

Gargunnock Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 11th May 2015

Present: Alison MacLachlan : Maitland Clark : Bryan Crawford : Bob Burman : Mike McGirr : Lovat McGregor : Cllr Graham Lambie

Apologies : Edmond Mansion

1. Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on 2nd March were formally adopted, after noting that Maitland Clark was not present at the meeting but had registered his apologies.
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. One person issued with a fixed penalty notice for breach of the peace. Measures are now in place to address irresponsible motorcycling on the A811. Between 18 and 23rd April a silver Vauxhall van was stolen from Kirk Lane.

There had been two complaints to the CC re bad driving at and through the Square. After the resurfacing of Manse Brae the "give way" lines at the Square had been covered over and have not yet been repainted. Police and Cllr Lambie will report this and ensure action taken.
4. Treasurer's Report : Balance £722.
5. Planning: The application for the site at Manse Brae still pending. There may be a possible development at Boquhan for a shop/café.
6. Broadband Update: A great deal of work has been carried out at the telephone exchange and it would seem that the village is on course to receive high speed in a few weeks.

7. Affordable Housing: Bryan has agreed to draw up a suitable letter to be sent to all parties involved in the ownership of the land at the Glebe. A draft will be sent to community councillors for approval before being sent. Also, a suitable article will be sent for inclusion in the next edition of the Bugle.

8. Road Safety/20mph Signs: Following discussions with Stirling Council, Lovat agreed to withdraw the petition on the basis of the following commitments -

Design and delivery of a new pedestrian crossing at the main school entrance at Station Road. Funding has been secured and the design will be progressed.

The unsatisfactory issue of the flashing 20mph was discussed and agreed that one long-term solution would be the introduction of a 20mph limit covering the entire village. This would include new signage and traffic calming/management features positioned at strategic locations to help reduce traffic speed. It is envisaged that the design would include priority give-way features and if possible footway widening along the narrow section of Station Road. Discussions are also on-going re the merits of introducing a 40mph buffer speed limit on all approaches to the village.

9. Street Cleaning: The village street cleaner has retired and we are now under a team of “mobile cleaners” along with Kippen, Thornhill, Buchlivie etc. It appears that this is the method being adopted throughout all the Stirling Region. Concern was raised that the state of the streets had deteriorated but there is little we can do about this other than keep an eye on developments and make further representations to Stirling Council if necessary.

10. Dog Fouling: This seems to be on the increase again. It was reported that one individual had been caught and a spot fine issued. Bryan will provide an article for the Bugle.

AOCB : (a) Stirling Low Carbon Future - Alison to make enquiries and get more details.

(b) It was reported that the Bite and Blether Tearoom had raised £650 for the Nepal disaster fund.

(c) Funds are available through the Community Grant Fund and the Community Pride Fund (up to £1500 from each of them). In due course the village to be asked for ideas on how these funds could be utilised.

(d) It was reported that the Flower Show Committee is running a “Pot-orama” leading up to the Flower Show itself at the end of August. This involves distributing plant pots to individuals and groups and getting them decorated and displayed throughout the village. Fuller details are in the last issue of the Bugle.

Date of next meeting: 8th June 2015