

Gifford Community Council

Minutes

of the meeting of Monday, 8th August 2011,
held in the Todrick Room of the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

1. Welcome: Alastair McClung (AMcC) Chair, welcomed those present: Elizabeth Whiteford (EW) Treasurer, Andrew Gilmour (AG), Margaret Maslowski (MMas), John Wrinn (JW), Andrew Hamilton (AH) and 7 other members of the public.
2. Apologies: John O'Connor, Shona Thomas, Margaret McDougall, Police, and ELC Cllr. Ludovic Broun-Lindsay.

The order of business was interrupted to hear a previously agreed address from Andrew Hamilton (AH) regarding his Planning Application (now passed) for a new house in the grounds of Forbes Lodge.

There was an open and vigorous discussion on the feelings and perceptions within the village community regarding the Forbes Lodge planning application. This covered potential and perceived conflicts of interest within the Community Council, as well as perceived personal attacks and grudges.

The discussion ended, and AH left the meeting at 8.05 pm.

3. Minutes of the meeting of 13th June 2011 Draft 1 were agreed with a number of changes. Proposed by JW, and seconded by EW.
4. Matters arising:
EW awaits confirmation, that the Mercat Cross belongs to ELC. Finlay Marshall has agreed on behalf of the "Fuears of Gifford", that the broadband people may use the Village Hall clock tower to house their equipment out of sight.
5. Police: WPC Deborah Gray, was absent due to being away on holidays, and therefore there was no Police report.
6. Planning:

The address by AH, for which the order of business was interrupted, is reported above.

See also the report, which appears at the end of these Minutes.

11/00458/P Application to extend Clubhouse Castlepark Golf Club, Gifford
EH41 4PL

- GCC has objected.

11/00067/P Alterations to shed, painting house walls, installation of roof vents and erection of playhouse (part retrospective) 28 Walden Terrace, Gifford EH41 4QP for Ms Wendy Chan. *Agreed* No Action.

11/00557/P Extension to house, new fencing and gates at 1 Park Crescent, Gifford EH41 4QR. *Agreed* No Action.

11/00576/P Alterations and extension to clubhouse; erection of pedestrian gate Gifford Bowling & Sports Club, Station Road, Gifford EH41 4QL. *Agreed* No Action.

11/00559/P Erection of silage pit and effluent tank (retrospective) Yestermains Farm, Gifford EH41 4JG for Mr Simon McCreery. *Agreed* No Action.

11/00560/P Erection of 60m x 8m agricultural building Longyester Farm, Gifford EH41 4PL for J W Hogg. *Agreed* No Action.

11/00591/P Erection of 50m mast wind turbine, formation of access road, &c. Rowan

Park, Longnewton, Gifford EH41 4JW for Temporis Wind Ltd. EW declared an interest,

and took no part in the discussions or decision making. It was *Agreed*, that GCC would state to ELC its opposition to this application.

A member of the public raised the matter of whether the Goblin Ha' ruin, in its deteriorated state, was safe for parties etc, which were taking place there. AG and JW wondered whether Historic Scotland would take an interest. It was stated, that in the past Historic Scotland had offered money to enable repairs to take place, but this offer had been refused by the estate owner.

7. Correspondence including changes to 123 bus service.

Jane Steven spoke on a demand responsive service. It was *Agreed*, that GCC would further investigate this.

8. Giffordonline: The website www.giffordonline.co.uk appears to be working well, and was fully up-to-date. See also the note at the end of these Minutes.

9. Reports:

Financial report:

A copy of last year's accounts had already been circulated to GCC members, and as the year's allocation of money is already set aside for the Bleachfield Play Area extension/refurbishment, it had previously been agreed, that no money would be given to any organisations/clubs this year.

"Right to buy" of the lime tree "Avenue" and (tree) "Nursery": John Wrinn was progressing this with the full support of GCC. Canvassing of support would be done in the village.

10. Pot holes and repairs: Nothing to report

11. Christmas Tree 2011: to be discussed at our 12 September 2011 meeting.

12. Ongoing items not covered elsewhere: None.

13. AOB: None

14. Date of next meeting: Monday, 12th September 2011 at 7.30 pm in the Todrick Room of Gifford Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.30

Weekly Listings of Registered Applications over the past weeks since the last meeting contained the following application for work within the GCC area.

