

## Meeting Notes

### Main suggestions

Contributions from:

Bill Macpherson (BM), Christine Morton (CM), Douglas Fraser (DF), Drew Smart (DS), Eric Hayward (EH), Heather McConnell (HM), Janet Watson (JW), John Armstrong (JA), Kate Armstrong (KA), Leigh Smith (LS), Robert Morton (RM), Steve Whiting (SW), Suzette Clarke (SC), Tara Winterton (TW) and Tim Corcoran (TC).

- Archival storage (EH)
  - Duncruevie room to be used for storage of village archive materials, such as photos, documents, including information on the Victoria Cross winner, and items from the Arngask Parish Church, including a 16<sup>th</sup> Century communion set.
  - Items to be properly catalogued with source and description.
  - Storage of Glenfarg Newsletters – all bar 2 are currently in temporary storage.
- Greener Glenfarg (TW and JW)
  - Information room on 'green' advice, including house insulation and solar panels.
  - Possibility of sharing Duncruevie room with archival storage, if sporadically open as 'walk-in' surgery.
  - Suggestion for refill shop in green room/ village shop
    - Challenge is funding.
- Language classes (LS)
  - Informal conversational French classes
  - Downstairs rooms in Candy room, or upstairs if accessibility issues resolved.
  - Classes will run regardless, but keen to use smaller space available in School House.
- Children and young people (HM and SC)
  - Youth club – HM spoken with community learning advisor to start ball rolling.
  - RM contacted all parents of Scouts/Beavers/Cubs prior to planning meeting for their input to support Children and Young People (CYP) in Glenfarg.
  - HM keen to run art/craft/stitching workshops for younger children.
  - Youth café – to support CYP, encourage youth employment and create safe spaces.
  - Involve CYP in decisions on community centre where possible.

**ACTION 1 – Committee to reach out to youth organisation(s).**
- Mobility Hub (DW and DF)
  - Overview on website - [www.como.org.uk](http://www.como.org.uk)
  - Would include bus stop and facilities for walking, cycling, cars and buses.

- Funding will be available in 2025/26 to support this.
- Charging points of e-cars also needs looking at, but funding should be available (CM).
- IT Hub also part of mobility hub.  
**ACTION 2 – BM to look into charging point funding.**  
**ACTION 3 – DS to share CoMo UK Document, including information on safe crossings.**
- Public toilets and motorhome toilet emptying (SC)
  - Public toilets would be covered by CoMo Scheme (above).
  - Considerations would be management of toilets / option of having portaloos and associated costs.
  - Opening hours could coincide with car/ pub.
- Café/ Bar (TC and SW)
  - Commitment in BP and good option for revenue stream
  - Will need seed funding.
  - Positive outcomes would be a hospitality function with the hall being open for longer.
  - Following closure of Glenfarg Hotel, no such facility has existed and is lacking.
  - BP sets out facility for café in the day and a bistro/bar in the evening. This BP will need reviewing. Village Inn Group have put forward alternative proposal to accommodate this need, including architect drawings for potential redesign of building including extension of downstairs of School House.
  - Proposal would include café during the day with community pub in the evenings, with simple bar meals and paid part-time staff.
  - Cafe/ pub function would also compliment events being run in the hall, to negate having to externally source catering.
  - Academic research into social benefits of these projects in bringing people together and the economic benefits (JA).
  - Lots of families used to use Glenfarg Hotel, so hope is Community Centre would have same draw.
  - Issue of lack of space (exacerbated by fire doors) mitigated through architect plans to redesign downstairs layout of School House and remove some partitions.
  - Facility would operate a 5-day week, Wed – Sun.
- Glenfarg Folk Club (BM)
  - Suggestion to relocate back to Glenfarg on Mon nights when lease in Gateside is up.
- Administrator's office (DW and DF)
  - Shared role across Community Centre and Transport Group
  - Shared funding options
  - Office base for administrator to be housed in School House.  
**ACTION 4 – Committee to review care taker job description in light of shared proposal.**

Challenges or considerations

- Access and accessibility (TW and KA)
  - What would logistics of access be for information rooms such as the 'green room'?
    - i. Suggestion to coincide with coffee lounge.
  - Schoolhouse not currently accessible upstairs
    - i. Suggestion to instal lift in cupboard in hallway.

**ACTION 5 – Committee to look into feasibility.**
  
- Car Park (JW)
  - Existing signage on Main Street unclear. Need to look at options for additional sign on opposite side of the road with an arrow, if a larger sign is not feasible due to planning.
  - Tayside contracts will improve/ repair car parks.

**ACTION 6 – Committee to investigate.**
  
- Marketing (KA, DS and JA)
  - Improved marketing needed, including for existing facilities.
  - Success of Arngask Home Farm events shows power of marketing and bringing people into the village.
    - i. Suggestion to look at ways of working with AHF during events.
  - Oliver – social media marketing for transport group highly skilled with social media and hard media (leafleting).
  - Suggestion to get spot in Kinross Newsletter for wider publicity.
  
- Upkeep (SC)
  - Renovations required to revamp existing halls.
  - Need to look at other example of village hall maintenance.
  
- Updated Business Plan (HM)
  - Suggestion for committee to review BP submitted during planning application process on grounds of feasibility and affordability and in light of discussions in this meeting.
  - Is an annual/ bi-annual report required for grant purposes?

**ACTION 7 – Committee to confirm.**

AOB

- Question asked about Greener Glenfarg membership.
  - Open to anyone and advertise via their own Facebook page and the grapevine.
- It was agreed that trustees will play active role in supporting individuals/ organisations to make use of the community centre.

Actions

1. Committee to reach out to youth organisations to try and engage under 18s in plans for use of community centre.
2. BM to look into charging point options for electric cars.
3. DS to share Collaborative Mobility UK (CoMoUK) document, including information on safe crossings.
4. Committee to review care take job description in light of proposal for joint role with Community Transport Group and office space in School House.
5. Committee to review feasibility of installing lift in School House for accessibility purposes.
6. Committee to look at signage options for the car park on Main Street, to negate unnecessary additional parking on Greenbank Road.
7. Committee to review Business Plan and confirm if an annual/bi-annual report is required for grant funding.