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Gargunnoch Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

24th April 2017 7.30pm

Present: Lovat MacGregor (LM), Bob Burman (BB), Edmond Mansion (EM), Maitland Clark (MC), Charlie Fitches (CF), Carolyn Rivers (CR)

Pam Campbell (PC) (Stirling Council), Graham Lambie (Councillor), Iain Muirhead (Councillor)

Members of the public (approx. 10 attendees)

Minutes from 27th February adopted Minutes from 11th April (Special Meeting) adopted

Actions from last meeting

CR publicised Apple Gift Card Fraud

LM has approached Rev Andy re outside tap at the church and he is now looking into it

LM has researched cost of replacing Christmas lights. The CC agreed a budget of £300 for new lights, **LM to purchase and claim back via expenses**

Bus route B12 is to be reinstated so no further action required

Community Field brought forward as agenda item (below)

Treasurers report

New signatories – MC has been confirmed, **CR to take ID to RBS ASAP**

£817 in bank

Less cheques issued 24/4 £9 for hall hire, £52 for printing ink

Community Police Officers report

Police are unable to attend our meeting as it does not fit with their shift pattern

Police report shows they continue to monitor speeding in the village however some members of the public said they had never seen any speed tests being carried out in the village.

On 24th March police were called to a person selling items from a van but there was no trace of it

On 17th March 2 males were arrested at an address in Gargunnoch and a quantity of cannabis recovered from the house

PC Murphy has now left his post as Ward Officer

Members of the public are encouraged to join Rural Watch – www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk

CR to contact PC Graham and ask for shift patterns to be changed to accommodate future CC meetings, to ascertain dates of the speed monitoring and results of any speed tests carried out.

Defibrillator Registration

Scottish Ambulance have requested all Public Access Defibrillators be registered on their website.

CF to become custodian of defib. and register it online.

Road Safety Update

Speed cushions are now installed

LM explained legalities over reinstating give-way lines at 3 junctions at the square – we can only have give-way signs at 2 opposite roads. Council have suggested their preferred option would

be Main St & Station Rd, the alternative is to completely remove all give-way signs. A discussion was had about what would be the best option, decision is to keep give-way signs at Station Rd & Main St and have these repainted then further monitor the junction and the effectiveness of the speed cushion on Manse Brae.

LM confirmed a clearer 'gateway' into the 20MPH limit is to be installed at the Manse Brae entrance/exit (coloured markings on the road). GL confirmed that there should be enough budget to install a further speed cushion around the Moray Place junction to deter traffic speeding up as it exits the village.

Members of the public asked to note down the registration numbers of any speeding cars and advise the Police. Also asked to take note of times of speeding buses and Royal Mail vans and pass to CR so these can also be reported.

Windfarm Funds

A public meeting will be held on May 24th which will be publicised by the Community Trust.

Community Field

JC to pull together the groups who use the field and decide if we want to have the land transferred to the Community Trust

Flagpole

CR summarised a suggestion from John McLaren that a permanent windsock be placed at the flagpole. CR to suggest John McLaren to apply to the Windfarm Committee for funds.

Leckie Planning Update

CR to follow up with planners if new Estate Office plans have been submitted

Question – Can a condition be put on Station Road to prevent its use for large vehicles?

JC – Yes, restrictions to times of day, uses etc can be applied

CR confirmed there had been no response to letter dated 12th April to challenge Prior Notification application

BB summarised the Consultation response form

Question – When will we know the outcome?

All – It depends on the response to objections, appeals, planning panel

GL has put a marker on the applications for the planning panel. Objections must be based on planning regulations and not personal issues.

Question – Does the council operate a pre-app system and if so surely David Stirling would have already been through this process and therefore be confident his applications will pass?

CR to check with Peter McKechnie if a pre-application was made.

Community Connect Fund

It was decided that the CC has no use for this fund at the moment.

AOCB

MC has responded to a letter from a home-owner in Tain who has a problem with peacocks and is seeking our advice

CR highlighted problem with dog waste not being collected by dog owners. MC informed that a box of doggy bags has been left at the shop by the council – CR to publicise this

CR to contact the Dog Warden ask for more patrols and to look into installing a bin at the other end of the Beeches.

MC informed us that McNeill Crescent does not have its sign. LM to organise this and replacement signs for Station Road and the Square