

Gargunnoch Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on December 4th 2012

Present: Geoff Peart; Douglas Coupethwaite; Maitland Clark; Edmond Mansion; John Craigen; Cllr Ian Muirhead; Barbara Drummond; Helen Rowell.

1. Apologies

Gay Burt

2. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and adopted . Proposer: Helen Rowell: Seconder: John Craigen

3. Community Police Officer's Report

Richard Morris was not in attendance and no report was available. However, the Secretary indicated that a letter had been received from Councillor Martin Earl of the Central Scotland Joint Police Board giving some further information on the implications of the creation of a Single Scottish Police Force. Central Scotland Police will be one of 14 Divisions which will have its own Area Command. Scrutiny Panels from each LA area will replace the Board but their configuration has not yet been finally determined. Councillor Earl felt there would be little change on the ground as far as rural communities were concerned.

Action: Secretary to reply indicating support for continued close Police - Community liaison and the continuance of the P.A.C.T initiative.

4. Bus Timetable Changes

DC indicated he had been made aware that the subsidised evening bus service - the C12 had been re-routed via Cambusbarron and no longer travelled along Dumbarton Road. This had caused difficulties for an individual who had been waiting there for a bus which did not appear. Concerns were expressed that so soon after contacting the Public Transport Co-ordination Unit about timetable issues the Community Council had not been informed of the change.

Action: Secretary to contact the Public Transport Co-ordination Unit to express concerns about the lack of consultation and seek assurances that all future changes would be notified in good time.

5. Secretary's Report

The Secretary indicated that most items received had already been circulated to Community Councillors for information. No further items had been received requiring the attention of the Community Council.

Action: Noted

6. Treasurer's Report

EM reported that the CC account presently stood at £2106 of which £706 consists of funds raised for the village defibrillator which are held in trust by the Community Council following the fund-raising event. With respect to the latter, it was reported that an application for the balance of funds had been made to the British Heart Foundation and this was still awaiting determination

Action: Noted

7. Planning and Licensing Report

[a] A **planning application** had been received for a new dwelling house in garden ground to the south of Woodside, Main Street. A formal consultation had been sent in error to Kippen Community Council but the Secretary had contacted the Council to correct the mistake. Any comments should be sent to the Secretary as soon as possible.

Action: Community Councillors to forward any comments to the Secretary as soon as possible

[b] **Local Development Plan** – any comments on the Proposed Plan needed to be submitted and it was agreed that previous comments made by the Community Council on earlier drafts should form the basis of the response.

Action: Secretary to submit comments to the Planning Department based on the Community Council's previous observations.

8. Any Other Business

[a] Parking on Leckie Road

Concerns were expressed that cars parked in the Square at the end of Leckie Road with its junction with Main Street were causing something of a hazard in terms of visibility/ road safety.

Action: Noted

[b] Mc Neill Crescent Water Leak

Roads Department are supposed to be dealing with this but as yet no action had been taken and further concerns were raised given that sheet ice had now formed on several occasions, causing hazards for pedestrians and motorists.

Action: Noted

[c] Community Budgeting

Councillor Muirhead reported on a pilot scheme in Strathblane whereby the local community was to have some control over minor Council budgets affecting their area [grass cutting etc.] This would mean the local community would have to set these spending priorities. It is possible this experiment may be rolled out to other areas if successful.

Action: Councillors to keep the Community Council informed of progress with and any evaluation of the pilot scheme.

9. Date of Next Meeting

January 8th 2013

GP 14.12.2012