

Minutes of Garlieston Community Council (GCC)

2nd July 2013

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

Ex officio Councillors Alistair Geddes, Jim McColm.

Apologies: Roy Walter (Treasurer), Councillor Graham Nicol, Wendy Jesson.

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

Minutes of previous meeting 4th June 2013

With addition of member of public complaint over road conditions Prop: George Houston Sec: Chris Rose

Agenda 2.7.2013 Matters Arising (Not covered on remaining agenda):

* **Constitution** - Sec had received letter from S. Armstrong detailing Constitution rules. Not interactive but a template to which there is no alteration. Reluctantly agreed to accept the dictat of the Constitution and make plain our dislike of its anti democratic nature. We had believed that D&G Council had written standards of consultation, apparently not when inconvenient. Sec to reply.

* **Footbridge** - Both Roy and Wendy J were not present and no further information re. funding had been received. Wigtown Area Committee had agreed to extend its funding until 31st July.

* **Car park** - Alastair Speedie had yet to provide any further information. Agreed that Sec should invite him to September meeting to explain delay.

* **Scottish Power** - A summary of the meeting was presented. Scottish Power apologised for previous reliability, customer care and frequency of cuts, they also explained new plans to improve the system with some extra funding, and arrangements for better customer care. An emergency number 0845 272 7999 was announced. A distinct improvement on previous meetings' tone and helpfulness.

Police Business: WPC stated that no criminal activity had been reported, that Police schemes and educational links announced previously are ongoing Apologised for absence at next meeting (holidays) and would contact Sec. with any report.

Public Forum: Nothing raised.

Presentation None

Youth and Young Persons Issues

No representative of Youth Club present.

DGFirst (Combined Services) matters:

* **Colin Forbes**

* **Street lighting** - Report from Calum Edgar that Forteviot Gardens will be 'finished this year' and the whole village system changed to LED lighting.

* Also see Harbour below.

Planning: None

Harbour:

James McLeod reported that Luce Bay Plant Hire had been informed of necessary repairs, and were ascertaining optimal tidal conditions for full repair of faulty/failing work.

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

Coastal Protection:

Following an unsatisfactory reply to Sec's letter and A.Geddes EMES, the Sec, wrote further and pointed out ill informed, ignorant and unhelpful response. Since then no further reply from Ian Cooper. Sec. to recontact.

Councillor's business:

* **EMES** - Elected Members Enquiry Service being used effectively.

* As noted above.

Correspondence:

IN - LEADER announcement of funding opportunities available, phone 01387 260028 for application forms; NHS - Infection Control Group; Meetings re. development of Mull of Galloway Coastal Path in late June; Wendy Jesson - Development of 'Next Generation Broadband - community response vital; Fiona

Ritchie - Budget Savings in customer services, libraries, Registration and reviews of Community facilities such as village halls; Moira Weatherup - Waste Service Changes - Sec to invite MW to September meeting of GCC; Nick Jackson - Ground maintenance and costs report; Loreburn Newsletter.
OUT - Colin Forbes 5.6.13; Ian Cooper 8.6.13; Sheila Armstrong 20.6.13.

Treasurer's Report

None available - and audited accounts for year not finalised yet.

Any Other Business:

- * R. Huxtable raised lack of progress over Car Park and wanted a meeting with A. Speedie to resolve matters. Agreed to invite him to August meeting.
- * R. Huxtable was angered by NHS's lack of concern over travelling distances across D&G and wanted to invite a senior person to attend a future meeting to hear GCC's concerns over appointments and travelling times.
- * Public request for a seat at breakwater (the Morrison's old cottage site). Price estimate and probably proceed. If so to make the seat in memory of Jackie Swift. (John Swift offered to contribute costs). Awaiting Treasurer.
- * Concern over grass cutting in Boat Park. Sec to contact Alan Bradley.

DONM: Tuesday 6th August 2013 at 7.15 pm.

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