

Minutes of Garlieston Community Council

7th December 2010

Members present: Rusty Taylor (Chair), Will Hawkins (Vice Chair), Jacquie Swift (Joint secretary), John Swift (Joint secretary), Roy Walter (Treasurer), Harold Gray, George Houston, Ronnie Huxtable, Nuala Jeffers; Angus Reid, Gordon Walling.

Ex officio Councillors Alistair Geddes, Sandra McDowell & Graham Nicol.

Apologies:

Absent Sandra Hedley. Members of Public 3 Guest 0

Minutes of previous meeting 2nd November 2010 Prop: Harold Grey, Sec: George Houston.

Agenda 7.12.2010 Matters Arising (Not covered on remaining agenda):

* Garlieston Village Hall - Following protracted discussion, Anne Hadow helpfully intervened and arranged key cutting and pick up, and identified Hall usage in December for interior decoration. Hall water burst delayed restart.

* Replanting village hall tubs - Gordon Walling bought and planted bulbs.

* Steps to stage in village hall - Gordon Walling to design some solutions for approval.

* Garlieston Boat Park - In absence of Dave McRobert, no detail forthcoming yet.

* Peoples' Lottery Grant - Sub Group (M McCreath, R Walter, W Hawkins & R Huxtable) reported that maintenance of bridge was stumbling block, and A. Geddes suggested that they contact Harry Hay to cut through this. Grant needed progress reports and maintenance agreement was vital.

Police Business:

* No officers present. Secretary reported two police items - 'Kraken' warning over illegal entry to ports in D&G asking communities to report suspicious movement; Cash card warning for banks - illegal copying at Dumfries and warning about three individuals allegedly involved. Report any suspicious activities.

Public Forum: None

Presentation None

Youth and Young Persons Issues. Continues successfully - cancelled last week because of burst pipe. Application made for £5053 for Cluster Youth Group - for all 4 halls hire plus summer outing event for all groups together. Garlieston Community Association have donated £20.00 to Youth Group's Christmas party.

DGFirst (Combined Services) matters:

* D. McRobert telephoned and apologised for his absence tonight - poor state of roads with forecast of early evening icing. Secretary to contact over remaining items - bus shelter vandalism, completion of boat park signage, progress on car park on village square, Garlieston toilets opening date, and coastal protection of battery wall c. 50 yards past Pier Cottage - A. Geddes reminded meeting that a precedent had been set on protection of designated footpaths by D&G Council.

Planning:

* John Ferguson apologised for inability to attend and speak to this meeting, but would attend as soon as possible. Secretary to invite him to next meeting on 11th January 2011.

* Email from Wigtown C. C. on wind turbines and invited Garlieston to attend their meeting on 10th January - declined because of our prior arrangement with Planning.

Harbour:

G. Taylor emailed that there was positive progress on reservations of properties through improved advertising and presentation.

Safer Route to School and Traffic Management: No report. See Matters Arising - Peoples Lottery Grant above.

Coastal Protection: See DGFirst above.

Councillor's business:

* A. Geddes had prevailed on toilet completion and repair/renovation work now reported complete. The blocks were still locked up however, and an opening date was wanted.

* A. Geddes reported that he had been advised that Marine Scotland wanted to contact re. second stage in Wind Farm proposal. He had advised Michael McCreath, Roy Walter and Mike Marshall that pressure should be kept up against the proposal and that they should argue for no second stage meetings and for total withdrawal of the highly unpopular proposal.

Correspondence:

IN - Winter resilience pack and scheme - supposed to be 'simple' yet smothered in red tape. Needs locations identified for grit bins, individuals to hold equipment for use and preferably to take responsibility for helping to organise some snow clearing and grit spreading. Secretary to display posters in village shops prior to responding, 20.11.10; Planning Aid for Scotland - Training day 5.2.2011, 9.30 to 3.30 - one person per community council. no volunteer recorded; 21.11.10; Parliamentary Report from Alex Ferguson, 22.11.10; Fiona Ritchie re. 'changes in AGM practice in voting. A Geddes reported hat Galloway had used this method for several years, 6.11.10; NHS 'Connect' Newsletter 15.11.10; ASCC 'The Community Councillor' Journal 17.11.10.
OUT - G. McKie 3.11.10; D McRobert 3.11.10; and 16.11.10; J Ferguson 3.11.10 and 16.11.10.

Treasurer's Report

* Balance £12,8733.63 Including Lottery Grant of £9,400 and Youth Cluster Group awards. Treasurer requested monthly statement in place of quarterly - and will report precise breakdown of monies at net meeting.

Any Other Business:

- * Request that speakers are identified on Agenda - this is done when agreement has been confirmed - Will try to include whenever possible.
- * Christmas tree to be erected Wednesday morning 8th December 2010. Chair and volunteers.

DONM:

* Due to proximity of Hogmanay the next meeting will not be on Tuesday 4th January, **but on Tuesday 11th January at 7.15pm, 2011.**

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NORMALLY ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
AT 7.15 IN GARLIESTON TEMPERANCE HALL.**