

Gargunnoch Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 12th January 2015

Present: Alison MacLachlan : Maitland Clark : Mike McGirr : Lovat McGregor : Bryan Crawford : Bob Burman : Cllr Alister Berrill

Apologies : Edmond Mansion

1. Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on 1st December were formally adopted.

2. Matters Arising: All matters arising would be covered later under their own headings.

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3. Community Police Officer's Report: PC McGill in attendance, apologised that it was not possible to have a police officer attending every CC meeting as often they are required to respond to calls from the public.

The Police Scotland Superintendent in charge of Operational Policing for the Forth Valley Area has proposed a meeting with himself and other Senior Police Officers with the Chairmen of the local CCs. Alison intends to be there and asked if anyone was available to accompany her.

There were no matters of concern to report but the subject of speeding in the village was raised again. PC McGill undertook to monitor the position over a few days. This kind of exercise had been tried a number of times before with only varying degrees of success as it was found that there were no drivers exceeding the legal speed limit. However many were going much too fast for village conditions and the proposed speed check procedure would seek to identify such drivers with a view to issuing a warning.

4. Treasurer's Report : Balance £750. The CC had been advised on a new fund solely available to CCs - the CC Connect Fund - and Edmond would be asked to investigate the details of this with a view to the possibility of making a fund application.

5. Planning: Notification received regarding a proposed extension to the Bridgend Cottage. No objections were expressed.

6. Broadband Update: No further update although it was mooted that BT had refused permission for Open Reach to install the broadband cabinet within the grounds of the telephone exchange. This has still to be confirmed or not.

7. Affordable Housing: Bryan reported that he had been in contact with Ogilvie Builders re the piece of land at the foot of the Glebe. He will arrange for a meeting with their Rep to ascertain the present position re ownership.

There was further discussion on other alternative sites for housing without any progress being made.

It was also suggested the CC find out what Stirling Council's development plans for the school are, over (say) the next 10/15 years.

8. Road Safety/20mph Signs: The original petition which Lovat submitted was not acceptable to Stirling Council as insufficient signatories were on the electoral roll. A new petition was in the Shop and would be submitted in due course.

The 20mph signs are still only partially working and only intermittently.

9. Priority Based Budgeting: Comments from the School meeting have been submitted.

10. Proposed Meeting between CC and Gargunnoch Trust: Meeting arranged for 20th January. Alison and Maitland to attend on behalf of the CC.

11. AOCB :

(a) Development of the Square - this will be an item on the agenda of the joint CC/Trust meeting.

(b) Refuse/recycling concerns. A concerned person had been in contact with David Hopper, Stirling Council Waste Service Manager regarding (a) The dire service the village has received over the festive period, in that the council fell woefully behind with collections. The response is that the council were overwhelmed with the volumes generated over Christmas and admitted that they were 2 days behind although conceded that it was longer in some areas (in fact Gargunock was 4 days). They did apologise for this. (b) The current bins used for recycling are impractical and totally unsuitable for windy weather.

Alison has acknowledged the concerns to the person concerned but the meeting conceded that, on the basis of cost, it was extremely unlikely that any new method of collection would be forthcoming.

Maitland mentioned that, following a previous meeting with Waste Services, a number of box covers had been left in the Community Centre and were available to anyone needing one. He would find out if they were still available.

(c) A copy of the 2011 Census was received and it was agreed to distribute this with the next issue of the Bugle.

(d) Vee Bellers has indicated that she would consider being a “half secretary” to the CC if the position could be shared with someone else.

Date of next meeting: 2nd February 2015