Removed

Allan Waddell reports that DGC website has removed their 'report it' button as he had wanted to report a dead badger but there was no obvious category to report dead animals on road pages.

Stephen Sparrow offers solution of a 'road default category' that could be utilised in this instance.

Next Meeting: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 followed by pre-allocation meeting

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025 Windfarm Fund allocation meeting

Jan Burgess offers apologies as she is unable to attend 3<sup>rd</sup> March meeting