

3 mg - a week for here John (Lee & James also covered)

## Minutes of Garlieston Community Council 9th October 2012

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

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

Apologies: George Houston, Mel Lochrie, Jacque Swift.

Absent 0 Members of Public 1

FIRST MEETING OF GARLIESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL - taken from Draft Minutes by Laura Kiltie on behalf of the Returning Officer. Present and apologies as above. Noted that a training session would be forthcoming for Community Councillors. Appointments of officers:

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| <b>Chair</b>      | <b>William Hawkins</b> | <b>Proposer</b> | <b>Robert Maxwell</b>  | <b>Seconder</b> | <b>John Swift</b>     |
| <b>Vice-Chair</b> | <b>Ronnie Huxtable</b> | "               | <b>William Hawkins</b> | "               | <b>Roy Walter</b>     |
| <b>Secretary</b>  | <b>John Swift</b>      | "               | <b>William Hawkins</b> | "               | <b>Robert Maxwell</b> |
| <b>Treasurer</b>  | <b>Roy Walter</b>      | "               | <b>John Swift</b>      | "               | <b>Wendy Turner</b>   |

The Meeting under the Chair of Will Hawkins then proceeded as follows:

Minutes of previous meeting 4th September 2012 Prop: Roy Walter. Sec: Ronnie Huxtable

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

- \* EMES - Elected Members Enquiry Service has worked well - responses are quicker and work more rapidly undertaken (see below for details).
- \* Footbridge - Roy Walter reported that proposal was being examined and all being well would gain approval and work start date in c. a week.
- \* Gala Week - Very successful, final finances not complete, but well supported by donations.
- \* Garlieston Ground Maintenance - Letter received from Wigtown C. C. re meeting to discuss this on Wednesday, 10th October at Wigtown County Buildings, 7.00 pm
- \* Garlieston Chiropodist Mobile Service - Complaint that this service appears to have been withdrawn and patients obliged to visit Newton Stewart. Secretary to contact MSP.
- \* Village Hall - EMES (JimMcC) - Karen Brownlie contacted re 1). School exhibition of tapestries can go ahead in village hall (supper room) at times to suit school and hall; 2) use of hall for Gala Week - book well in advance - if not used no fee is payable. Problems contact Karen at <Karen.Brownlie@dumgal.gov.uk>

Police Business: Police apologised for absence - busy.

Public Forum: A request was made for a donation for fireworks night. On this occasion GCC was unable to oblige.

Presentation No presentation

### Youth and Young Persons Issues.

- \* Retrospective payments for Isle of Whithorn and Port William halls (2011-2012) still not paid. EMES (AG) to push this urgently.
- \* Meeting held at Port William, 2nd October. Reported that funding in place for salaries, but no funding for hall fees for 2012/13 or retrospective payments for 2011/12.
- \* New strategy for older groups - intergenerational activities - exchange of stories and skills for example.
- \* Port William planning exit strategy for funding after June 2013.
- \* Jacque disagrees with exit strategy - feeling that the unique status of a cluster group prevents unnecessary duplication of bids and effort, and gives a stronger more focussed emphasis to fund raising.
- \* Jacque has resigned as liaison for Garlieston and for fund raising because of poor health.

### DGFirst (Combined Services) matters:

- \* Site visit by Colin Forbes and Gus McCleary- A report on work agreed was forwarded to Secretary - Cut out and patch area at Mill Road/South Crescent junction; remove overgrown shrubs at Mill Road bus shelter; remove branches opposite High Street; and install a new salt bin at Forteviot Gardens. Tasks completed shortly afterwards. Other tasks were Jane Bridge's responsibility - Renew street names for Mill Road and South Crescent and install name plate at sea end of South Street; public utility manhole on Mill Road needs some reinstatement work; road safety issue at junction of High Street and South Street; and War Memorial walkway and repointing of Memorial. Culderry Row pavement on future list, and resurfacing of Cowgate towards end of year. Query over bowling green footway's responsibility - whose is it?

- \* EMES (AG) Wendy Turner complained over malfunctioning light on Forteviot Gardens - light in question has been repaired - phase 3 to be completed this financial year. EMES (AG) re. salt bin provision - item now in place, difficult to know whether EMES or Site Visit responsible for its provision.
- \* GCC had contacted Stephen Herriot (PHES) and raised consultancy with him over general upkeep of variety of Community Facility tasks. See Matters Arising, item 4.
- \* Jane Bridge - harbour -- in reply to our letter - found no rubbish, Boat Park strimmed and tidied. Sec to contact re. Colin Forbes list of agreed issues,
- \* EMES (AG) re. boat in harbour. Answer by C. Clemie boat put in for repairs and shelter - problems with steerage. Owner contacted on 6.9.12 - plans to repair rudder on next visit. Some work apparently being undertaken.

*Planning:* -

- \* Nothing involving Garlieston.

*Harbour:* - See DGFirst above (Jane Bridge)

*Safer Route to School and Traffic Management:* - See DGFirst (Jane Bridge).

*Coastal Protection:* - mentioned in DGFirst visit in March 2012

*Councillor's business:*

- \* A.Geddes reported that a conference was being planned with Wigtown Area Committee on Renewable Energy looking at broader schemes, e.g., hydro electric. Sec had received some information which he passed to Roy Walter.
- \* A. Geddes reported that speedier Broadband could be in place by 2015 - although rural areas would not necessarily benefit immediately.

*Correspondence:*

IN - Wigtown Community Council - notice of meeting with Grounds Maintenance over new scheme - consult and question session on Wednesday 10th October at County Buildings, 7.00 pm; Stranraer Exhibition of Frontage scheme at Market, 10.10.12 and Library, 13-19.10.12; Conference on getting young people involved in Edinburgh; Research Group with H and I University - seeking volunteers for focus groups on minimum income standard for remote and rural Scotland.. Located in Newton Stewart and Port William. **Newton Stewart** 29.10.12, at Belted Galloway, 7-10 pm Working people: 30.10.12, 10 am - 1 pm. Retired people. **Port William** 13.11.12 @ PW Youth Centre, 6.30 - 9.30 pm Working people; 14.11.12 - 10.30 - 1.30 Retired people. An attendance fee of £25.00 will be paid to focus group members. For further information contact Jo Ellen 01997.433403. Scottish Water - advice for winter protection; Newton Stewart Round Table requesting opportunity to talk with GCC on helping with Santa sleigh in December - Sec. to invite; Douglas Ewart School request for scholar to attend Memorial service in November and lay a wreath - Agreed - Sec to contact; D&GInfirmery new location at Garroch; Leader Days events - none nearby; European Union Sustainable Energy Project - See Councillor's business above; Stranraer Museum poster.

OUT - Stephen Jacks - 5.9.2012;

*Treasurer's Report*

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

*Any Other Business:*

- \* Wreaths had been received and paid for. Ceremony at Garlieston on 11th November at 3 pm

**DONM: Tuesday 6th November 2012 at 7.15 pm.**

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