

Garlieston Community Council

Minutes of meeting 5th February 2013

Present: GH, WH, CR, BM, RW, WT / Councillors: AG, GN, JM

Public: Mrs Fisher rep. School Board.

Apologies: RH, JS, (Wendy Jesson)

The start of the meeting was deferred as the Chairman paid tribute to Jacquie Swift (Joint Secretary) who sadly passed away on January 23rd. Jacquie was further remembered during a one minute silence.

Minutes of previous meeting prop. by George Houston and sec. by Chris Rose.

Police Business

- Theft of fishing gear from moored vessel. Inquiry is ongoing.
- Operation Steer has been mounted in the region to address antisocial behaviour with respect to vehicles.
- FarmWatch programme has been instigated: two-way SMS alert/notification service to combat theft from farms.
- Letter received from police concerning draft Strategic Police Plan. Related meeting March 13th (RW to attend).

Matters arising

Bridge

- Planning permission has been granted. Includes gated access and lighting.
- We are awaiting confirmation of revised costs/commencement date.
- Wendy Jesson will be attending all future related meetings as liaison/progress chaser.
- Mrs Fisher reported that the school had not been kept up to date and were unaware of the planning consent being granted.

School Council

Following a request George Houston has volunteered to join the School Council and was thanked by Mrs Fisher.

Car park and boat relocation

The matter rests with D&G Council who are looking into ownership of the land. It was noted that Tom McCreath already has this information and that D&G had been advised to consult him on the matter but had apparently not done so.

Fireworks

An email from Mr & Mrs Bailey was discussed. Members unanimously agreed that the subject was not a matter for discussion by the Community Council.

Mobile podiatry clinic termination

A letter had been received from Alex Ferguson MSP stating that he would raise the matter at the quarterly meeting of NHS officials.

DG First

Condition of bowling green path still an issue but matter of ownership remains unresolved. Still awaiting substantive response.

Roads etc.

Potholes too numerous to mention requiring urgent attention. Also speed bumps on Mill Hill are in a bad state and need to be repaired.

Planning

- The consultation period for the Proposed Local Development Plan (LDP) runs from January 28th to 2pm on March 11th 2013. Representations will not be accepted before or after the consultation period.
- Concerns over future and safety of Armstrong site adjacent to garage remain.

Harbour

Letter from John Swift concerning Harbour Users Group was read. Members felt that the detail of the letter did not accurately reflect what had been agreed at the previous meeting. As far as the harbour is concerned the Community Council will [continue to] represent the community on harbour matters and will interface with the Harbourmaster and D&G Council in that regard.

Councillors

- AG -- ongoing community business via EMES.
- JM -- was advised that the fishing boat that has not moved from its mooring for several months is not owned by the operator but leased. Lease payments have allegedly fallen into arrears. This raised the question of whether or not harbour dues were being paid and who was liable for them. Seizure of the vessel by D&G Council was discussed.
- The rumoured closure of Garlieston School (c.f. Cluster Review) was discussed and dismissed as baseless by Councillors present.

Correspondence

Nothing material.

Treasurer's report

- No change since previous meeting. Balance approx. comprising a mix of funds.
- Invoice for Christmas tree @ £200 received.

AOCB

- Bridge at caravan site is in need of repair.
- Pointing is being removed from seaward [south] side of harbour wall.

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Tuesday 5th March at 1915.