

# **Glenlyon & Loch Tay Community Council**

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## **Minutes for September 14th.2023 at 7 pm on Zoom**

Meeting was reminded that it was being recorded for CC use only.

**Present:** Chair S. Dolan-Betney (SDB), Secretary S. Dorey (SD), E. Melrose (EM), J. Riddell (JR), J. Polakowska (JP), Provost X. McDade, Cllr. J. Duff and 12 members of the public.

**Apologies:** W. Graham

**Minutes of last meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup>.2023.** – Adoption proposed SD, seconded JP

**Finance** – Current bank balance £352.15

### **Matters arising:**

**Community Council** – Following the cancellation of a recently planned public meeting Community Democratic Services were asked how 'public' is public. Reply – meeting could be called a Local meeting but basically public means just that. CC considers avoiding public meetings in future.

Mail Delivery Failures – meeting made aware that periodically all @btinternet.com address are returned as a mail delivery failure – something to do with BT security and beyond the CC to remedy.

**DLC-** Round up of DLC-related meetings.

July 13<sup>th</sup>. PLT Killin- JP reported – poorly attended, ill-informed, not a constructive meeting.

July 24<sup>th</sup>. CC Chair's meeting Kenmore – present P. Ely (Kenmore), Roddy Kennedy (Dull & Weem), Andy Aitken (Killin), SD-B reported – newly formed group of all Upper Tay CC representatives. All to send reps.to DLC meeting July 27<sup>th</sup>. Agreed to meet beginning of September to discuss how best to organise ourselves, approve minutes of 27<sup>th</sup>.meeting, and put forward items to go to DLC for inclusion on next agenda for October.

July 27<sup>th</sup>. Peter Wishart MP & John Swinney MSP meeting in Aberfeldy– EM attended and informed CC that it was very well attended, well moderated with both pro. and con. questions.

PW & JS agreed to write to DLC, and a reply had been received from new General Manager, David O'Donaghue – stressed that the beach and car park would remain open to the public. EM concluded with the updated DLC website.

July 27<sup>th</sup>. DLC meeting with CC reps. GLLTCC, Kenmore & District, Killin, Dull & Weem, Aberfeldy, Mid-Atholl, DLC & CCs quarterly meetings were agreed – full notes on CC website. –next meeting in October. All CCs will put forward items for the agenda and DLC will minute.

August 1<sup>st</sup>. Aberfeldy CC meeting – SD-B attended – all Upper Tay CCs represented, Provost McDade & Cllr. Duff – small meeting; X. McD. confirmed PKC Planning have ability to cope with DLC applications; V. Clements (Chair) volunteered DLC were working with Breadalbane Deer Management Group.

August 18<sup>th</sup>. Meeting with Glenlyon Estate management to establish contact – SD-B, JR & JP met Peter Allen (Operations Director Glenlyon Estate) & David O'Donaghue (General Manager DLC). JP & JR reported first impressions as being friendly, willingness to answer questions and communicate. It was agreed that we meet two monthly before a CC meeting.

Cancelled Meeting:

The public meeting arranged to pass on the information gathered had to be cancelled because of misinformation posted on the Protect Loch Tay facebook page. CC decided to send a letter instead, compiled by JR, JP & SD-B, to all community contacts and post on notice boards. Now also on CC website.

September 7<sup>th</sup>. Meeting of CCs Group in Kenmore – all represented – The notes prepared of the 27<sup>th</sup> of July meetings were agreed. The notes were considered clear and unequivocal. Agreed quarterly meeting should take place with DLC. Next to be in October. DLC to set agenda with items from each CC. To be consider – looking at wider issue beyond DLC e.g the A827.

Website – CC agreed to add DLC page for the posting of meeting minutes/notes etc.

Questions: - J. Di Rollo pointed out that, although paying a Real Living Wage, DLC is not Accredited. – SD-B to ask.

J. Di Rollo expressed concern about previous public facilities in Kenmore no longer being available in future. SD-B explained that DLC had clearly stated that the hotel, shop, Taymouth Trading, Paper Boat and beach would all re-open to the public. Confirmed by Cllr. Duff.

Ardtrasgairt – CC had been contacted by a resident concerned about the vehicle access to the cottages, pheasants and the effects of shooting. SD-B has spoken to him and Pete Allen and both agreed to speak to each other. CC's support was much appreciated by the enquirer.

Question: A. Brown asked how often Clay Pigeon shooting would occur and whether it would exceed the 28-day rule – if so, planning consent would be needed. SD-B to ask.

Cllr. Duff reported the findings of Planning Enforcement – details on web. in Community Letter. No new application yet for proposed track at Glenlyon House.

**Planning:** Current Applications. SD read list.

*LDP3*–The Big Place Conversation Engagement- Aberfeldy Consultation Meeting- SD-B attended. Poorly attended – most attendees from Aberfeldy. Consultation consisted of working through the Placemaking Tool – CC had already done this. Little of relevance to a Very Remote Rural Area - SD-B left at half time.

Garth Settlement Boundary- JP reported that a consultation letter had been sent to all Garth residents to obtain opinion on a settlement boundary being put in place as part of *LDP3*. Majority were in favour. Key time for presentation to Planning will be the *LDP3* public consultation in 2025.

Garth Pod – JP reported residents' concerns about the installation of a pod in the grounds of the Walled Garden, Garth, highly visible, connected to water and drainage. Enforcement have been contacted.

Proposed Telecommunication Installation, Pubil – Pre- planning consultation. SD commented there are two masts already – landscaping has helped to blend them in – little appreciable effect on mobile signal. This present proposal is also part of same scheme to provide wider coverage for Emergency Services.

