

Gargunnock Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on March 20th 2012

Present:; Geoff Peart; Douglas Coupethwaite; Maitland Clark; Barbara Drummond; Edmond Mansion; John Craigen; Gay Burt; Helen Rowell; Councillor Lambie and Richard Morris

1. Apologies

Steve and Marilyn Willett

2. Minutes

The February minutes were amended to reflect the fact that a report had been submitted by the Community Police Officer. With this correction the minutes were agreed and adopted. [Proposer: John Craigen: Seconder: Edmond Mansion]

3. Community Police Officer's Report

RM gave a verbal report, highlighting recent computer scams in the area with people posing as Microsoft employees and obtaining PIN numbers. There had been no progress in finding the culprits responsible for the damage to the flagpole in the Square and subsequently the Irish flag was stolen on St Patrick's Day. DC reported that there appeared to progress on the issue of the feral peacocks with a move to Ayrshire being likely.

4. Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

The Secretary reported that Thornhill Community Council had contacted neighbouring Community Councils regarding their proposal to have a bonfire and other events to mark the Jubilee on Monday 4th June and inviting residents from surrounding villages to join the celebrations. It was confirmed that Gargunnock would not be having a bonfire although it was possible some other way of marking the occasion would be found, possibly at the Gargunnock Show on June 2nd.

Action: Secretary to reply to Thornhill and their invitation to be referred to in the Bugle. Community Councillors to make enquiries about the plans of other village organisations, if any, re the Jubilee Celebrations.

5. Rural Stirling Housing Allocation Policy

The Secretary indicated that he had received a questionnaire from RSHA regarding proposed changes to their housing allocation policy, on which the views of the Community Council were being sought by April 30th. Tenants were being separately consulted, but following discussion it was felt that the matter should be raised in the next edition of the *Bugle* and the views of other residents should be canvassed before the Community Council replied to RSHA.

Action: Secretary to draft an article for the next edition of the Bugle.

6. Secretary's Report

[i] ASCC Conference

The Community Council are invited to send a representative to the Association of Scottish Community Councils Conference in Dunblane on 18th April which is about "Learning from the Past – Preparing for the Future".

Action: Noted

[ii] Planning Democracy Conference

An invitation was received to the Planning Democracy Conference to be held on the 21st April at the Merchants Hall, Edinburgh.

Action: Noted

[iii] Letter from Councillor Colin O'Brien

A letter had been received from Councillor O'Brien thanking the Community Council for their gift on his retirement from the Council. It was also noted that a recent maintenance issue had been resolved due to the intervention of Councillor O'Brien

Action: Noted

7. Treasurer's Report

The current GCC account balance stands at £1187. MC drew attention to the fact that the Gala Committee had a current cash flow problem and it was agreed that the Community Council would make a loan of the required funds subject to assurances that there was no risk that there could be any default on repayment.

Action: Community Council to loan the Gala Committee the sum of £384

8. Planning and Licensing Report

[a] Rear extension to house in McLaren's Park – no objections from the Community Council

[b] Boquhan Cafe – It was reported that this had now been given consent subject to the provision of a right hand turning lane on the A811.

[c] Reconstruction of Miss Miller's Cottage – It was noted that construction was well under way and that the Community Council's concerns had been well addressed in terms of the design.

[d] 5 Moray Place – the retrospective application has been referred to the Local Review Body and following a site visit will be determined on April 12th

Action: Noted

9. Any Other Business

[i] Councillor Lambie's Report – was tabled.

[ii] Community Centre – DC reported that the Community Centre had now been transferred into community ownership and that a number of companies were interested in the renovation and extension construction contract. Construction would not start before June but could be finished in August, the programme would become clearer over the next couple of weeks. DC took exception to Councillor Lambie's report which suggested that he had been involved in the negotiations over the transfer of ownership, as this did not accord with the experience of the Gargunock negotiating team.

10. Date of Next Meeting May 1st 2012