

# Gargunnoch Community Council

## Minutes of Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015

Present: Alison MacLachlan : Maitland Clark : Bryan Crawford : Bob Burman :  
Mike McGirr : Lovat McGregor : Cllr Ian Muirhead : Mrs Helen Scott : Dr Ian Young

Apologies : Edmond Mansion

1. Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 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. Presently carrying out a Drink/Drug Driving Campaign. No one in Gargunnoch has been caught.  
  
Police to be advised that strange markings were found on Lindsay MacCallum's letter box.
  
4. Treasurer's Report : Balance £740.54
  
5. Planning: The application for the site at Manse Brae still pending.
  
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: Alison opened the discussion with a brief resume of the position to date. It was agreed that the area of ground adjacent to the Community Centre was now off the radar as the village had rejected this previously and now, in addition, the area has now been included in the village conservation area.

The area south of the Glebe, which is the area under discussion, is owned by the GDVIA on behalf of the village but this body is currently in abeyance. This piece of land is held for recreational purposes only.

With the school roll numbers declining and projected to fall further, there is a need for affordable housing. The village agreed such a need in a previous questionnaire but there was no agreement on a site. Thus the Glebe site being revisited as there were still no other suitable alternative sites proposed. It was agreed that the village should be asked for their views on sites and what kind of development they would support e.g social housing. As there are no sites in the Local Development Plan laid out for Gargunock the next stage would be to get the plan on to the LDP before any further action can be taken. It was stressed that nothing would be done without the agreement of the village and to this end it was agreed that a questionnaire be issued and an article included in the next issue of the Bugle. The questionnaire would be hand delivered to all the houses mostly affected i.e. The Glebe and Charles Street. Prior to publication the article would be reviewed by Dr Young, Jill Hosking Head Teacher and Jonathon Park Chair of the Parent Council.

Dr Young will contact the GDVIA solicitors and obtain their views, given the possibility of the village agreeing to take the matter further, if indeed anything can be done due to the burdens on the title to the land.

8. Road Safety/20mph Signs: No further progress on the design of the proposed pedestrian crossing at main entrance to the school.
  
9. Dog Fouling: Bryan has produced an article for the Bugle advising of possible on the spot fines if caught not cleaning up their dog's mess.

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(b) Funds are available through the Community Grant Fund and the Community Pride Fund (up to £1500 from each of them). Suggestions on how such funds could be utilised include work needing done on the beeches walk, and refurbishing the fountain and surrounding area. These are possible agenda items for the next joint meeting of the Community Council and the Community Trust.

Date of next meeting: 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015