

Draft Glencairn Community Council Minute of meeting held in Glencairn Memorial Institute at 7:30 pm on Monday 6th July 2026

Present: Gill Dykes (Chair)(Part), Iain Steedman (Treasurer), Sam Godridge (Secretary), Sara Shackleton, Wendy Beautyman

Apologies: Kevan Niell, Jan Burgess, Scott McMillan, Gordon Donald, Matthew Cooke

6 Members of the public present at start of meeting.

Adoption of Minutes: Minute of June 2026 minute approved & adopted as a true record.
Proposed by IS, seconded by SS

Public Forum

Member of the public advised that the previous historic tender over the Planter pots was confusing as to whether or not it was for one year or two years.

A member of the public expressed an interest in assisting in reviving the Glencairn Gazette.

Note: The Chair had to excuse herself from the meeting due to an urgent issue, and in the absence of the Vice-Chair, the Secretary invited Members to consider who should chair the remainder of the meeting. It was agreed that the Treasurer would take the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Police Report

June Police report was not issued at time of meeting

Treasurers Report

IS gave an update on access to accounts, currently only has access to WF account, General fund not yet accessed.

Treasurers report update only on WF account balance. Attached
SG confirmed not yet having access to accounts.

Ongoing Business

Windfarm Update

Discussion that it may be useful to quantify Glencairn residents views on the Met Mast and Dalmacallan wind farm proposal. A petition validated against names and addresses of residents in the Glencairn boundary would provide a verifiable source of data. Would volunteers be willing to undertake?

IS Attended Leave Our Hills Alone presentation at GMI in June. Organised by Heidi Thea, who lives on the edge of Dalmacallan forest.

Craig Hoy (MSP) was in attendance. Overwhelming (unanimous) opinion in hall was against Dalmacallan wind farm proposal and construction of weather monitor.

IS attended meeting in Balmaclellan 1st July, organised by Glenkens District Trust and Foundation Scotland.

Objective is to assess desire for working party, meeting quarterly, to share ideas and resources with respect to renewable-energy-funded ventures. This is a county-wide initiative and isn't related to pooling funds, it's purely aimed at sharing knowledge and experience.

Minutes are being written up by meeting secretary and will follow.

As the meeting was a three hour event, a payment in lieu of £120 was offered for IS time. He has proposed to donate this to the defibrillator costs, in addition he will also cover his travel expenses.

IS – New Defibrillator for GMI pending approval of payment £1,295.00 +VAT (which has been delayed by protocol related to transfer of access to bank accounts)

Device selected is fully automatic Zoll AED 3 suitable for adults and children

Propose to introduce basic monthly check of device and enclosure and recording of results on new councillors' private site.

IS - CPR training can be provided free of charge by local DH9 foundation.

Liaising with Bowling Club to recruit willing trainees (they have a Defib) Would like to ask for volunteers local to GMI and Wallaceton devices. Recommended max number of attendees is 30. Will seek advice on how to recruit and then arrange date.

Cross Repairs – Pointing to still be completed

Signposts (Cross & Kirkland) – Kirkland, SG to email council again and follow up. Confirmed that Cross signpost has previously been reported.

Benches – GD has made some good progress already in terms of repairs and maintenance and has ongoing list of activities including some new bench location proposals as well. Follow up at next meeting when he is back.

Graveyard Maintenance – Handrail at steps is loose, SG to report to council.

Parks Maintenance – SG to write to DGC again regarding increasing the frequency of grass cutting.

Grass Verges Cutting - Various roads around Glencairn where no verge cutting has been undertaken with visibility restricted and impeding on road width. SG to write to DGC.

River Swimming Safety – Following requests from local residents, Water life Buoys have been procured from Royal Life Saving Society and have now been installed at Cairn Pool and further down stream at the "Cliffs". Proposal to fund two life buoys @ £459.60 each proposed IS, seconded WB, agreed. Note: SG declared interest having funded the initial purchase personally to get life buoys in place for the start of the school holidays, other materials for installation (sand gravel cement) have been donated for free.

Moniaive Playcare – Request have been made for support and /or assistance from local residents to help the management committee and trustees by offering time and skills in the longer term to provide continuity and assistance to new and changing membership.

Proposal to Revive the Gazette – Discussion around proposal to revive the Gazette from local residents. This was previously done independently of the CC with some financial funding from WF allocations and advertising revenue. General view was that a revived and delivered Gazette would

be of benefit to the community and should be supported but it should remain independent of the CC perhaps through a constituted group or association.

Windfarm Working Party Remit –

Remit agreed to include raising Objections, Fact finding and discussions with developers and other parties, quantifying levels of public opinion accurately (potentially via verifiable signed petition Name /Address etc)

SG advised that an DGC had granted an extension for GCC to submit response to Cale Hill/Damacallan WF Met Mast planning application. Proposal to submit response (objection) to Cale Hill/Damacallan WF Met Mast.

Proposed -SS

Seconded - WB

Progress of funding Application:

Planters – Details required for what is to be actually purchased for completing the funding application.

Remembrance Parade Refreshments – Details required if this is to go ahead?

Complaint/s

It was proposed and agreed that SG write to DGC requesting practical operational support with respect to ongoing complaint/s (and recent correspondence) regarding previous complaint: outcomes.

Proposed – SG

Seconded - IS

Correspondence

There was a request on behalf of the outgoing/last Gala Committee that GCC accept and ring fence the gala funds until a new committee is formed. This was agreed in principal but further details to be sought.

Proposal to fund fireworks night this year and dedicate to Sue Grant. IS to investigate possibility. Insurance and licence. Fund allocation, insurance and discuss with MI.

Correspondence received regarding historic complaint decisions. (see complaint note above)

AOCB

Windfarm Allocation – GCC to Set date for update to forms/guidance/process, and set next date for application submissions & pre/allocation meetings. The following dates are proposed but to be confirmed:

5th August - Forms and Guidance Updated and available

14th September – Application Submission Deadline

TBC – Pre-Allocation Meeting

5th October – Allocation Meeting (Time TBC)

Next meeting proposed for Monday August 3rd @ 19:30hrs

Minutes taken by S. Godridge