

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

Ex officio Councillors Alistair Geddes, Jim McColm.

Apologies: Councillor Graham Nicol.

Absent 0 Members of Public 0

**Minutes of previous meeting 7th August 2012 With correction of apology for Wendy Turner instead of Absent** Prop: Bobbie Maxwell Sec: Roy Walter.

**Agenda 4.9.2012 Matters Arising (Not covered on remaining agenda):**

\* **EMES** - Alistair Geddes informed meeting of a new scheme (EMES)? to enable elected councillors to have immediate direct access to D&G Council departments. Agreed that this might save Secretaries work and lead to more rapid and full responses.

\* **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. Planning had published the proposals, any objections to be decided by 30th September, and all being right, work would proceed directly. Costing may need updating as initial costings are about a year old.

\* **Community Council elections** - All ten present members have been nominated and forms returned to S. Jack. Some confusion over next meeting and polling date (if more than 12 people apply for GCC) - Agreed that Sec. should contact D&G Council for clarification. A meeting must be held within 21 days after 4th October.

\* **Gala Week** - Very successful, final finances not complete, but well supported by donations.

\* **Garlieston Ground Maintenance** - Letter sent to S. Herriott, reply from Keith Brown which was found to be unhelpful and didn't address the point of consultation with GCC. A. Geddes to contact.

*Police Business:* PC Alison Hannah reported two ASBs - breaking the peace and vandalism - both forwarded to Procurator Fiscal. Toilets has been deliberately blocked (15.8.2012). B. Maxwell stated that they were OK when he opened them. There was concern over cold calling (supposedly for Marie Curie) asking for personal bank details. A collector for Muscular Dystrophy was genuine.

*Public Forum:* There had been contact over firework night, but some confusion over responsibility - no action taken by GCC.

*Presentation* No presentation

*Youth and Young Persons Issues.*

\* Retrospective payments for Isle of Whithorn and Port William halls (2011-2012) should be paid soon when admin. is sorted.

\* Club restarted on 3.9.2012 on temporary basis until Leader reply to core funding application.

\* Temporary worker plus Emma and possibly another local volunteer.

*DGFirst (Combined Services) matters:*

\* **Colin Forbes** - Site visit postponed due to date clashes with availability - will renegotiate for week beginning 10th September. Circulated Minutes of February following site visit in January - it was noted that many items had been successfully completed. Salt bin had not been supplied to Forteviot Gardens - and winter was imminent

\* Wendy Turner complained over malfunctioning light on Forteviot Gardens opposite no. 23. Reported the fault but no action taken.

\* GCC had contacted Stephen Herriot (PHES) and raised consultancy with him over general upkeep of variety of Community Facility tasks. See Matters Arising, item 5.

\* **Jane Bridge** - harbour -- in reply to our letter - found no rubbish, thought tenders not blocking slipway, and enclosed harbour master's duties. Agreed that tenders might present no problem at the moment, but could act as a magnet and attract others to leave their tenders there. Sec. to contact. It was also reported that a block on south harbour wall was missing

*Planning:* -

\* See Matters arising, item, 2.

*Harbour:* - Repairs completed mid August.

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

*Coastal Protection:* - mentioned in DGFirst visit in March

*Councillor's business:*

\* A.Geddes reported electric outage 1.9.2012 at 7.00 am. Had contacted Scottish Power - reported that lightning strike had set pole on fire. Wigtown Area Committee meeting postponed, but due to hear wind farm items which would be of interest to GCC.

*Correspondence:*

IN - Southern Uplands Pathway Newsletter 14.6.2012; N. Walker, Wigtown C C. tried to arrange meeting with other CCs and developer re. Mark Farm wind turbines - developer eventually cancelled 24.8.2012; Wendy Jesson - notice of Scottish Government renewable energy/wind farm consultation. At MacMillan Hall, Newton Stewart, Friday 7th September evening from 7 to 9 pm. It is thought that Marine Scotland are hosting - the defeated company on the Solway proposals - 23.8.2012; Loreburn Newsletter - 20.8.2012.

OUT - Colin Forbes - 8.8.2012; Jane Bridge - 8.8.2012; S. Herriott - Grounds maintenance 8.8.2012; Stephen Jack - nomination forms - 3.9.2012.

*Treasurer's Report*

\* No change - C. £17.500 including grants and youth club monies.

*Any Other Business:*

\* Wendy reported that Garlieston School had found old tapestries which they wished to exhibit in Village Hall. however the hall keeper had refused on grounds of fire danger!. There had been previous difficulty over crowning Gala Queen if weather was inclement. Referred Wendy to Karen Brownlea over the matters.

***DONM: Tuesday 9th October 2012 at 7.00 pm.***

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