

Gargunnock Community Council

Minutes of the AGM held on June 7th 2011

Present: Douglas Coupethwaite, Geoff Peart, Edmond Mansion, John Craigen, Maitland Clark, Helen Rowell, Margaret McKechnie, Councillor Colin O'Brien

1. Apologies

, Barbara Drummond

2. Minutes

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

3. Chairman's Report

See Annex 1

4. Secretary's Report

The Secretary indicated there was little to add to the Chairman's remarks but that the year had been a particularly active one for the Community Council and much had been achieved again. Unfortunately, there were continued delays to the Earlsburn Windfarm Phase 2 development due to failure to resolve the aviation objection from NATS.

Action:Noted.

5. Statement of Accounts 2007-8

The Treasurer submitted the Annual Statement of Accounts which indicated that the *Community Council Account* stood at £1813.25 at the end of the financial year, £883 more than at the beginning. However, this sum included a grant of £830 for the new Notice Board which had yet to be acquired.

Action: The accounts were unanimously adopted by the meeting and it was agreed to continue to support the *Bugle* and to authorise a payment for the village website domain name.

6. Election of Office Bearers

All of the existing office bearers of the Community Council indicated their willingness to continue to serve and, consequently, were confirmed in their present posts until the AGM in 2012.

Action: Existing office bearers confirmed in their posts for the 2011-12 session of the Community Council

7. Other Competent Business

No other matters were raised

Chairman's Report 2010-11

Even before this present session of meetings had started our Secretary was busy dealing with matters relating to the proposal to build our field. In September we heard that the amendments that we had suggested to the Questionnaire had been agreed by Stirling Council officers. These Questionnaires were sent out in October and we learned in November that there had been a response rate of over 60%. This was an excellent result and underlined the degree of concern felt in the Village.

Meantime we were very disappointed to hear that the planners had granted permission to demolish Miss Miller's cottage allegedly on the basis that it was beyond economic repair. Earlsburn windfarm extension was still stalled pending resolution of radar interference issues with NATS.

In November we met with Stirling Council Environmental Services, the Scottish Flood Forum and Sepa to discuss flood prevention and management. Apparently they had lettered 12 property owners asking them to attend on the basis that they were "at risk" I think about 6 attended. This meeting was notable for a statement from the SEPA representative that something she said was "an indicative indication"

In January we received the collated Housing Survey results which confirmed a 62% response rate with 62% opposed to development on the Leckie Road site. The options appraisal of the sites revealed that 2 out of the 3 sites had been discounted. This was apparently because of opposition from SEPA who said they were at risk of flooding. Something which was never mentioned when we met with them back in November.

In February Councillor O'Brien told us that Labour and Conservative members would seek to have the Housing Report due to be considered by the Executive that week, referred to the full Council.

The Electoral Registration Officer made a presentation on arrangements for the forthcoming Elections and the Transport Team informed us that it seems likely that the present level of subsidy for local bus service will not be maintained when the present contracts expire early 2012 and sought information on which services were most important to the Community

March was a landmark month as we heard that at a full Council Meeting a motion proposed by Councillor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Berrill to direct the Head of Housing to look elsewhere was supported by their respective groups and so defeated the Administration's proposals to build on the site here. We are very grateful to them for their support in this – they listened to our concerns, they acted and they secured for us the result that the majority of Villagers wanted.

It is unfortunate that Coun. Lambie who had been left in no doubt as to our concerns felt unable to help.

It was pleasing to hear that the application to demolish Miss Millars cottage had been withdrawn and also that the Bridge would be resurfaced.

Overall I think we have had a productive year but as ever without many people turning out for meetings. We need to fill the vacant Council positions and I'd ask you all to consider who we might approach.

Thank you all for your support and particularly thanks to Geoff who has put in a power of work behind the scenes in support of our activities.