

Gargunnock Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on September 3rd 2013

Present: Douglas Coupethwaite, Geoff Peart, Edmond Mansion, John Craigen, Maitland Clark, Gay Burt; Councillor A Berill; PC Raymond Murphy; Gregor McCallum

1. Apologies

Barbara Drummond. Since the last meeting Helen Rowell has tendered her resignation from the Community Council.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the June Meeting were adopted as a correct record. Proposed by Edmond Mansion, Seconded by Douglas Coupethwaite

3. Community Police Officer's Report

PC Raymond Murphy introduced himself as the new Community Police Officer and indicated that he would be based in Balfroon and could be contacted by email or by dialling 101 which would be redirected from Stirling to Balfroon. [DC expressed concern that dialling 101 cost 20p whereas 999 calls were free]. Since June there had been 4 incidents in the village - vandalism at the school; a domestic assault; a housebreaking on Leckie Road and an attempted housebreaking on Leckie Road. None of these issues had yet been resolved. PC Murphy indicated that the policing priorities for the rural area were: [1] road safety [2] housebreaking [3] anti-social behaviour and [4] community engagement. It was agreed that these were appropriate for Gargunnock.

Action: Noted

4. Broadband Update

Gregor McCallum gave an update of the work of the Broadband Advisory Group of which he is a member. In terms of faster broadband coverage of the Stirling Council area it is estimated that BT will do 85% and the Council will do the rest. Gregor thought Gargunnock would be in the 85% as the main fibre optic cable will run along the A811 and the upgrade could be sometime in 2014/15. EM also indicated that the online survey had now been completed with 40 responses and he had finalised a report with input from DC and GM. This showed that there was a reasonable amount of business use of the internet which may be of the order of £0.5m per year.

Action: Noted

5. Community Council Elections

DC indicated that the article in the last edition of the Bugle inviting expressions of interest in becoming a community councillor had not produced any responses. The Secretary indicated that the election timetable

required nominations by 4.00pm on October 25th with results known by October 30th. Consequently the first meeting of the new Community Council was likely to be in December. Given that a minimum of 4 new members were required it was decided that a further more urgent article would be included in the next edition of the Bugle.

Action: DC and GP to prepare an article for the Bugle

6. Defibrillator Update

The phone box is now owned by the Community Council and will be the permanent home for the defibrillator once a suitable box to keep it in has been purchased. Sufficient funds were available in the defibrillator account to cover this. At present the defibrillator is in the Inn. One training session has been carried out and another is planned.

Action: Noted

7. Secretary's Report

The Secretary indicated that several items had been received in addition to those that had already been forwarded to Community Councillors. [1] invitation to complete a questionnaire regarding the Rural Area Transport Plan [2] information regarding Stirling Council Archives [3] a letter from Stirling Council regarding their new complaint handling procedure [4] invitation to a meeting of the Forth Valley Wildlife and Landscape Forum on 7th September [5] invitation to a meeting of the Earlsburn Windfarm Community Benefit Group on 17th October [6] notification of the Council's road maintenance programme for September with work on Station Road commencing on 30th September.

Action Secretary to complete the Transport Questionnaire other items noted

8. Finance Report

The treasurer indicated that there was £874.77 in the current account of which £306 was attributable to the defibrillator. The online survey cost £72

Action: It was agreed to pay £72 for the online survey

9. Planning and Licensing Report

Three planning applications had been received – one for a home extension and 2 for farm buildings, none of which raised any issues for the Community Council

Action: Noted

10. Any Other Business

None

11. Date of Next Meeting

October 1st 2013

GP 16.09.2013