Fortingall Maple TPO – JP reported that this would not be put into effect while there was an outstanding Planning Application. Tree has some protection from being part of the Conservation Village.

**Roads:**

*Fearnan C449 & A827*- speeding still a big problem despite VASs. One recent accident on A827 when a pedestrian was injured. Invitation from John Swinney MSP to a meeting for the CC to discuss road safety in Fearnan on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. in Fearnan Hall. CC agreed to accept. SD-B pointed out that there are speeding problems also in Bridge of Balgie, Fortingall and Lawers which could

be included. Speed counters are to be put in Fearnan again. Traffic & Network stress that speed enforcement is the responsibility of the Police whether they can afford to do it or not. Another item for the J. Swinney meeting.

#### Questions:

J. Di Rollo asked for 20 mph signs at Keltneyburn. Cllr. Duff reassured him that 30 signs are on the list for Keltneyburn.

A. Brown asked for measures to be put in place in Glenlyon as walkers using the car park west of Invervar have a 2 mile walk on the road once they come off the hill. She considered this dangerous on a narrow road with a 60mph limit, especially after dark.

Cllr. Duff commented that a new route up the hill was being considered. SD-B pointed out that for a long time the CC had been asking for a speed reduction on the whole Glen road.

*Lyon Bridge Repair* – still pending.

*Fortingall* – Further speeding complaints- JP confirmed problem from personal experience; reported on response from Blair Watt- speed cushions have been requested but not a priority – he recommended lobbying Cllrs. - landowners responsibility to keep signs clear of vegetation – EM confirmed that signs have now been cleared - speeding survey to be carried out, enforcement is Police responsibility.

A. Brown complained at speed surveys being done in Winter. SD-B agreed that they can be done at inappropriate times of year and for very short duration.

Lobbying – Ward Cllrs. now meet with Road Safety Team quarterly to discuss the prioritising of road safety requests. Traffic & Network have advised CC to lobby Cllrs. to increase priorities. Cllr. Duff confirmed this and asked for a list with some indication of CC's priorities.

Provost McD. added that the next meeting with Road Safety is next week; that there are about 1,000 items on the list with only enough money for a fraction of them.

**He stressed the importance of reporting any accidents to as they are very important to the prioritising process.** Reports can be sent to Cllrs. or CC. CC to send a list to Cllrs. asap.

*Gran Fondo* – SD-B reported inadequate signage on A827 for traffic coming from the West. Tourists were confused because both roads were closed at the bottom of the Fearnan Brae with no indication of why or for how long. Alternative route was back to Killin. Cllr. Duff had not been made aware of traffic issues. Provost McD. admitted that there had been a number of issues which will be reported. Given the problems of getting information to the public prior to the event the overall impression was of poor organisation.

**Scottish Water Annual Consultative Meeting** – SD-B sent a question asking if something could be done, during a serious power-outage, to prevent Fearnan and Fortingall losing their water supply? Reply: The storage tanks used in this area rely on electricity for the pumps. Therefore, if the power is off for any length of time the tanks empty. The remedy will be to install generator points at the tanks so that emergency generators can be used; controls on the tanks are being looked at.

**Transport** – The No. 91 – EM reported that there is now money for a five-days-a-week service. Cllr. Duff confirmed that the service has started and will include a limited service to Rannoch. Not wheelchair accessible at present.

**Balnacraig Wall** – JP reported that a wall above Garth had been breached during tree felling increasing the risk of flooding in Garth. JP and a Garth resident had met on site with landowner's contractors. Landowner has agreed to reinstate ditch behind wall and erect a stile over the deer fence so that residents can keep ditches clear.

**Robert Campbell Cairn** – Plaque needs repair – SD reported that the person who offered help is still on holiday.

**Rural matters:**

Fearnan Cowpark SSSI – David Tollick: has spoken to the grazier - he is reluctant to do much work on land he doesn't own; tried to contact Fearnan Partnership shareholders but got no replies; has suggested going back to the Land Commission to see if it can make further suggestions. CC agreed to this.

Tarmachan Peat Restoration – a National Trust for Scotland project to increase carbon capture by restoring 89 hectares of peat. Contact CC for more details.

Invasive Species – Japanese Knotweed – Mark Purman- Charles has been back in Fearnan with his volunteer team trained last year. Previous treatment of Knotweed had a good effect. 2 good sessions were this year from Letterellan to the Old School House.

Himalayan Balsam – has been identified. Project planned for next year to have a day pulling it up. Volunteers will be needed. Any sightings of Himalayan Balsam in Fearnan can be reported to Mark or CC.

**Boreland Farm** – Harry Droop one of the farm's owners attended the meeting. He introduced the new manager, Andrew Leitch. **Contact** [andrew@borelandlochtay.co.uk](mailto:andrew@borelandlochtay.co.uk), T.07501182581. Asked about the sale of the farm Harry confirmed it is listed for sale as a potential option - some interest shown – he will keep CC posted. Open to questions. No immediate questions. Contact [harry@borelandlochtay.co.uk](mailto:harry@borelandlochtay.co.uk)

**Correspondence:** EM read list.

Warm Welcome Fund

Poetry Together- August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Community Investment Fund

Makay Hannah Events – Complimentary Places for CC members

Glenlyon Church Summer Service

Afternoon Tea – Molteno Hall – September 17<sup>th</sup>. in aid of breast cancer

A9 Duelling Consultation

Rural Life Survey

Community – Led Guide to Social Services – August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**AOCB:**

**Next meeting: AGM & Business November 9<sup>th</sup>. 2023 at 7p.m via Zoom.**