



GLENFARG 

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT



CTA Scottish Conference - 12th September 2023

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Glenfarg Community Transport Group

GCTG - Back to the Future....



The old 55 & 56
Eastern Scottish
Fife Scottish



Background

Good old days – hourly plus service (Edinburgh-Perth)

Pre 2019 Stagecoach two hourly service, then evening and Sunday commercial services withdrawn, replaced with PKC subsidised services (56)

2019 daytime services withdrawn, replaced with PKC subsidised service:

56 Glenfarg to Perth, two services per day, operated by Stagecoach. Running time 45 minutes. Only runs to north end of town (15-minute walk for me)

55 Glenfarg to Kinross, every two hours, operated by Earnside Coaches, big gap in afternoon. At the end of 2022, Earnside gave notice that they would be retiring



REVIEW OF PROGRESS



- Registered Charity
- Banking arrangements put in place
- Members of the CTA
- Public Social Partnership (PSP)
- Mentored by Community Transport Glasgow
- Section 19 & 22 Permit holders
- Youth group survey
- Residents' questionnaire (door to door)
- Village Fete consultation
- External visits to other Community Transport Groups
- Consultation with Perth & Kinross Council
- Community Bus
- The 55 Bus, Arngask School Bus from 01/04/2023



Ongoing consultation

- Currently trialling Perth extension – survey
- Developing an Active and Sustainable Travel Plan for Glenfarg
 - Partners - Planning Aid Scotland (SCSP)
 - Session 1 at Thursday Coffee Lounge
 - Volunteer drivers will be baking, serving, cleaning up
 - Session 2 with Primary School Pupils
 - Session 3 at October Fundraising Event
- Facebook Reviews and feedback
- IMPORTANT – WE LISTEN TO IT!

Removing the hurdles: why use the New 55...

Feedback told us:

Infrequent Service (2-hourly, 4-hourly)
Gaps in the morning and afternoon
Inconvenient route (eg 56 from Greenbank)
Haphazard connections
Time in towns either too short or too long
Onward journey in Perth difficult:
Limited choice of destinations
Kids limited to one set school bus time
Rigid route
Bus perceived to be expensive

The new 55 BUS:


Hourly Service – Glenfarg to Kinross
First bus 0710 to connect with E1 to
Edinburgh at Kinross P&R (arr 0849)
Flexible route with “wiggles”
20-minute, 1-hour-20min etc stopovers
“Affordable” fares: £2 single; £10 10-journey

Plans for Future

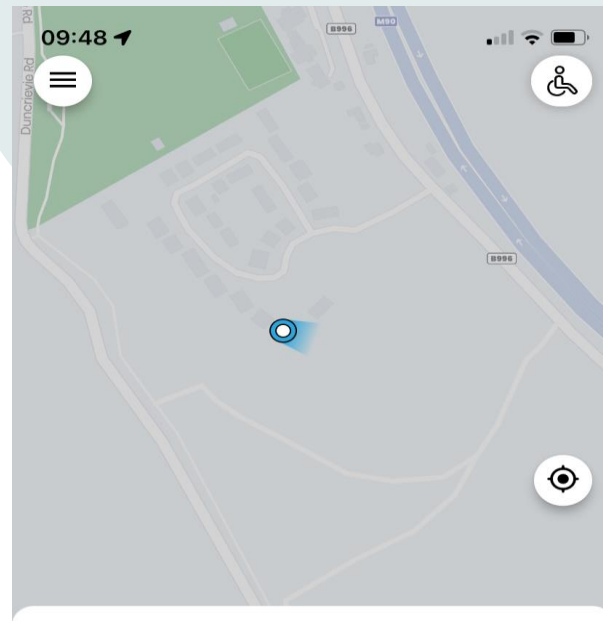
Extension to Perth ?202 (West Kinross-shire)
Wider range of destinations in Perth:
Station, PRI, Retail Park, P&R
Evenings

The 55 Bus, Kinross to Perth via Glenfarg:

	↓↓↓	**	Caulders Garden Centre
09.45	Kinross P&R (M90,M92,X56,E1)	○	(connects the northbound E1 from Edinburgh)
	↓↓↓	**	Campus, Health Centre
09.55	Milnathort	**	Village Inn
	↓↓↓	**	Loch Leven's Larder, Duncrievie, Cuthill Towers
10.05	Glenfarg	○	(future >> ebikes, paths, active travel)
	>>>	**	Kintillo, Oudenarde, Bridge of Earn
10.30	Perth Canal Street	○	
	↓↓↓	**	Bus & Railway Stations
	↓↓↓	**	Perth Royal Infirmary, Retail Park, Cinema
10.50	Perth Scott Street	**	

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- - Main Departure Stop: Fixed time;
 - - Intermediary stop: Flexible timings
 - **** - Bookable stop: Flexible timings

DDRT – Digital Demand Responsive Transport



Good morning, Andrew!

Where do you want to go?



