

Minutes of Garlieston Community Council

1st May 2012

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

Ex officio Councillor Alistair Geddes, Wendy Jesson D&G Council.

Apologies: Absent Sandra Hedley, Mel Lochrie, Wendy Turner, Councillors Sandra McDowell, Graham Nicol. Members of Public 0

Minutes of previous meeting 3rd April 2012 Prop: Bobby Maxwell Sec: George Houston
Chairperson's Report AGM 2011- 2012 Prop Ronnie Huxtable Sec Roy Walter

GCC COMMITTEE -

As no person had nominated any change in officers, and in October 2012 elections for GCC would be held, no discussion on membership or officer's posts was held.

Agenda 3.4.2012 Matters Arising (Not covered on remaining agenda):

* **Footbridge** - Wendy Jesson and Roy Walter summarised present position - that following a meeting of all representatives involved in late April, Conservation Officer recommended a better architectural design, but no money available for this and would not delay planning decision. The School requirement for locks on path, would prevent adoption by D&G Council and possible DGHP involvement - as a result GCC would have to adopt, insure and maintain the footbridge - a task beyond financial reality and a poor legacy to leave to others. Possible to approach project in phases - footbridge then followed by phase 2 - footpath. School had Minutes (January 2012)? stating that gates must be locked onto footpath and playing fields? - GCC have not seen these but need to. Discussion centred round school's duty of care and supervision during breaks, and anomalous position over security as front of school is invariably open and unlocked. Several members commented that no other school took such precautions to such an extent. GCC did not wish to provoke antagonism but wished to make better, more accessible access to playing fields and Randolph Crescent to the benefit of the whole village. Education Officer (Lorian Voss?) should be involved in future meeting(s). Education representatives and School Board had been invited to attend GCC meeting on 1.5.12 but had declined. A. Geddes suggested a deputation to meet with School Board and Ed. officer to try and find a way through this impasse - suggested Chair, Vice Chair and a member plus a secretary (Jacquie). Will Hawkins to contact school and arrange a meeting, Wendy to draw up a list of topics for discussion at meeting. Roy Walter had argued his views at earlier meeting and felt new faces would be better for any moves ahead.

* **Boat/Car park** - Roy Walter had been very active in trying to clear the car parking area of boats and trailers, and had been in contact with Paula McGeady (solicitor legal services D&G Council) re. solutions - following the proposal to locate the Royal diamond jubilee party on the car park on June 3rd 2012, she advised closing the area for traffic through a Special Events Notice. Secretary to inform Claire McCulloch, Jane Bridge, Colin Forbes and P. McGeady and request a week long Notice from and including 1st to 6th June to cover preparation and dismantling.

* **Queen's Diamond Jubilee Party** - to be held on 3rd June in Car Park opposite village hall. (See above item). Funding applied for and donations already being received.

* **Electric - Scottish Power meeting report** - Letter re generator and forward planning sent to Harry Hay but no reply or acknowledgement received.

Police Business: Community officer reported more vandalism in public toilets, with empty alcohol bottles left - no one had seen or heard anything that suggested a disturbance but the presence of alcohol suggested some older persons may be involved. To inhibit this problem and with no D&G Council pay for a cleaner/locker up, Bobby Maxwell volunteered to open the toilets from 6.30 am and lock them again at c. 6.30 pm. The alternative could be the Council refusing to pay bill for damage and total closure of facility. His generous offer was gratefully accepted. Police also told meeting of a Super Safety meeting at the School on 10th May at 6.30 pm - open to all community. Local children involved in presentation.

Public Forum: No public attended.

Presentation None.

Youth and Young Persons Issues. Re. funding, contacted Sharon Cameron at 'Bridge' - no reply yet. Letter from Heather Meldrum (standing for election as Labour Councillor) offering any help with Garlieston Youth Club. Apprised her of the situation and she agreed to assist and liaise with Councillor Geddes.

DGFirst (Combined Services) matters: Colin Forbes replied that Eggerness Road would be repaired as soon as possible and referred Burnside Lane lighting to Calum Edgar who replied that D&G Council has a policy of not lighting unadopted roads. It was suggested that house owners could fit action motivated safety lights to their houses which would solve the problem, and further that anyone purchasing a house on Burnside Lane would know it was an unadopted road and its consequences. Complaints had been made over length of grass in boat/trailer park. Sec. to request whether Colin could help.

Planning: - Nothing specifically at Garlieston

Harbour: - A full illustrated report of harbour mooring inspection has been received from Jane Bridge and bodes well for future liaison in its exactitude and individual precision per mooring. Individuals had also received notice of this as boat owners.

GCC disturbed over lack of progress at harbour housing development and wonder when the site will look more complete. Leave for moment whilst harbour repairs in progress which seem to be ahead of schedule.

Safer Route to School and Traffic Management: - See Footbridge

Coastal Protection: - mentioned in DGFirst visit.

Councillor's business: As mentioned above.

Correspondence:

IN - Wendy Jesson - Data Protection - 11.4.12; Wind Turbine notification of meeting in April - 24.4.12; M. Ogilvie - salt spreader survey - 30.3.12; Super market proposal from objectors - GCC decided to listen to developers (majority vote) Sec. to invite them to next meeting 10.4.12; CCs action to hurry government implementation - 12.4.12; R, Patterson - Funding sources - 18.4.12; Stranraer Museum posted - 26.4.12; Loreburn Newsletter - 30.4.12; S, Armstrong - insurance and data protection - 1.5.12; G. McKie - village hall new arrangements - 1.5.12; Garlieston School re super safety event - 20.4.12.
OUT - Colin Forbes - roads etc. 4.4.12; Fiona Ritchie - 4.4.12; Gordon Walling - thanks - 4.4.12; Harry Hay - electric and safety for communities in adverse weather - 4.4.12.

Treasurer's Report

* Closing balance £21,109.32 including Lottery Grant £17,485.14, Council matters £1,053.24 and Youth Club £2,570.04.

Any Other Business:

* Winding attachments on tennis court broken need replacing but no money - Agree to 50 % donation from GCC and Gala Committee.

* Problem with telephone box card system - visitor had difficulty - however it should respond to 999 calls.

* Complaints over unsightly area opposite Straight Road - Roy Walter reported that beech hedging would be planted soon and would improve matters.

DONM: Tuesday 5th June 2012 at 7.15 pm, 2012.

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