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Gargunnoch Community Council AGM

Minutes of Meeting

26th June 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), Alistair Berrill (Councillor)

Apologies: Julie Cole (JC)

Members of the public (approx. 10 attendees)

Minutes from 2016 AGM adopted

Chairman's report

Well, this has been an eventful year!

At the 2016 AGM some CC members intimated their intention to retire. However, the Office-bearers at that time agreed to continue on a temporary basis and the possibility of the Community Council folding was averted.

Over the year Alison McLachlan, Bryan Crawford and Mike McGirr all retired. Alison was a great Chair, having led the CC through the trauma of the transfer of the Glebe land, as well as keeping the more mundane CC matters going. On the same subject Bryan did a power of work and his wise counsel was instrumental in the land being transferred to the Community Trust.

Others, who had intimated their intention of retiring, also agreed to continue for a further period and Lovat, who had actually submitted his resignation formally, withdrew it to enable the CC to continue with the required number of members.

Charles Fitches was co-opted on to the CC and this left another possible co-option. To this end, Julie Cole was approached and accepted the position.

Carolyn Rivers was appointed Secretary and Maitland Clark agreed to be temporary Chair until the next AGM.

Next elections are not due until October 2018.

Road Safety

The measures taken in an attempt to reduce speed in the village caused some consternation, resulting in the calling of a public meeting. While strong views were made, both for and against, there was general agreement that speed reduction was essential, especially at the school entrances. To date measures are complete other than another speed cushion at the top of Manse Brae, one on Leckie Road and the repainting of the give-way lines at the Square.

Land Transfer

A great deal of work was done (particularly by Bryan Crawford) before the land at the end of Charles Street, north of the Glebe, was transferred from the GVDIA to the Trust. A public consultation was carried out to ascertain the preferences of the village and the overwhelming number of responses were suggesting a garden/orchard/walkways. This is now in the hands of the Trust to take matters forward.

Windfarm

The negotiations regarding the funds from this have been going on for 2 years or so and it's thanks to Douglas Coupethwaite and Geoff Peart for their hard work, resulting in funds now being received for the benefit of the entire village. A distribution committee has been set up, consisting of 2 Community Councillors, 2 from the Gargunock Trust and the remaining positions from members of the public. Their first meeting is imminent.

Planning Applications

A number of planning applications have been submitted to Stirling Council from Mr David Stirling of Leckie Estate, who had already commenced some timber felling in the wood between East Lodge and Watson House. In view of the strong feelings being aired, a public meeting was called and 70 members of the public attended. It was clear that the overwhelming majority were in favour of submitting objections to all the applications and, thanks to the considerable assistance of Martin Cole, very detailed objections were submitted by the Community Council on behalf of the village, in addition to objections from individuals.

Defibrillator

While this has been functional for a few years, it was necessary to have this registered and a keeper formally appointed. Charles Fitches agreed to take up the function.

And it's thanks to Carolyn for her hard work as Secretary. She was thrown in at the deep end after being appointed, due to the major items which were on the agenda.

Treasurer's report

Recapped spending and income in the financial year to April 2017.

There has been a net decrease in funds of £154.74. At the end of the financial year the balance was £783.11

Office Bearers

AB confirmed these can be kept until 2018

CR is leaving Gargunock at the end of 2017, PC confirmed that a new CC member will need to be co-opted on to keep the minimum of 7 councillors. PC to confirm if this is possible.

Date of next AGM 25th June 2018