

Gargunock Community Council

Annual General Meeting – 6th June 2016

Present: Alison MacLachlan, Lovat MacGregor, Mike McGirr, Bob Burman, Bryan Crawford, Maitland Clark, Edmond Mansion, Caroline Rivers, Pam Campbell (Senior Community Link Officer, Stirling Council)

Minutes of Previous AGM : Read and formally adopted.

Chairman's Report :

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We have held 9 meetings this session, the main focus of discussion was: -

- More housing for the village
- Safer Routes to School
- Windfarm Fund

We decided to compile a survey to reach out to the village in July/August last year on their views of more affordable housing in the village with a suggestion of land at the end of The Glebe, as this was owned by the GVDIA, on behalf of the village.

Surveys were hand delivered to those houses in The Glebe and Charles St, as they were closest to the piece of land. The rest of the village were asked to obtain the survey from the shop. An article was also posted in the Bugle.

Only 25 surveys were completed, the majority of which were from The Glebe and Charles St, with the results as follows: -

- 76% would support more affordable housing in the village
- 24% would not support more affordable housing in the village
- 52% would support a small housing development at The Glebe/Charles St
- 48% would not support a small housing development at The Glebe/Charles St

17 members of the community attending our scheduled community council meeting on 14th Sep – It was decided that the CC did not have a mandate to

progress the housing situation, although it was clear from the surveys and general feedback, that people in the village were not aware the land at the Glebe belonged to the village. It was later agreed that the land would be transferred from the GVDIA to the Community Trust. This is currently ongoing as the GVDIA solicitor resigned, so it is currently in the hands of the Community Trusts' solicitors to find a replacement to finalise the transfer of the land.

Road safety improvements outside the school finally started towards the end of 2015. This has resulted in two new crossings outside the school, one in Station Road and one in Leckie Road. This allows a safer crossing for children to enter the school. 20mph signs have also been erected around the main part of the village with accompanying signage on the road supporting the speed limit. Further funding will allow changes to Station Road by way of a give-way and the addition of a pavement – again alerting drivers to slow down and allowing children a safer route to school; the latter is phase 2 of works which has still to be started.

The ongoing negotiations with the Windfarm and its potential lucrative benefits for the village has been kindly endeavoured by Douglas Coupethwaite and Geoff Peart. Gargunnock are one of six communities to hopefully benefit from the funding, but sadly an agreement on how the monies should be divided has still to be finalised – this has now gone to arbitration with an outcome still not known.

Raising community interest in attending community council meetings has been a long fought battle. Discussion on how to attract more people to the community council meetings is ongoing. The current community council will have been in term for three years at the end of 2016, I personally have decided to step down as Chair. Although I believe the next elections are not due until October 2017, I will have to seek advice from Stirling Council on how we should proceed.

We have never been able to fill the role of Secretary, a role I feel is important and one I have tried to fill by receiving/acting on correspondence from Stirling Council; this role definitely requires more time than I have been giving it.

I would like to thank you all for your support and attendance at our meetings, especially to Lovat and his ongoing passion to improve road safety in Gargunnock. Bryan, a huge thank you for your time and energy into the land at

the Glebe and knowledge around affordable housing for the village. Maitland for being the main writer of minutes in absence of a secretary. Bob for keeping us up to date with planning. Edmond for your committed efforts as Treasurer and Mike for keeping me in check for timekeeping.

It has been a pleasure collaborating with you all.

Treasurer's Report :

Community Council Account – Royal Bank of Scotland Account no 162462

At the start of the Financial Year the Community Council Bank Account contained £740.54, and at the end of the Financial Year it contained £894.11, a net increase of £153.57.

The primary source of income is from Stirling Council comprising £311.50 for the standard subsidy.

Other expenses included a payment of £65.96 to Maitland Clark for New Year Fireworks.

The cost of hiring the Community Centre was £75. An annual subscription of £20 is paid to the Scottish Rights of Way Society.

Interest of £3.03 was received from the Royal Bank of Scotland.

It was agreed that the accounts be put forward for auditing.

Appointment of Office Bearers :

All Office Bearers, and a number of other Community Councillors, signalled their intention to resign their positions at this time. As the minimum requirement to enable the council to continue is 7, it is perhaps inevitable that it is likely to fold unless new blood is found soon. It was agreed to try to recruit more members prior to the next meeting on 5th September when the matter will be further discussed.

Meantime the present office bearers agreed to continue in office on a temporary basis.

ie Chair – Alison MacLachlan

Vice Chair – Mike McGirr

Treasurer – Edmond Mansion

Secretary – position has never been filled.