

Gargunock Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

27th February 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)

Members of the public (approx. 25 attendees)

Minutes from 9th January adopted

Community Police Officers report

No crimes have been committed in the period since our last meeting

Police continue to monitor speeding in the village

A scam involving Apple Gift cards was explained - **CR to publicise this**

A member of the public highlighted a possible telephone scam involving voice recording software

Actions from last meeting

LM to speak to Rev. Andy about installing an outside tap at the church

Planning report

4 applications have been received:

- Waterside proposed alteration to garage and erection of car port
- 19 Drummond Place erection of single storey side extension
- Sawmill Cottage porch & sunroom extensions
- 14 Millbrae installation of flue

Treasurer's report

£817 balance

EM passed forms to CC members for change of signatories

£8 to be reimbursed to MC for replacing batteries in lights at defibrillator

Christmas lights are unsafe and need to be scrapped - **LM to look in to cost of new lights**

CR asked for reimbursement for ink and paper

AOCB

New CC Member

Julie Cole has been co-opted on to the CC as a new member. Proposed by MC, seconded by EM.

Paypoint in shop

Cost of Paypoint fees are unaffordable for new shop owners so no longer available.

Residents can use alternative Paypoint in Post Van

Bus routes update

Balfron CC have sent letter to First asking to reinstate services

Members of the public highlighted problems with afternoon buses not linking well with after school activities however new morning times link better with train services.

GL informed that the Council may subsidise bus routes, CC to work with other local CCs and residents to come up with a plan – **CR to put together questionnaire & liaise with other CCs**

Windfarm Funds

Windfarm funds are now in final stages of being confirmed (approx. £25k per year)

MC to organise meeting with CC and Community Trust to work out plan prior to public meeting

Community Field

It has been suggested that we could use the Community Field for overflow parking for big events. PC confirmed that the land is owned by the Council and the Community Trust could ask for matting to be put down.

Other suggestions included growing space for GASC, or sports use for GASC, Brownies, Guides and other groups using the Community Centre & Drop-In. **JS to pull together consultation with user groups (Nathan Anderton volunteered to assist)**

Road Safety Improvements

LM gave background on project.

- 1) 2007 Gargunnoch Primary and the Community Council worked on a School Travel Plan. LM carried out a risk assessment for children travelling to school and pupils highlighted their concerns about speed of traffic, road crossings and accessing the school. The Council did not proceed with any measures.
- 2) 2012 a second risk assessment was carried out and pupils surveyed. Concerns were highlighted particularly about Station Road. 20 MPH Warning Signs were put up outside the school. After 6 months speed surveys showed that 70% of vehicles still exceeded 20MPH. The Warning Signs ceased to function properly and for 2 years worked intermittently. The signs stopped working and on investigation were found to be obsolete and replacement parts were not available.
- 3) 2014 the CC and Council worked with the school to produce 'Safer Route to Schools' plan. In November 2014 a petition was carried out in the village and received 25 signatures. A second petition in February 2015 received 253 signatures.
- 4) 2015 the Council requested the petition be withdrawn and drew up a proposal (Road Safety Phase 1) for a village wide 20MPH limit and raised speed tables at Leckie Road and Station Road (outside the school). The proposal was posted on the notice board, in the Bugle and on gargunnoch.com and received 14 responses. There were no objections.
- 5) 2016 the works were completed but still a further speed survey showed that 70% of vehicles passing the school were travelling in excess of 20MPH. The Council changed their plans without consultation and did not install raised tables.
- 6) 2016 The Council presented a second proposal (Road Safety Phase 2) for further improvement including widening of the pavement on Station Road. The drawings were posted on gargunnoch.com and a letter outlining the plans was printed in the Bugle but received no responses.
- 7) 2017 the works are underway with the completion so far of a widened pavement on Station Road and a speed gate on Manse Brae. Speed cushions are to be installed on Manse Brae and Station Road and LM is still working with the Roads Department to improve safety at the square.

Further works were then discussed with members of the public resulting in the following feedback:

- Residents were concerned about the area where the pavement stops at the layby and felt this was unsafe for children travelling to school
- Residents were concerned about the pavement being shared between pedestrians and cyclists
- Concerns over the removal of Give-Way lines and signs at the bottom of Manse Brae were raised
- Drainage on Station Road has now been improved
- Concerns were raised about possible damage to cars going over speed bumps
- Questions were asked over the materials to be used for the speed bumps and their maintenance
- Parent Council Chairman Mark Evans highlighted his support for the speed reducing measures and Safer Route to Schools plan.
- Residents asked to be informed before any works take place in the square
- Some residents suggested that The Bugle, Notice Board and Gargunock.com are not a satisfactory way of informing them of works taking place

Councillor Graham Lambie's report

New bin lorries are expected next week to help improve the service. Pull-out service still available for residents needing assistance with their bins.

Council are looking in to road safety at the Station Road junction with the A811 – slip roads or a roundabout have been considered.

A member of the public asked GL to help with reinstating cats eyes and white lines on the A811.