

Minutes of Garlieston Community Council

7th August 2012

Members present: Will Hawkins (Chair), Ronnie Huxtable (Vice Chair), Jacquie Swift (Joint secretary), John Swift (Joint secretary), Roy Walter (Treasurer), Mel Lochrie, Bobbie Maxwell, Chris Rose.

Ex officio Councillors Alistair Geddes, Jim McColm, Graham Nicol.

Apologies: George Houston,

Absent Wendy Turner.

Members of Public

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Minutes of previous meeting 3rd July 2012 With correction of address for C. Rose to 17 South Crescent Prop: Roy Walter Sec: Mel Lochrie.

GCC COMMITTEE -

Chris Rose had completed forms and was proposed, seconded and unanimously voted as a full member of GCC. Proposer John Swift Sec Roy Walter.

Agenda 7.8.2012 Matters Arising (Not covered on remaining agenda):

* **Footbridge** - Roy Walter reported that a renewed planning permission for the footbridge had been submitted, other bodies informed and Wendy Jesson had agreed to work with Roy. Awaiting formal response. Some necessary tree felling lies within conservation boundary which will need accommodating.

* **Boat/Car park** - No timescale possible as yet but will keep GCC informed.

* **Football club** - B. Maxwell reported no further progress.

* **Community Council elections** - The three yearly election of community council was in progress. If more than 12 applications for membership received, an election meeting would be held on 4th October, if more than 6 but less than 12 applied then the names submitted would be declared the new Garlieston Community Council subject to usual checks. Nomination forms were given to all attending and forwarded to absent members and posters had been displayed in shops and notice board. Electoral roll numbers needed for nominee, proposer and seconder, available from D&G Council. Completed forms to be returned to J. Swift or sent by individual to Stephen Jack, Sun Street, Stranraer DG9 7JJ.

* **Gala Week** - List of events displayed around village from 13th to 19th August 2012.

Police Business: PCs Stuart Scott and Gillian Dingwall reported four thefts in Garlieston and area, that some property had been recovered and enquiries were continuing. A local man had been found dead in his home on Saturday. The police did not wish to comment on newspaper articles and advised any comments either to Papers and/or to local police station.

Public Forum: Following misunderstanding of footbridge grant, the process was explained once again and that grant was limited to footbridge only. Objections could be made when planning proposal published, and objections needed to be framed within planning regulations.

Presentation No presentation

Youth and Young Persons Issues.

* Retrospective payments for hall use within cluster group still unpaid.

* No communication re. grant application for hall fees for 2012-2013

* A. Geddes reported that Wendy Jesson apologises for delay on retrospective payments, and that decisions on grants would be made in September and there were overwhelming requests for financial support.

DGFirst (Combined Services) matters:

* Replies from Colin Forbes - potholes repaired, but no sign of weed clearing on footpath between sea wall and bowling green, or responses to boat park clearance and boat relocation. Secretary requested to contact Colin Forbes and invite him to further morning meeting to examine incomplete agreements from last visit, eg, items above, street signs, direction signs, repair of old bus stop on Mill Road, coping stones on High Street, Culderry Row pavement.

* A. Geddes suggested that GCC should contact Stephen Herriot (PHES) and raise consultancy with him over general upkeep of variety of Community Facility tasks - eg., grass cutting, path clearance, weed control. Secretary to contact.

* Roy Walter reported lack of any work on Garlieston to Rigg Bay path which was becoming difficult to walk through because of growth of plants. Had been done by Community Volunteer Group but apparently this had been withdrawn.

* Secretary to contact Jane Bridge re. weeds and rubbish in boat park and placing of boats from slipway to boat park, and harbour master's duties.

Planning: -

- * Roy Walter had forwarded GCC's objection to wind turbines at Baltier and Cults farms
- * Planning permission for renewed permission of small house on Culderry Row - any comments to Secretary when plan available.
- * Planning permission sought for agricultural building at Millisle farm - comments to Secretary when plans available.

Harbour: - Repairs well behind schedule, reported completion hearsay c.2 more weeks.

Safer Route to School and Traffic Management: - Implied in Footbridge under Matters Arising.

Coastal Protection: - mentioned in DGFirst visit in March

Councillor's business: As mentioned above, and comment that there had been problems in payment to contractors.

Correspondence:

IN - Energy Saving Trust - including turbines, etc., - 12.7.12; Licensing Board new regulations - complicated and 22 pages long but seemed to contain nothing new - GCC agreed to accept regulations - 14.7.12; Grant for GCC - forms to complete plus finances (Roy) before return to D&G Council - 30.7.12; Wigtown C.C. requested interest in their decision over proposed wind farm above Creetown. They had offered to hold meeting late August and invite all local CCs - Secretary to respond and accept August meeting proposal - 25.7.12; Stranraer Museum posters re exhibitions and Castle access - 26.7.12; Loreburn Newsletter - 23.7.12.
OUT - Colin Forbes - various 4.7.2012; Chris Rose - 4.7.12.

Treasurer's Report

- * C. £17,500 including grants and youth club monies, but excluding expenses recently paid.

Any Other Business:

- * Some complaints over lorry apparently loading material from Armstrong site. A. Geddes stated that D&G Council should not be using the site, especially as its location at entry to village was first introduction to the village for visitors.

DONM: Tuesday 4th September 2012 at 7.15 pm..

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