

DRAFT Glencairn Community Council Meeting Minute on 9th March 2026

The Chairman opened the meeting

Apologies from Gill Dykes (Secretary), Matthew Cooke - all other CC Members present – Scott McMillan (Chair), Gordon Donald, Kevan Neill, Sara Shackleton, Jan Burgess (Treasurer), Sam Godridge

DGC Attendance - Colin Williamson and Caitlin Wallace

6 Members of the Public were present

Draft Minute of February Meeting – Proposed as a true record of the meeting by Jan Burgess and seconded by Sam Godridge.

Presentation

Alan Jones gave an informative talk on the potential of a 400,000v power line project being re-instigated. This would involve large pylons possibly routed through or close to the boundaries of Glencairn & neighbouring CC boundaries. It was agreed that a follow up presentation to the community would be beneficial to keep the community updated. Further information can be found at the following link:

<https://www.neso.energy/document/304756/download>

Public Forum

No matters were raised by the public attendees.

Police report

Notable Incidents for February 2026:-

Dunscore:- 1 person charged with firearms offences

Moniaive:- 1 person charged with breach of the peace

Treasurer Report

Jan Burgess provided the following update:

GCC General Fund opening balance on 1/2/26 is £4781.92 and closing balance £4777.62

GCC Windfarm Fund opening balance on 1/2/26 is £37008.62 and closing balance £37004.37

Glencairn CC Communications – Postbox, Noticeboard and Website

It has been recognised that action is required to improve public communications and access to GCC information, some background work been underway to progress, the following were proposed:

1. Procure a waterproof lockable postbox to be fixed to the GMI wall to provide a GCC postal address for communications.
2. Procure two GCC information boards (one to be put up on the outside wall of GMI and one at the bus stop in Wallaceton).
3. In order to expedite and avoid possible months of delay it was further proposed that a budget of £500 was allocated to procuring suitable information boards and a postbox.

The above items were proposed by Sam Godridge and Seconded by Kevan Neill,

Both items, relating to the GMI, have been discussed with GMI chair previously but will be proposed at next GMI meeting (in the next week or so) for their agreement.

GCC will check with planning with regard to any requirements for information display with respect to GMI building (i.e. in conservation area etc.)

GCC members agreed to put up postbox and information boards.

The GCC website is under development and Sam Godridge has been working on this guided (for free) by a local IT expert. Currently the website has only set up to display the LPP draft. The next main step is to develop a compliant website further with areas for minutes, agenda, contact details.

There is an initial set up and annual fee for software/hosting the website, the first year has been covered by SG to get things moving. Future annual fees will be provided for proposal at next meeting.

Another item to look at is email addresses and how to maintain one point of contact and continuity of records when people transition roles etc, SG will discuss further and present to CC for further discussion.

Letter From Resident

It was advised by the Chair that there was no requirement to read out the letter in question. CC members were asked for any comments, non given. Item is closed.

Place Plan Engagement

Caitlin Wallace from DGC provided an update on the support provided by DGC who have been advising and assisting the working group with the final consultation stage to ensure everyone in the community is able to review the current plan, this included:

- Supporting the printing of materials associated with the community consultation, including letters, feedback forms and hard copies of the plan and the delivery of these to community council representatives.
- Supporting to collate information in order to carry an exercise to determine the number of properties within the Glencairn Community Council area, helping to make sure all households within the community were targeted in the outreach.
- Setting up the dedicated project email address for comments on the draft LPP and enquiries to be directed to
- Creating and managing the Google Form used for collecting online responses to the draft plan, so that residents, groups, businesses and landowners can share feedback virtually.

The feedback from the consultation will be collated and presented to councilors, following consultation period, along with proposals for actions relating to the LPP.

Date for submission of LPP was discussed and confirmed by DGC as the 7th April 2026.

It was noted that the property count undertaken by Gordon Donald has now been further validated during LPP consultation hand deliveries to every property and with further data recently provided by DGC. This was discussed and it was further acknowledged that reflecting the household significantly increased numbers more accurately (along with an updated population estimate) is not only fundamental to the LPP but also key to current & future assessments of service provisions and funding.

Glencairn Community Council Casual Vacancy Elections (CVE)

In accordance with the scheme, all Co-opted councillors will stand down on the 18th March 2026.