Registered

16.06.11	1	
11/00458/P	Application to extend Clubhouse Castlepark Golf Club, Gifford EH41 4PL	<i>—although there is no mention of it anywhere in the application, the extension is needed to replace a temporary structure for which permission was granted for three years; this period expired in July 2007. The application is also related to and dependent upon an application (11/00459/PPM) for permission in principle for 3 chalets and 7 houses as enabling development, and to which GCC has objected (see JO’C email of 21 June). A letter dated 20 July 2011, criticizing the design of the extension, has been sent to</i>
— ELC.		
23.06.11	nil	
30.06.11	nil	
07.07.11	3	
11/00067/P	Alterations to shed, painting house walls, installation of roof vents and erection of playhouse (part retrospective) 28 Walden Terrace, Gifford EH41 4QP for Ms Wendy Chan	<i>—the shed roof collapsed under snow and had to be replaced; the roof vents are needed following upgrading the roof insulation, and the painting of the walls is an improvement; no action recommended.</i>
11/00557/P	Extension to house, new fencing and gates 1 Park Crescent, Gifford EH41 4QR for Mr & Mrs Thomas	<i>—this is a substantial extension, adding a large dining-kitchen and a new en-suite master bedroom, nearly doubling the size of the house; roof lines are maintained and the elevations are simple; no action recommended.</i>
11/00576/P	Alterations and extension to clubhouse; erection of pedestrian gate Gifford Bowling & Sports Club, Station Road, Gifford EH41 4QL	<i>—addition of a small clubroom, and formation of new entrance, in keeping with the existing building; no action recommended.</i>
14.07.11	3	
11/00559/P	Erection of silage pit and effluent tank (retrospective) Yestermains Farm, Gifford EH41 4JG for Mr Simon McCreery	<i>—essential facility; no action recommended.</i>
11/00560/P		continued overleaf/...

**11/00560/P Erection of 60m x 8m agricultural building
Longyester Farm, Gifford EH41 4PL
for J W Hogg**

—portal frame building with underground slurry tank; large low-pitched continuous roof of profiled steel, timber wall-cladding; no action recommended.

**11/00591/P Erection of 50m mast wind turbine, formation of access road, &c.
Rowan Park, Longnewton, Gifford EH41 4JW
for Temporis Wind Ltd**

—*Temporis Wind Ltd (of London) describes itself as an organisation which specialises in wind energy projects, “aiming to provide attractive offerings to landowners and contributing to the UK renewable energy targets.” The land is owned by William Whiteford. The energy will be sold to the national grid.*

The application is supported by a detailed and comprehensive feasibility study, and seeks to contribute “up to 500kW of electricity”. Discuss.

21.07.11 nil

28.07.11 nil

04.08.11 nil

Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 : Co-op Building, Duns Road, Gifford EH41 4QW

In addition to regular notifications of planning applications, GCC received an enquiry dated 21 June concerning an Application for Premises Licence—2005 Act (Variation (Major)). This related to a “new off-sale capacity” of 26.41 square metres. The information supplied with this enquiry was so inadequate that a reply was sent to the Clerk to the Licensing Board on 28 July requesting specific information; no response or acknowledgment has been received to date.

SESplan Development Plan : Strategic Development Plan (SDP) for South-East Scotland

As you know, the planning system in Scotland is being reformed, following the publication of the National Planning Framework for Scotland in June 2009. By next year it is planned that a Strategic Development Plan for South-East Scotland will replace the present separate Structure Plans for Edinburgh and the Lothians, Fife, and the Scottish Borders, and Local Development Plans (LDPs) will subsequently replace Local Plans. We are being asked if we wish to take part in the strategic planning of issues such as Housing, Employment, Transport, Retail and the Environment which affect the whole of South-East Scotland.

Andrew Gilmour
4 August 2011

Website www.giffordonline.co.uk is expected to show these Minutes, those of 13 June 2011, and future Minutes. Click on the “Village page” link above a nice photograph of Gifford Main Street. It also shows all our other Minutes since 2007, our Mission Statement, our Constitution, and the **dates of our regular meetings** in 2011.