

Gargunnoch Community Council

Minutes of the AGM held on June 12th 2012

Present: Douglas Coupethwaite, Geoff Peart, Edmond Mansion, John Craigen, Maitland Clark, Helen Rowell, Gay Burt; Richard Morris; Jane Arneil; Douglas Johnston; Jane Bain; Ian Young; Steve and Marilyn Willett

1. Apologies

Margaret McKechnie; Douglas Barr

2. Minutes

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

3. Chairman's Report

See Annex 1 below.

4. Statement of Accounts

The Treasurer submitted the Annual Statement of Accounts which indicated that the *Community Council Account* stood at £1136.76 at the end of the financial year, £676 less than at the beginning, which was accounted for by the acquisition of the new Notice Board. Duncan Leask would again be asked to formally audit these for the Community Council.

Action: The accounts were unanimously adopted by the meeting and it was agreed to appoint Duncan Leask as the external auditor.

5. 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 2012-13 session of the Community Council

6. Other Competent Business

No other matters were raised

Annex 1

Chairman's Report 2011-12

I'm always struck, when thinking about a report for the AGM, just how short a time it seems since I was writing the last one. We've taken to meeting here in the drop -in to allow the Zumba class to operate at full volume. This I must say is a good thing as it demonstrates how much busier the CC has become.

We heard from Jim McBriar of Stirling Council about proposals to to change (for change read reduce) our Brown bin collections. We held constructive discussions with him on this and eventually sent him the results of a Village questionnaire wherein residents confirmed what we had told him – that these measures were unacceptable. Much later we heard that the changes had been dropped.

We were consulted on the Draft Local plan and Geoff produced an excellent questionnaire which went out with the Bugle and the responses formed our input to the Planners.

We were complimented (at least I think it was a compliment) by an official who said " nobody does questionnaires like Gargunnoch". I think we can be quite proud of our record in consulting with Villagers when we are asked for information. We do our best to present a

representative view rather than just getting in a huddle ourselves to come up with something.

We corresponded with the Council requesting the re-zoning of the field adjacent to the CC as public open space without, as yet any movement from them. Another stalled issue is that of the Earlsburn Windfarm extension which we hope will bring some community benefit and which, apparently is still held up because of objections from the National air traffic people who see it as a problem for Glasgow Airport radar.

We made strong objections to a proposal to demolish Miss Millers cottage at Provost Park and I like to think that our input helped to change that plan into what has turned out to be quite a sympathetic rebuild

We were blown away in January and cancelled our meeting,hearing in February that the re-tendering of our bus services hadn't led to the reductions in service that were predicted only some timetable alterations and the inevitable increase in fares.

Undoubtedly the highlight of the year was the news that the long struggle to secure Community ownership of the Centre had succeeded. While the Community Council's role was mainly supportive, our link with Councillor O'Brien proved invaluable. It's a great feeling to have overcome the many complications we met in our dealings with Stirling Council but we do need to remember that this is just the "end of the beginning", as it were and much remains to be done

Mentioning Councillor O'Brien we were sorry to hear that he was not standing for re-election in May and we wished him well in April.

Following the elections we now have Councillors Berrill, Lambie and new to this ward Councillor Ian Muirhead.

So there we have it – thanks to all of you for your involvement and especially to Geoff and Edmond who do difficult stuff working away behind the scenes.

GP. 15.06.12