

Gargunnoch Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd February 2015

Present: Alison MacLachlan : Maitland Clark : Bryan Crawford : Bob Burman : Edmond Mansion

Apologies : Mike McGirr : Lovat McGregor : Cllr Ian Muirhead

1. Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on 12th January 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: Written report received. No reports of antisocial behaviour. Road safety - one minor collision on Station Road. No one injured and damage to a wall. Previous concerns about speeding in the village have been looked at and no drivers found either exceeding the limit or driving inappropriately. Police presence often causes drivers to behave. The village will be given further checks. A Volvo car was stolen on 28th January from Glinns Road. It was recovered outside Balfron where another vehicle was stolen. In the last month the community officers have been patrolling all of our roads network focusing on travelling criminals.

4. Treasurer's Report : Balance £740. 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.

Also to look in to the possibility of receiving funds from the Community Pride Fund.

Sainsbury's also have grants of £500 available for local communities.

5. Planning: A new report received from Stirling Council "Enforcing Planning Controls". Bob to review this and report back to next meeting.

6. Broadband Update: Planning permission has not been granted so the situation is more or less back to square one. Alison to contact Duncan Nisbet Digital Scotland, Louise Humphries BT and Bruce Crawford to clarify the situation.

Bob to contact Stirling Council as to the position re the original planning application ie what are the parameters and conditions prior to the application being refused e.g distance of cabinet from road, etc

7. Affordable Housing: Bryan has had a meeting with a representative of Ogilvy Homes re the Glebe Street/Charles Street site. They say that they would be interested to get involved as developers. Development costs would be high due to the condition of the land but these are not insurmountable. Access is a key issue but the amenities are suitable and in place. 15/20 units are possible. Bryan's view is that we have done as much as we can on the site and suggested writing to the owners of the land and to other interested parties in order to ascertain if there is even a possibility of moving the matter forward. He will draft a letter for approval before it is sent.

Also, Stirling Council have no plans in place for the development of the school over the next 10/15 years.

8. Road Safety/20mph Signs: The new petition has now been submitted and we await developments.

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

9. Proposed Meeting between CC and Gargunnoch Trust: Alison and Maitland attended on behalf of the CC. It was agreed that there was no need for formal minutes to be taken at these meetings, but there would be a mutual exchange of minutes.

What was discussed was -

- (a) Clarification of the roles of each organisation.

- (b) Both bodies stressed the need to ensure a continuing close relationship between the two.
- (c) Each body can apply for grant funds separately.
- (d) Estimate of £860 has been received to refurbish the water fountain at the Square.

Douglas to find out who actually owns the piece of land.

- (e) Suggested that CC apply for funds from Community Pride Fund to finance this.
- (f) The school roll projection is 47 within next 5 years but this does not include any possible incomers to the village.
- (g) Re windfarm. The cost of employing an arbitrator to rule on the percentage of funds to be made to each of the villages involved is ridiculously high and this is not likely to be approved.
- (h) The only other affordable housing site put forward is that at Mill Farm. There may well be access and ownership issues.
- (i) In a questionnaire distributed to the village some time ago one of the priorities requested was completion of a cycle path to Stirling. The mechanics for pursuing this have been taken over by a Carse of Stirling Committee on behalf of all the villages.

10. AOCB :

- (a) Refuse/recycling concerns. Alison has sent a suitable response to Stirling Council Waste Services re concerns over the Christmas/New Year period.

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.

- (b) It was agreed that the offer by Vee Bellers to be a “half Secretary” would not be practical. Alison to contact her to express thanks for the offer.

Date of next meeting: 2nd March 2015