

# Gargunnoch Community Council

## Minutes of the Meeting held on February 7<sup>th</sup> 2012

**Present:**; Geoff Peart; Douglas Coupethwaite; Maitland Clark; Barbara Drummond; Edmond Mansion; John Craigen; Gay Burt; Helen Rowell; Councillor O'Brien; and 3 members of the public

### 1. Apologies

Richard Morris

### 2. Minutes

The November minutes were agreed and adopted the January meeting having been cancelled. [Proposer: Maitland Clark; Seconder: John Craigen]

### 3. Community Police Officer's Report

There was no Police Officer's Report. DC asked if there were any police issues which had arisen since the last meeting – none were raised. DC reported on the damage to the flagpole in the Square and the prompt reporting of the incident to the police. There had also been a minor incident of youth disorder.

### 4. Local Development Plan

The Secretary reported that there had been a reasonably good response to the village questionnaire on the LDP [49 returned questionnaires]. The survey returns indicated support for the broad approach to the development of the village set out in the Draft LDP. The Report of the survey had been circulated to Community Councillors and sent to the Council as the formal village response. The next stage in the process will be the publication of the Proposed Plan in August and further consultation with the Community Council in September and October. There was some discussion about the lack of provision for housing in the village and concerns that without this there may be difficulties at the school. It was agreed that this was an important issue and that some modest additional provision for housing should be made in the first update of the plan.

**Action: Secretary to make the Report of the village survey available on the village website.**

### 5. Community Emergency Plan

The Chairman indicated that he had undertaken some consultation on this issue and that lots of informal arrangements were already in place in the village to check on and assist "vulnerable" individuals. There remained concerns that the approach could get very bureaucratic and DC felt that it needed further consideration.

**Action: Chairman to continue to give this matter further consideration.**

### 6. Secretary's Report

#### [i] Bus Services in Gargunnoch Area

The re-tendering exercise had not resulted in any changes to the level of service to Gargunnoch but there were minor changes to timings and an increase in fares

**Action: Noted**

#### [ii] Community Council Vacancy Elections

No submissions had been made in relation to the one vacant position on the Community Council by the deadline for nominations

**Action: Noted**

#### [iii] Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012

Stirling Council had extended the scope of the Community Pride Fund to include expenditure on events etc. to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee. Submission dates were 17<sup>th</sup> February; 15<sup>th</sup> March and 19<sup>th</sup> April.

**Action: Noted**

#### [iv] Rural South West Area Forum, meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February, at 7.00 pm

**Action: Noted**

### **[v] Big Lottery Training Sessions**

There was notice of an upcoming online interactive session on 9th February which would assist groups wanting grants of up to £10,000

**Action: Secretary to circulate information on this to groups in the village**

### **[vi] The Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) at Stirling Community Hospital**

Information forwarded that this has now moved to a new location on the ground floor of the former maternity unit

**Action: Noted**

### **[vii] Invitation to Brian Taylor's Big Debate -MacRobert Arts Centre, Friday 17th Feb. 12.15 – 1.00pm.**

**Action: Noted**

### **[viii] Invitation to GrowFORTH local food summit 25th February at the Albert Hall -10.00am-2.00pm**

**Action: Noted**

### **[ix] Proposed High Hedges Bill**

Proceedings had now opened for a private members' bill at the Local Government and Regeneration committee at the Scottish Parliament to deal with the problem of high hedges. The Community Council is supportive of action on this issue and welcomed the initiative.

**Action: Secretary to write in support of the proposal**

## **7. Treasurer's Report**

The current GCC account balance stands at £1187 including £830 for the purchase of a new noticeboard. It was agreed that a donation of £30 should be given to the village "Blazing Saddles" initiative.

**Action: Noted.**

## **8. Planning and Licensing Report**

**[a] Café at Mains Farm** – The Community Council was not represented at a Hearing but the Secretary indicated to Planning Officials concerns about road safety. This has now been approved with conditions

**[b] Drummond Place gable extension** – No objections - now approved

**[c] Alteration and extension to Old Leckie Garden cottage** – no objections from the Community Council

**[d] Replacement roofs to Beild Farm grain store and machinery shed** – no objections from the Community Council

**Action: Noted**

## **9. Any Other Business**

**[i] Flagpole** – there was further discussion relating to the flying of different flags. There was a view that "the Saltire" should be the default flag, however, DC indicated that there was no "default" flag and that the purpose of flying the flags of many different nations was educational and cultural to stimulate interest

**Action: Noted**

**[ii] Councillor O'Brien** – it was noted that Cllr O'Brien had indicated his intention to step down at the next Council elections and that this would be his last GCC meeting in his official capacity. The chairman thanked Councillor O'Brien for his work in support of the village and presented him with a small gift as a token of appreciation of his efforts on our behalf. Councillor O'Brien indicated that he would remain active in the Smith Museum and Rural Stirling Housing Association and would have an ongoing connection with the village through his wife's membership of the Gargunnoch Songsters.

**Action: The meeting passed on its best wishes to Councillor O'Brien in his forthcoming retirement from the council**

## **10.Date of Next Meeting**

**March 20<sup>th</sup> 2012**

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