

Minutes of Garlieston Community Council

8th January 2013

Members present: Will Hawkins (Chair), Ronnie Huxtable (Vice Chair), John Swift (Secretary), Roy Walter (Treasurer), George Houston, Chris Rose.

Ex officio Councillors Alistair Geddes, Jim McColm.

Apologies: Jacquie Swift, Councillor Graham Nicol.

Absent Mel Lochrie, Bobbie Maxwell, Wendy Turner. Members of Public 0

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

Agenda 8.1.2013 Matters Arising (Not covered on remaining agenda):

* EMES - Elected Members Enquiry Service - see below for use.

* Footbridge - No further information. GCC decided to invite Alastair Speedie to future meeting to report on progress, EMES JMcC.

* Car park - No further information - invite A. Speedie to future meeting, EMES AG.

* Garlieston Chiropodist Mobile Service - Alex Ferguson had attended a meeting with the Local Health Board with the mobile clinic on the agenda. NHS view was that mobile service was not as good as clinic care, and that it would cease. NHS Local Health Board assured AF that 'they are looking at providing better podiatry services in both Stranraer and Newton Stewart ... to work with Wigtownshire Transport Service to explore the possibilities of a partnership arrangement for flexible access to the clinic'. Sec to thank AF and ask to him keep an eye on the progress.

Police Business: WPC Alison Hannah reported that a theft has been reported, and progress was ongoing. No other matters were raised apart from the sign on North Beach being removed, and concern that noisy trail bike riders might return. Concerning the refusal of boat owner to remove his boats from car park, the Inspector had decided not to enforce their temporary removal, as a result they interfered with the Jubilee/Anniversary day much to the villagers' disgust.

Public Forum: No public in attendance.

Presentation None.

Youth and Young Persons Issues.

As Jacquie's health has enforced her absence and retirement from the Port William Development Trust and the Cluster Group, there is nothing to report. No other Garlieston person has proposed continuing in her place, which places future of Youth Club in jeopardy.

DGFirst (Combined Services) matters:

* Colin Forbes

* Email re. potholes and road situation - no reply as yet - vacation? EMES AG also sent.

* Bowling Green foot path - EMES AG suggesting DGFirst retain previous arrangement where such paths are adopted by D&G Council to prevent any possibility of future danger to Council owned pavements/roads, and that some good will and common sense would help here. No reply (see above)*

* Jane Bridge

* No response reported. (EMES JMcC & AG)

Planning:

* Mill Road site inspected and revisited, no promised report. (EMES AG)

* Scottish Government alert that some planning regulations will alter and be in force by February 2013. Details to follow if Scottish parliament approves.

* Local Development plan arrived - no changes proposed for Garlieston, but Culderry site not indicated, Sec. to contact Andy Maxwell (Strategic Planning) to clarify situation.

* Meetings to discuss above in plan for early 2013 - details to follow.

Harbour: Tom McCreath informed GCC that Garlieston Harbour Users Group had ceased, and following discussions with Secretary and Treasurer had agreed to hand responsibility to GCC and bank account. Received sum of £324.88. Sec. to thank T. McCreath for his assistance.

Safer Route to School and Traffic Management: - No further information.

Coastal Protection: mentioned in DGFirst visit in March 2012

Councillor's business:

Nothing extra to EMES reports. JMcC advised close reading of Local Development Plan for rural small villages.

Correspondence:

IN - Notice of 4th Periodic Review of Community Councils; Winter Resilience Training seminar = cancelled; Loreburn Newsletter; Civic Awards notification of scheme - if Garlieston footbridge is completed this could be a submission, agreed; notification of equal opportunities responses required over gypsy/traveller sites, arrived 15.12.12 response needed by 17.12.12!

OUT - Alex Fergusson - podiatry mobile clinic - 5.12.12;- Fiona Ritchie - Constitution returned - 5.12.12; Tom McCreath - GHUG plans for future; Hilda Johnson - dates of next year's meetings.

Treasurer's Report

* £19158 - with multiple sub holdings for Award, grants, youth club. GHUG.

Any Other Business:

* Galloway House foot path - exceptionally wet weather has made this almost impassable in places, some repair if possible before Easter, Roy W to take a look at feasibility. Voluntary Service now charges for work.

* Xmas tree and lights erected, GCC thanks members and other volunteers for help in erection, lighting and eventual disposal of tree. It was a particularly good display this year.

* Dog Fouling - Bad once again - invite B. Mately (any effect?). Will Hawkins to contact him.

DONM: Tuesday 5th February 2013 at 7.15 pm.

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