

# Gargunock Community Council

## Minutes of Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014

Present: Alison MacLachlan Edmond Mansion: Maitland Clark: Lovat McGregor Cllr Graham Lambie : Bryan Crawford: Bob Burman: Gregor McCallum

Apologies : Mike McGirr

It was reported that, at the last meeting there were insufficient councillors present to make a quorum. This has now been corrected as 3 members are sufficient for a quorum.

1. Minutes: Minutes of meetings 1<sup>st</sup> September and 6<sup>th</sup> October 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:

No police officer was present but a written report had been submitted.

One report of youths playing a variation of "chap door run" was received some 3 hours after the event. It was stressed that it is essential to call at the time of any incident to give the police a chance of tracing those involved.

Windows at Old Leckie were damaged between 16 and 17 October.

(It also has been noted locally that there have been incidents of eggs being thrown at windows. It would appear that police have not been involved at this stage)

Police are carrying out winter road safety checks on vehicles and motorists asked to ensure their vehicles are ready for the winter.

An insecure car was entered and a wallet stolen at Watson house.

In Callander a householder was defrauded out of a sum of money by a male offering to “tar the drive” for free, and then demanding money for very poor work. Such offers should be refused and police informed.

4. Treasurer’s Report : Balance £812 with rent for use of Community Centre up to date.

Councillors are entitled to claim reasonable expenses for attending meetings as representatives of the CC.

5. Planning: None

6. Broadband Update: Alison and Gregor reported on their meeting with Duncan Nesbit and Bruce Crawford. It would seem to be the case that BT is continuing with the work necessary for the broadband update but Digital Scotland seemed to be totally unaware of this. A new planning application request has been submitted but this is slightly delayed as the wrong fee had been paid. There seems no doubt that the permission will be approved. The box at Dasherhead has been upgraded and the broadband connection is likely to be by the end of this year, with the rest of the village by mid 2015. Additional requirements are necessary at the local telephone exchange. The box will have 96 lines. It was agreed at that meeting that Digital Scotland would come back with full details of the exact position by 7<sup>th</sup> November. If this does happen, Gregor will update the village through the next issue of the Bugle.

7. Affordable Housing: Bryan provided the meeting with a full review of the history and current situation regarding the sites currently under discussion. As we know, all of them have restrictions as a result of which the only site on the Local Development Plan is the one at Dasherhead Farm. The only site worthy of further investigation is the one at the foot of the Glebe. Bryan will contact Ogilvie builders to request a report on the history and current position regarding the site.

8. Road Safety/20mph Signs: Cllr Lambie to follow up re the 20mph signs not working.

Stirling Council have introduced a schools travel plan and are carrying out a survey on how children get to school, with one of the objectives being cutting down the use of cars. Some time ago the village responded to Stirling Council's "safer routes to school" with concerns re lack of a pavement at the school gate. Their response to that is that there is no money available to rectify the situation.

Also, Stirling Council's response to the suggestion of extending the 30mph limit to the junction with the A811, is that the existing siting of the signs comply with current regulations. Cllr Lambie will investigate the possibility of having a 30mph Buffer zone approaching the school, thereafter speed being restricted to 20mph by way of permanent signs rather than electronic ones. He suggested that the best way of dealing with this is through a petition to the Council, which will be heard by the Petitions Panel and, if successful, then submitted to the whole Council. Lovat will take this forward.

9. Priority Based Budgeting: There is now more time for communities to get involved with this process. There is a questionnaire which can be completed through Survey Monkey and there is an open meeting in Balfron High School on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. Responses have to be submitted by 9<sup>th</sup> January for them to be put before Stirling Council meeting in February.

Bryan to put together a summary/overview of the council's plans for the next Bugle (cut off to Jackie by 17<sup>th</sup> November for distribution end of that week.

10. 3G reception: Edmond reported that the closing date for applications had been missed. No more can be done except wait until the next tranche of applications becomes available.

11. Fintry Development Trust and Transition Stirling: No advance on this as Mike not present. Item carried forward to next meeting.

12. Development of the Square: There has been no progress on this. The Trust have suggested a joint meeting with them and the CC to get the ball rolling on a joint basis. Chairman of the Trust will arrange this.

13. AOCB :

(a) The GEAG Action group is asking for the support of the CC in opposing the construction of a windfarm near Braco. It was agreed that we could not support this.

Alison will contact them.

(b) The dates for CC meetings in 2015 were agreed - 12 January, 2 February, 2 March, 11 May, 11 June (and AGM) 7 September, 5 October, 2 November

(c) Review of Strategic Engagement: This is a Stirling initiative to try and improve engagement and participation within Community Councils. They have therefore organised an Area Community Planning Forum (Strategic Involvement) for Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December at the Council Chambers at Viewforth from 10am to 1pm. Stirling Council is hoping that 2 Community Councillors from each Community Council will attend.

(d) Stirling Local Development Plan Review (calls for sites to be in for 22.12.14) - deadline is tight to nominate potential sites without proper consultation with the community. Bryan will try to contact Stirling Council for advice to see if this date could be pushed back.

Date of next meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014