As the Casual Vacancy Election was uncontested, Wendy Beautyman, Iain Steedman, Sam Godridge and Gill Dykes shall all assume office as community councillors at 8am on the 20th March 2026.

It was noted that Gordon Donald's CVE nomination was not received by the CVE nomination deadline.

Glencairn Community Council Co-Option Proposal

Following the Casual Vacancy Election, Community Councillor vacancies will remain after the election date.

It was agreed that Gordon Donald is proposed to be Co-opted at the next Community Council meeting in April.

Windfarm Funding Allocation Dates

Deadline for Application – Friday 27th March 2026

Pre Allocation Meeting – Monday 6th April (after GCC meeting at GMI)

Allocation Meeting – Monday 20th April 2026 1930 hours at GMI

Chair to post update on facebook

Planning Including Conservation Village Information

Following on from some residents communicating with GCC regarding planning concerns, there was a discussion on what the CC's role is and how to comply with the roles under the scheme.

With input and advice from DGC's Colin Williamson it was confirmed that if a resident has raised a concern relating to planning compliance or enforcement, the concern should not be directly investigated by the CC. A compliance or enforcement concern from a resident may be forwarded to DGC planning department on behalf of the resident (resident name to be redacted), it is then the planning departments role to investigate and, if necessary, enforce as they so determine.

Gordon Donald suggested that the following advice link be minuted to provide information on Conservation Area planning: https://www.dumfriesandgalloway.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-08/Final_Conservation_Areas_Tech_Paper_updated_Oct_2022.pdf

There was further discussion on how to assist in the Public accessing DGC Planning application information. A link has been provided below to access DGC Planning search page:

<https://eaccess.dumgal.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=simple&searchType=Application>

Potentially this could also be linked on the new GCC website with additional information on how the public can make individual representations to DGC Planning and how they can provide feedback to GCC if there is any wide spread concern over any particular application.

In the interim, for information pending further GCC website development, the following planning applications are current for the 2nd February to 4th March 2026 period:

Reference	Validation Date	Proposal	Address	Ward	Comm Council
26/0343/EUL	04 March 2026	ERECTION OF HUT (SUI GENERIS) AND FORMATION OF HARDSTANDING AND PATH	Caitloch Woodland Approx 270M East Of Tererran Bridge Moniaive DG3 4JE	Mid And Upper Nithsdale	Glencairn
26/0153/LBC	02 February 2026	INTERNAL ALTERATIONS, ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION AND ENLARGEMENT OF WINDOW OPENING TO FORM FRENCH DOOR OPENING TO NORTH-EAST ELEVATION AND FORMATION OF WINDOW OPENING TO NORTH-WEST ELEVATION OF DWELLINGHOUSE	Broomfield Bank Moniaive DG3 4HZ	Mid And Upper Nithsdale	Glencairn
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Windfarm Update

Gordon Donald thanked Alan James for information relating to the joined up approach used to counter windfarm proposals in the Scottish Borders.

Colin Williamson added that there was a potential scheme in place for local community councils to form federations and this might be worthwhile looking into as it may be beneficial in aligning CC's on common cross boundary themes.

Gordon Donald gave a brief update on current and pending actions required. He will get contact details and draft an email for GCC to send out requesting that developers of Collieston Hill and Knarie windfarms consult with and make presentation/s to the community & GCC.

It was confirmed that even if local councillors may be members of DGC planning committee they can be approached regarding windfarm planning concerns.

It was also suggested by DGC that the CCES is useful (with a five day turnaround) for requesting information in relation to windfarm status queries

Correspondence

None discussed.

Note: Gill Dykes, entered meeting at this point.

Any Business from February meeting which requires a decision – Please refer to Notes for February meeting.

(Letter from the Bowling Club thanking the CC for the money towards the defibrillator and asking if it was ok to ask the community to the training day – this was unanimously agreed and the Secretary is to write. It was also proposed by Matthew Cook and Seconded by Jan Burgess that the CC offer to pay for replacement pads for the defibrillator.) Both items proposed by Gill Dykes, Seconded by Sam Godridge – Agreed.

Any other Business

Query over windfarm feedback forms retention – Confirmed these are to be kept on file by GCC.

Next Meeting – 6th April 2026 @ 7:30pm

Minutes prepared by Sam Godridge