

Glenlyon & Loch Tay Community Council

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DRAFT Minutes Thursday 11th. January 2024 at 7 pm

Present: Chair S. Dolan-Betney (SD-B), Secretary S. Dorey (SD), Treasurer J. Riddell (JR), E. Melrose (EM), W. Graham (WG), J. Polakowska (JP), Cllr. J. Duff, and 7 members of the public.

Apologies: None

Minutes of meeting on 9th.November 2023: Proposed SD, seconded JP- minutes adopted.

Community Council – Data Protection – SD to continue as DP Officer.

Finance – Current balance £503.57

Trees – Carie Woodland Proposal Presentation- Jillian Kennedy, Scottish Woodland Forest Manager outlined the revised planting scheme – greater variety of species, no planting below the road, protection for archaeology. Cllr.Duff asked about parking and buffering of footpaths. No parking to be provided but existing parking at Kiltyrie could be used. JK pointed out footpaths on a map and explained the path that will link some of the archaeological sites which will be buffered, i.e given more space.

Matters arising:

Roads: Road Safety Projects 23 – CC's priorities & PKC's priorities – see appendix.

Glenlyon School – Baillie Williamson was to contact Head Teacher – SD-B to contact MW.

Glenlyon Bridge – Cllr.Duff has informed CC of summary from Road Safety Team of 40mph buffer and signage provided. Traffic lights considered to prevent further damage to bridge but not ideal. Cllr.Duff asked CC if the speed limit should be reduced to 20mph – CC to monitor situation.

Question raised as to when the bridge would be repaired – Cllr.Duff to enquire. Up-date in appendix.

Ward Councillors and Traffic & Network (T&N) next meeting early March.

John Swinney MSP Meeting took place in Fearnan in November. SD-B, EM and JR attended for CC. Police represented by PC Sean Robertson. No representative from PKC which hampered discussion. Archie Maclean also attended. It was agreed that the VAS had made some improvement to traffic speed, but not enough and physical barriers were needed. Recent Police speed check – 25% of drivers stopped could have been prosecuted. Info to go to PKC. JS to pursue with PKC.

Flooding west of Garth – JP reported serious flooding on C449 appeared to be caused by blocked field drain. Keepers Cottage needed sandbags. Cllr. Duff to liaise with PKC to see if they can work with the farmer to solve the problem. JP to provide contact details of farmer.

Planning: SD read current list.

Enforcements – none at present. Garth pod – planning application has been received but not yet validated.

Appeal – against Refusal decision of Morenish Farm Shop. CC sent further comment and supporting documents after SD-B visited site and took photos.

Long outstanding applications. – Rowengarth now 14 months since validation. Cllr.Duff had just been informed that expected amended plans are now with the Planning Officer and will be circulated soon. 'Fortingall Playground' application now 7 months since validation, no decision. Cllr.Duff to enquire.

Local Place Plan – to be considered following SD-B attendance at Planning Aid Scotland webinar. Cllr.Duff suggested an Officer could attend next meeting to discuss with CC and answer question. SD-B agreed.

Site visits, suspended due to Covid, have been restarted. Suggested one may be appropriate for Rowangarth once the amended plans have been viewed.

DLC & Glenlyon Estate – nothing to report. N.Hooper informed meeting that he and F.Gillespie had had a constructive meeting with Mairi McAdam, Community Relations Manager, explaining the history of Fortingall and Glenlyon House.

Transport - UTCC Forum meeting with Cindy Brook, Upper Tay Transport now re-named Tay Valley Connections (TVC). Needed:

Volunteers to man Hub in Locus Centre and as car drivers.

Bus drivers. Money available to train two bus drivers – anyone interested to contact TVC.

Trustees and funders.

Plan to purchase a bus and run a community service.

No plans for the lochside but C.B keen to contact Killin CC.

Comments welcome, good, or bad – send to info@uppertaytransport.org.

R.Hooper expressed appreciation of the new No.91 bus service but pointed out that her husband has to take her to the bus stop despite there being a bus stop at Ardrasgairt as this is off the present bus route – a community bus may remedy this.

Rural matters: nothing further from David Tollick yet.

Correspondence: - Fearnan Hall Committee plans – EM reported that there had been a three-week consultation with the community on improvements to the exterior of the Hall; professional plans are being drawn up prior to a planning application; if successful, work to begin in the Spring.

AOCB:

Next meeting: March 14th. 2024 at 7p.m via Zoom.

APPENDIX

Glenlyon & Loch Tay CC
Road Safety Issues 05/12/23

Glenlyon Primary School – traffic calming – speed cushions preferred. Follows an urgent request by parents in March 2022 afraid to let their children go to school by bike/scooter etc. because of the danger from speeding traffic. Discussion with Daryl McKeown seems to have stalled in August '22. Fearnan A827 – traffic calming – speed cushions agreed. Police have informed CC that recent speeding data will be made available to PKC. Speed survey to be carried out.

Fortingall traffic calming – speed cushions agreed. Speed survey to be carried out.

Fearnan C449 through upper village – residents asking for speed cushions to reduce speeding. '20's being ignored. Speed survey needed – could be done in conjunction with A827.

Ardtrasairt (Pass of Lyon) - traffic lights on list February '23. Raised again at last CC meeting.

Lawers – A827 - speed limits ignored. Danger spot is from the Ben Lawers Hotel to the Horn Carver's bridge and the one immediately west of it. Clearer road markings and 'Road Narrowing' signs would help. Car on its side at the Horn Carvers this Summer.

Lyon Bridge C449 Bridge awaiting repair since the last accident – repairs to be done this financial year but appreciate this may have changed due to storm damage taking priority. Only a few years since the last repair. Bridge is a Listed Building but has no weight restriction!

Croftgarrow – recent request for a '20' from Croftgarrow to the Lyon Bridge

Glenlyon – repeated requests since at least 12/19 for a speed restriction through the whole glen, especially on the straight between Balintyre Farm and Carnbairn Castle. Speed survey promised by Roddy Ross in conjunction with Fortingall.

'SLOW' road markings need renewing or putting in place in Lawers – both sides of the Horn Carvers bridge and the bridge immediately west of it; Fearnan – Letterellan & each side of Fearnan War Memorial/ junction of A827 & C449; Keltneyburn – before the right hand bend leading into the bridge – old markings nearly obliterated; Garth – each end of the bends.

Extracted from PKC Road Safety Project list of February '23; numbers in brackets are ranking in a list of 902:

Information Signs, Glen Lyon (20)

- * Information Signs (passing place) Lawers (173)
- * Width restrictions Quarry Road, Fearnan (257)
- * RAP signage strategy Ballinluig-Killin (387)
- * Lay by passing place, Fortingall (424)
- * 40mph Green Route Fearnan-Fortingall-Keltneyburn (497)
- * Speed Cushions Fortingall (514)
- * Passing Place Bridge of Lyon (547)
- * Warning signs, Gallin Bridge, Bridge of Balgie (559)
- * Speed Cushions, Fearnan (699)
- * Artrasgairt, Glen Lyon (817)

Bridge of Lyon – Cllr. Duff reports from Structural Engineer that work has been delayed because of bridge damage caused by recent storms but the Lyon bridge has not been forgotten.