

Gargunock Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 1st December 2014

Present: Alison MacLachlan Edmond Mansion: Maitland Clark : Mike McGirr Douglas Coupethwaite

Apologies : None

1. Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on 3rd November 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 present and no report submitted. Alison to email the Balfron police office re the way forward for future meetings.
4. Treasurer's Report : Balance £800.54 with rent for use of Community Centre up to date.

Agreed to reimburse Maitland £49.96 for the purchase of fireworks for the village New Year celebrations.

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 7th November. If this does happen, Gregor will update the village through the next issue of the Bugle.

7. Affordable Housing: No report as Bryan was not present. In a brief discussion Maitland proposed that we drop this, as there are too many (and potentially expensive) blockers to overcome, and move on to look at other sites. This was not seconded and matter carried forward to next meeting.
8. Road Safety/20mph Signs: No report on progress of the Petition as Lovat not present. There is a meeting at the school this evening when this matter is to be discussed. Jon Park will report to CC on outcome and will circulate to councillors prior to next meeting.
9. Priority Based Budgeting: Any response to Stirling Council's proposals have to be submitted by 9th January. This is also being discussed at meeting in school (see above item)
10. Fintry Development Trust and Transition Stirling: No report
11. Windfarm Negotiations: Douglas gave a very full report on the present position re the distribution of potential funds from this source. He and Geoff had met with representatives of the other villages involved in this and said that negotiations were proving to be difficult. Some of the 6 villages see a "fair share" distribution as a straight 6th of the income each. Gargunnoch's view is that, as the new windfarm extension is on Gargunnoch land then we should have a higher proportion of the funds. At the last meeting Douglas had proposed 26% for Gargunnoch, 23% Kippen, 20% Cambusbarron and 13 13 5 for the others. This was not agreed and it is now proposed to go to binding arbitration for a decision. As potential funds available are likely to be very substantial it is

essential that our negotiators obtain the best possible outcome for the benefit of the village and the CC confirmed that they have the full backing of the CC.

12. Proposed Meeting between CC and Gargunock Trust: Edmond, as a member of both bodies, agreed to circulate possible dates for an inaugural meeting. It was suggested that 2/3 attend from each body, possibly meeting twice a year, with each body exchanging minutes of their meetings.

13. AOCB :

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

(b) Winter Recycling Collection Arrangements - notice received from Stirling Council. Edmond agreed to have notice posted on village notice board.

(c) Maitland, having read the report on new Conservation Area, emailed Stirling Council on 9th November with 2 points - Arronlea and Easter House are listed. Where are they? And Dinning House is referred to as Dunning House. No response yet.

Date of next meeting: 12th January 2015