

# Minutes of Garlieston Community Council (GCC)

3rd September 2013

Members present: Will Hawkins (Chair), John Swift (Secretary), Roy Walter (Treasurer), George Houston.

Ex officio Councillors Alistair Geddes, Graham Nicol

Apologies: Chris Rose, Ronnie Huxtable (Vice Chair), Councillor Jim McColm

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

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## Minutes of previous meeting 6th August 2013

Agreed Prop: George Houston Sec: Roy Walter

### Agenda 3.9.2013 Matters Arising (Not covered on remaining agenda):

- \* Audited accounts - Sent & received 7.8.13
- \* Lady Haigh - Wreath ordered and delivered 14.8.13.
- \* GCC Constitution - Sent and received 8.8.13.
- \* Car Park - Alastair Speedie invited (7.8.13) but no reply.

**Police Business:** WPC reported a complaint about a dangerous dog, and that theft from cars had increased in the nearby Stewartry area. No issues raised by public to GCC.

**Public Forum:** Nothing raised.

### **Presentation Alison Burns (General Manager for Primary and Community Care) NHS D&GRI.**

Replacing Julie White, and answered general questions and referred to a list of points in writing from R. Huxtable. Agreed that appointment needed to be more aware of distance and times, but stressed that alternatives could usually be offered on request. Question on appropriate times to leave hospital treatment; In A&E this could result in difficulties especially for those without transport. Some of the other listed questions (geographic spread, specialist centres, franchised services) were national policy and outside Alison's remit, and another was a personal question which could best be dealt with person to person and invited R. Huxtable to contact either Julie White or herself. Hospital phones were a franchise and costed external to NHS decisions, but calls from hospital patients were free, incoming calls were charged at 50p. but majority of patients used mobile phones. Alison was constructive, clear and helpful and was thanked by GCC.

### **Youth and Young Persons Issues**

\* GCC received letter from Youth Club stating that they were now of charitable status, had an agreed constitution, staff appointments and a bank account, and requesting funding from specified GCC account. Number of attendees was rising week by week, including older youths, and this led to need for more equipment/materials. Requested £1,000 and annual hall rent paid until 2014. Pointed out that this exceeded amount available and that fund-raising would need to be implemented. After further discussion, it was agreed to forward c. £1,200 to cover both hall fees and equipment/materials needed, and on receipt of audited use of funds, GCC would forward the remaining money c. £400 being the total amount available. Youth Club were recommended to liaise with Wendy Jesson over likely funding bodies and apply in a timely manner. On receipt of bank account number, treasurer would transfer £1,200 to Youth Club's account.

\* Question raised over play park equipment - rather sparse and dated, pointed out that some areas had gained grants and improved their play park areas and to liaise with local community councils who had succeeded in this endeavour.

\* Hall availability and improvement - advised to contact Karen Brownlee on all matters about village halls, including availability and structural faults.

**DGFirst (Combined Services) matters:** See Harbour below.

**Planning:** None.

### **Harbour:**

\* Harbour safety - Received email from J. Bridge advising that speed regulations were not available but relied on education, although any damage caused would have to be paid for. However, the Chair had looked these matters up and according to Harbour Empowerment Orders Schedule 2, item 25/2, speed controls are or should be enforceable. Sec. to contact G. Alison for clarification..

\* Repair - Further repair work had begun on the recent (2012) work on the harbour which had caused concern. Further inspection and photographs by John Aspinall showed little sign of improvement, and meeting Jane Bridge and someone from DG Design had not improved his view that the repairs were

slapdash and not likely to endure. The photographs certainly gave us cause for concern concerning the roles of DGDesign, DGFirst and D&GPHEs in terms of instructions to DG First, the overseeing of the project, and the overall responsibility of PHEs for overall work quality and eventual signing off the project. Secretary to contact Graeme Alison (Harbours), Alastair Speedie (PHEs), Alex Haswell (DGDesign), Bob Barker / Colin Forbes, (DGFirst), Councillors and Community Council and local fishermen for a site meeting to inspect and answer questions on original design, who decided the sub-contractor, and why previous repair work (Donnans) was not employed - their work is still good after several years, how often the work quality is supervised and by whom, and whose responsibility it is to sign off the project and based on what criteria.

\* Harbour 'sale of subjects' - Still to receive any notion of progress over this matter

**Safer Route to School and Traffic Management:** - Nothing raised

**Coastal Protection:**

Site visit by David Clyne accompanied by Will Hawkins, George Houston (GCC) and Michael McCreath (land owner). Very constructive and helpful, agreed a six point plan of progress, immediate repair using nearby stones, bid for larger amount next financial year, and agreed mutual aid from M. McCreath. Thanked DC for his time and positive attitude.

**Councillor's business:** Mention was made of Scottish Power's much improved public relations

**Correspondence:**

IN - Fiona Ritchie - Confirm that Secretary will attend meeting at Wigtown, 12th September @ 5.15 pm with Vice Chair; Wendy Jesson - copy of email to Tommy Currie re. danger to children - no reply; Forestry and Woodland Strategy and Environmental Assessment Consultation - McMillan Hall, Newton Stewart, 9th September - drop in 3 to 7 pm. Julie White - NHS DGRI - speaker; Solway partnership - Marine Scotland - 4th September, drop in 1 to 5, Port William. Maxwell Hall; