

Gargunnoch Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on June 4th 2013

Present: Douglas Coupethwaite, Geoff Peart, Edmond Mansion, John Craigen, Maitland Clark, Ian Young; Steve and Marilyn Willett; Councillor Ian Muirhead.

1. Apologies

Helen Rowell, Gay Burt; Jane Bain; Barbara Drummond

2. Minutes

The minutes of the last AGM were adopted as a correct record. Proposed by Edmond Mansion, Seconded by Maitland Clark

3. Community Police Officer's Report

PC Andy Faulds had indicated after the last meeting that he was being replaced by PC Murphy who was not in attendance so there was no CPO Report. The Chairman expressed disappointment that as yet there had been no feedback on the progress of the investigation in relation to the damage to the flagpole.

Action: Noted

4. Youth Services

Youth Worker Sandi Sagoo had indicated the wish to speak to the Community Council about her role in the youth club in the village but apologised for the fact that she was unable to attend due to another commitment. The visit to be re-arranged for the new session following the summer break.

Action: Secretary to contact Sandi following the Summer Break

5. Scottish Parliament Visit

The Community Council had been invited to several events to coincide with the visit of the Scottish Parliament to Stirling. A reception was to be held in Forth Valley College on 20th June to mark Parliament Day to which the Community Council was invited. On Saturday 22nd June a "Communities Conference" was to be held in the same venue to assist community groups to understand and influence the Parliament. Following discussion it was decided not to be represented at both functions.

Action: Noted

6. Secretary's Report

The Secretary indicated that 3 items had been received in addition to those that had already been forwarded to Community Councillors. [1] invitation to a Mental Health First Aid Course on 5th June [2] a flyer about Stirling Military Show at Kings Park on June 22nd [3] a letter from Stirling Council Environmental Services regarding a Deep Cleans programme which would cover various communities including Gargunnoch

Action: Noted

7. Planning and Licensing Report

Two planning applications for home extensions had been received since the last meeting neither of which raised any issues for the Community Council

Action: Noted

8. Any Other Business

[1] Withdrawal of Sunday Bus Services

The Chairman had discovered from the Council website that from August 2013 all Sunday bus services to and from the village would be withdrawn. There had been no consultation about this despite promises that there would be no changes without notification. It was agreed to raise concerns about this development in the strongest possible terms.

[2] Defibrillator Update

A pre -arranged village meeting to discuss matters concerning the defibrillator had to be cancelled due to the absence of a key individual. In the meantime there was an opportunity for the community to take possession of the telephone box as a location for the defibrillator. It was agreed that the Community Council would act as the appropriate "authority" for such a transfer subject to consultation with absent members of the Community Council. It was also agreed that the balance of funds held in the "Defibrillator Account" could be used to purchase an appropriate housing for the defibrillator.

[3] Broadband Strategy Update

Edmond Mansion indicated that he had now launched the revised broadband survey in the village and already had 18 responses which revealed the importance of good broadband connections for businesses in the village. Everyone was encouraged to complete the survey which would be used to lobby for an upgraded service. The Community Council was informed that interviews would be held for membership of the Broadband Advisory Group and it was noted that Gregor McCallum the CC's nominee had been shortlisted.

9. Date of Next Meeting

To be advised

GP 10.06.2013