

Minutes of Garlieston Community Council

10th January 2012

Members present: Rusty Taylor (Chair), Will Hawkins (Vice Chair), Jacquie Swift (Joint secretary), John Swift (Joint secretary), Roy Walter (Treasurer), George Houston, Ronnie Huxtable, Bobbie Maxwell, Gordon Walling.

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

Apologies:

Absent Harold Gray, Sandra Hedley, Nuala Jeffers. Members of Public 3

Minutes of previous meeting 6th December 2011 Prop: Bobby Maxwell Sec: Roy Walter

Agenda 6.12 2011 Matters Arising (Not covered on remaining agenda):

* Lottery Grant - Roy Walter reported that summary report by Wendy Jesson was still pending, and that nothing further had progressed. GCC showed concern over slowness of project with time running out for grant usage.

* Neighbourhood Watch - Bobby Maxwell was thanked for displaying posters around village, and reported that a spokesperson would soon distribute information to village on the use of Neighbourhood Watch and contact numbers.

* Bonfire night - Thanked Sheila for her fund raising and organisation of Bonfire Night, and Chris for making up small deficit in funding for fireworks.

* Winter Resilience Kit - Four snow shovels and two salt spreaders received c. 21st December, and held by Will Hawkins and Paul Turner for use by village. Need storage salt bin at Forteviot to facilitate.

* Footpath near play park - Not responsibility of DGHP, but owned by D&G Council. Have written to inform them and ask for action - call to say work would be done as soon as possible.

Police Business:

* Two WPCs stated that only one crime had been reported - vandalism of public toilets and witnesses were required. One further complaint was made, is being investigated, and person(s) involved will be updated on progress.

Public Forum: See under DGFirst - harbour below.

Presentation D&G Infirmary proposals - speaker could not attend this meeting but has rescheduled for 7th February 2012.

Youth and Young Persons Issues. Pantomime visit (18.12.2011) very successful. hope to repeat next year.

DGFirst (Combined Services) matters:

* Roads and other matters - Wrote to Colin Forbes listing outstanding complaints from last three GCC meetings. No written reply as yet. Secretary to invite him to walk around Garlieston as Dave McRobert used to do and see the problems for himself. Reported that road from Garlieston outwith were very dangerous with massive potholes - including road to Sorbie, Whithorn and the Isle - a feeling of being trapped inside the village was felt.

* Harbour issues - Jane Bridge's recent email agreeing to attend on 7th February to discuss issues, also reported that work on harbour berth 1 had been agreed, contracts in progress and work should begin in late February. Because of need to discuss footbridge also, GCC agreed to move meeting forward to 6.30 pm and ask Jane to attend at earlier time. Various extra items were mentioned including insurance. Secretary to rearrange times with Jane.

* Memorial and Salt Bin - Wrote to Margaret Burton, who is no longer in previous post. Alan Bradley replied that memorial had been cleaned but feared stone itself was stained, and that lettering would have to be completely replaced - too worn to repair. Expensive and expect to take longer to remedy.

* Peter Wilson contacted Sec. and reported that salt bin at bottom of Mill Road had been repaired. late December.

Planning:

* Rebuilding of Berth 1 in harbour (see DGFirst).

Harbour: - See DGFirst.

Safer Route to School and Traffic Management: - No comment

Coastal Protection: Nothing further to October Minutes.

Councillor's business: A Geddes has again continued action on our behalf on harbour, lottery grant and youth club hall payment. Many thanks.

Correspondence:

IN - Wind Farm community funds - general interest but not applicable to Garlieston - 11.12.11; Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme - posted displayed - 12.12.11; Outer Solway Wind Farm proposal (Dong) - another attempt to mess up the Solway - anticipate protests at planned meetings in early 2012 - 15.12.11; Local Development Plan - alerting GCC to forthcoming consultative meetings in early 2012. Sec. to register GCC interest; British Red Cross - 8.12.11; Severe Weather Information - This led to a debate on how emergency services in recent electric outages had shown a lack of links from supplier to D&G Council and communities. Secretary to write to Winter Resilience (Steven Wiley) re. availability of a generator for village hall, and to Harry Hay for clarification of emergency practices with telephone contact numbers. - 15.12.11; Food Train Newsletter - 16.12.11; Loreburn Newsletter - 17.12.11; Stranraer Museum poster - 16.12.11.

OUT - Charles Clemie DGFirst - 7.12.11; Jane Bridge - Harbour matters - 7.12.11; Margaret Burton - Memorial; & Salt Bins 7.12.11; Sheila Smith - 7.12.11; DGHP - footpath 7.12.11; Colin Forbes - cumulative matters - 17.12.11 & 19.12.11.

Treasurer's Report

* C.£10.800 including Lottery Grant and Youth Club monies.

Any Other Business:

* Rusty Taylor unexpectedly announced he was standing down as Chairman due to pressure of other work and would not remain as a GCC member. This would leave GCC one member short. Next meeting provisionally chaired by Vice Chair - Will Hawkins.

DONM: **Meeting on Tuesday 7th February 2012 at 6.30 pm, 2012.**
Time adjusted due to debate with Jane Bridge.

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