Add Home



Add Work

More



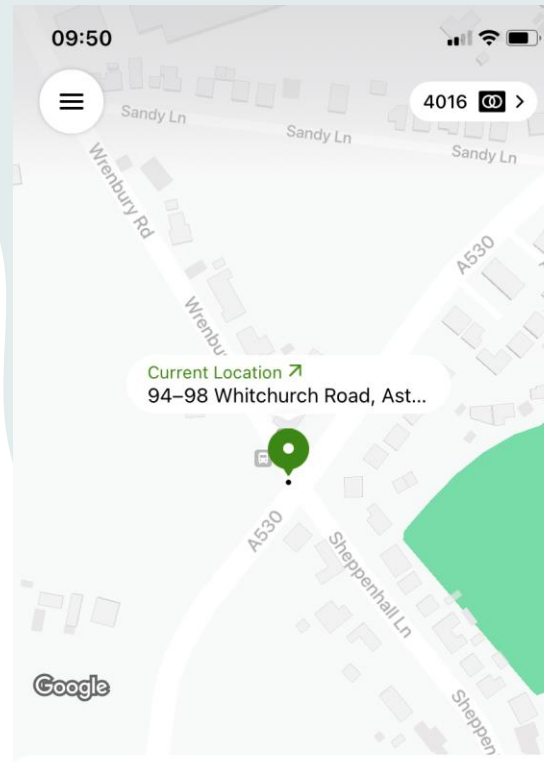
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Perth, UK



Perth Royal Infirmary
Taymount Terrace, Perth, UK



Kinross Park & Ride
Kinross, UK



Good Morning,

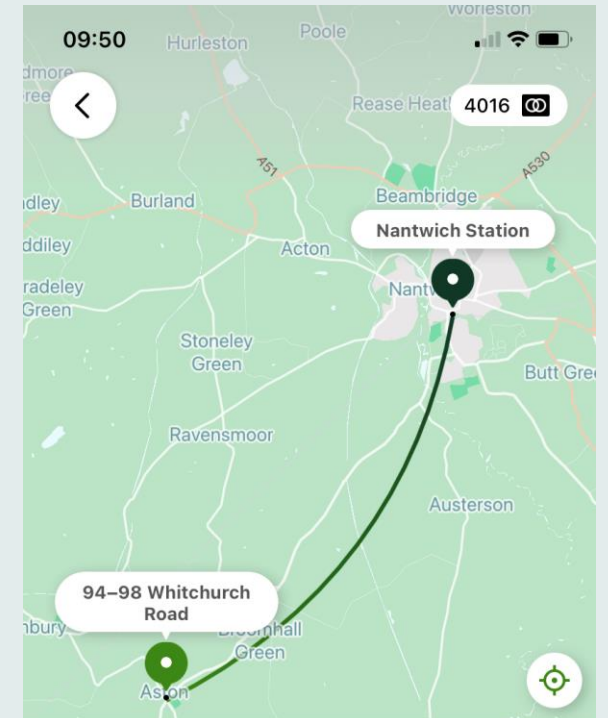
Set your pickup spot

94-98 Whitchurch Road, Aston, Nantwich

Confirm

Traveling alone?

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Select a ride



Book a seat
In 20 minutes
Drop-off ETA: 10:30

£2.00



Book a seat
In 32 minutes
Drop-off ETA: 10:32

£2.00

Paying with: 4016

Schedule

Book This Journey

£.s.d – not for profit...

Income £xxx,000

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Costs £xxx,000

Perth & Kinross Contracts

- 55
- Home to School: KHS Arngask

Grants

- **Smarter Choices Smarter Places**
- Lottery
- Wind Turbines

Fare Revenue

Network Support Grant

Staff

- Drivers
- Back-office Community Transport Glasgow

Buses

- X2-3 16 seaters, x1 9 seater

Premises

- Park at Earnside Yard, Office in Village Hall

IT

- DDRT (Liftango, Pingo or Via DDRT)

Training, Utilities, Insurance, Regulatory, Sundries etc
Fuel



???ScotZEB

What does GCTG need for the future?

Continued support from the residents of the communities we serve

Continued support of partners (PKC, CTG) extension of PSP model

Extension of routes to allow fully joined up local services

Continued support of our volunteers

FUNDING:

Move away from Sword of Damocles funding

Recognition of the role of CT in local
transport – mandate it!!

AFFORDABLE electrification...



Most of all we need everyone to:

Change the habits of a lifetime, get Back to the Future and...

Please, Use the Bus...

Any simple journey to Kinross, Milnathort, Perth, Caulders, Campus, Loch Leven's Larder, Heaven Scent, Bein Inn, PRI, Leisure Centres etc etc etc



*Save the Planet, leave the car, **USE THE BUS!!!!!!***

If you don't believe us
here's what they are
saying in the press...



Rural affairs



Libby Brooks Scotland
correspondent

Sun 27 Aug 2023 15:00 BST



How a community bus service made a Perthshire village smile again

People in Glenfarg felt 'down in the dumps' as facilities were lost. A successful transport initiative is now inspiring others



📷 'We've never looked back': Douglas Fraser of the Glenfarg Community Transport Group.

Photograph: Murdo MacLeod/The Guardian

"Every person that gets on the bus has their own story," says Douglas Fraser, the 70-year-old volunteer driver. The bus is a 15-seater on the brae behind Glenfarg village hall.



What Community Transport looks like:



The future – The 55 BUS – any questions?



Thank you...

Glenfarg Community Council

Volunteer Drivers, Prof Drivers

Margaret Roy, Brian Martin et al PKC

Councillors Dave Cuthbert, Willie Robertson,
Richard Watters, Neil Freshwater

Giselle Hall, PKAVS

Lara, David at CTA

James, Emma at SCSP

The Rutherfords at Earnside Coaches

Mark Ruskell, MSP

Keith Bradbury, Ember

Graham Dunn, Community Transport Glasgow

Allan McGregor, John Ferguson, Binn Ecopark

Bertie Bu5, Crieff

Binn Community Wind Farm

Lochelbank Community Wind Farm

Ben, Liftango

Matthew, Pingo

Amelie, Via

And last but not least:

The Travelling Public!

