

# Gargunnock Community Council

## Minutes of the Meeting held on May 7<sup>th</sup> 2013

**Present:** Geoff Peart; Douglas Coupethwaite;; Cllr Alister Berrill; Helen Rowell; Edmond Mansion; Gay Burt; PC Andy Faulds; Rev Andy Campbell, Claire Smith; Ali MacLachlan and Rosemary McLelland of Trading Standards.

### 1. Apologies

Maitland Clark, John Craigen

### 2. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and adopted.

Proposer: Helen Rowell Seconder: Gay Burt

### 3. Community Police Officer's Report

PC Andy Faulds introduced himself as the new Community Police Officer for Gargunnock – he is locally born and bred and knows the villages in his patch well. He intends to get to know the young people of the village as an immediate priority. He also emphasised that it is important that residents report any suspicious behaviour. Dialling 101 will put the call through direct to Stirling.

**Action: Secretary to get AF's email address**

### 4. Doorstep Crime

Rosemary McClelland gave a brief description of the set up of the Trading Standards service, which is jointly managed with Clackmannan Council. There has been a Doorstep Crime partnership in existence for 5+ years and its aim is to protect vulnerable people from exploitation. RM showed part of a DVD which indicated some of the techniques used to defraud people of savings and left copies of the DVD, brochures and stickers for the Community Council to distribute.

**Action: Literature/DVDs etc. to be distributed as appropriate.**

### 5. Village School Roll

The attention of the Community Council had been drawn to the fact that a projected decline in next year's school roll would result in the loss of a teacher [and Principal Teacher status] and composite classes for P1-3, although the maximum class size of 25 pupils meant that this may not be sustainable in the long term. There were concerns that the changes would be destabilising as further changes may be required in a year or so if the 25 threshold is breached. The longer term roll projections for the school were also questioned and concerns re-expressed about the lack of new housing provision for the village over the next 5 years which would help sustain the school and other local facilities.

**Action: The Community Council to raise its concerns with the Education Authority.**

### 6. Rural Broadband Strategy

As a follow-up to recent meetings organised by Stirling Council Edmond Mansion had designed a survey to collect information on broadband usage within the village. EM indicated that he needed a bigger Survey Monkey facility and it was agreed to pay £24 per month for 3 months. Stirling Council also wanted community representatives with knowledge and expertise on internet connectivity and related matters, to join their Broadband Advisory Group and it was agreed that Gargunnock should nominate Gregor McCallum.

**Action: EM to upgrade the Survey Monkey facility and Gregor McCallum to represent Gargunnoch on the Broadband Advisory Group.**

## **7. Petitions Procedure**

Following the decision at the last CC meeting information regarding the lodging of a petition with Stirling Council had been circulated. However, the issue regarding road maintenance had now been resolved and it was agreed not to proceed but note the procedure for future reference.

**Action: The Community Council noted the procedure for future reference**

## **8. 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] a letter an enclosures from Stirling Council regarding the community council elections timetable in October [2] a letter from Bruce Crawford MSP about changes to bus services – although these did not affect Gargunnoch [3] a letter an enclosures from Stirling Council regarding a review of the Community Pride Fund

**Action: Noted**

## **9. Treasurer's Report**

EM reported that the CC account still stood at £900 of which £306 consists of the balance of funds raised for the village defibrillator.

**Action: Noted**

## **10. Planning and Licensing Report**

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

**Action: Noted**

## **11. Any Other Business**

None

## **12. Date of Next Meeting**

June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013

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