

Minutes of Garlieston Community Council

7th September 2010

Members present: Rusty Taylor (Chair), Will Hawkins (Vice Chair), John Swift (Joint secretary), Harold Gray, Sandra Hedley, George Houston, Ronnie Huxtable, Nuala Jeffers; Angus Reid, Gordon Walling.
Ex officio Councillors Alistair Geddes & Sandra McDowell.
Apologies: Roy Walter (Treasurer), Jacquie Swift (Joint secretary), Councillor Graham Nicol.
Absent 0 Members of Public 5 Guest None

Minutes of previous meeting 3rd August 2010 Prop: Harold Grey, Sec: Ronnie Huxtable.

Agenda 7.9.2010 Matters Arising (Not covered on remaining agenda):

* Garlieston Village Hall Committee - Painting materials gathered by J Swift and R Huxtable - contact with Roy Lewis interrupted by his relocation but would resume soon. Grant for sanding and revarnishing of hall given by WAC in full. Thanks to Roy Walter and Alistair Geddes for their help and support in grant application..

* Gala Committee -Successful Gala Week, poor weather affected Saturday events but overall the Gala week made a profit of c. £1,400. Congratulations to the Gala Committee.

* Fruit & Flower Show - Letter of thanks for donation and our suggestions which would be discussed at AGM n March 2011.

* Wigtown Bay offshore wind farm proposal - Some discussion over details and their lack. A. Geddes pointed out that these facts were discussed in so far as possible at the various meetings in Wigtown last month. Hard facts were still not available. Concern over lack of action by some significant stakeholders. eg. RSPB. Wigtown Nature Reserve. Roy Walter had appeared on ITV Border TV speaking against the proposal. Hope to get more information next month from Roy.

Police Business:

* Two officers attended and reported a quiet month apart from some public disorder (notably Saturday 4th September evening) when police and two ambulances were called. This led to heated discussion over repeat police action to a specific address and yet the same problems kept arising. Nearby neighbours were sick of continued disorder, potential physical harm, and safety of children and wanted answers to why certain people were allocated houses and when proven malcontents were not evicted to safeguard other residents. Sec. to write to DGHP and ASB team re. problems and Councillors Geddes and McDowell to instigate a rapid response from both bodies especially in the light of child protection. This matter ran over into the public forum of the agenda, and the strategy above was agreed.

Public Forum:

* See above (Police) for details.

Presentation None

Youth and Young Persons Issues. Club restarted on 29th August with good attendance. Nicola Brawl/Broll? from Port William appointed and will take up post in a few weeks, meanwhile Rachel Jolly and a D&G Youth worker will continue to run the club.

DGFirst (Combined Services) matters:

* D. McRobert - visited boat park and agreed it needed tidying -with G. Walling's advice also agreed placing of lines, hard standing area for dinghies and steel pole for security of latter, and signage at site. He also mentioned that the car park would be lined.

* D. McRobert - Road repairs were very difficult in present economic climate but would hope to patch the worst examples in village when possible.

* Jean Bridge - informed over plank and assumed removed.

Planning:

* Heat exchanger on 5A North Crescent - little physical alteration to accommodation. No concerns.

* Change of function to old Church on Cowgate from apartments to a cafe and shop. Some discussion over value of proposals versus problems of narrow site and effect on parking. A vote was taken and the altered proposals 9 for and 1 against - 'no concerns' was carried.

Harbour:

* Some internal work in progress in a couple of houses.

* Developer and wife visit often to try and improve sales.

Safer Route to School and Traffic Management: No report.

Coastal Protection: Nothing to report

Councillor's business: Nothing beyond items above

Correspondence:

IN - F Ritchie - WAC meetings - replied supporting current arrangement 10.8.10; Education Equality Act for disabilities August '10; Renewal of Licensing policy 7.8.10; Sheila Armstrong - Forthcoming period review of community councils - all aspects 5.9.10; Police - offer of talk on spotting cannabis cultivation 18.8.10; Register of Electors - poster displayed 21.8.10; ASCC meetings to be held on 11h September 3.9.10; Access strategy workshops 26.8.10; Diversity Market place @ Stranraer and Dumfries, 14.10.10 and 15.10.10; Gala Lights - advertisement 26.8.10; Scottish Water brochure 4.9.10; Whithorn and District Local Business Directory 2.8.10; Loreburn Newsletter - 25.8.10; Fire and Rescue Report 3.9.10.

OUT - Dave McRobert 4.8.10; Jane Bridge 4.8.10; Creetown Initiative 4.8.10; Mike Marshall 4.8.10.

Treasurer's Report

* Treasurer absent £2.868 in account some of which is Youth club money..

Any Other Business:

Some concern was raised over the footpath to Rigg Bay - suggested contact Karen Morley to survey path and make recommendations where improvements needed

DONM:

* Next meeting Tuesday 5th October at 7.15pm, 2010.

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AT 7.15 IN GARLIESTON TEMPERANCE HALL.**

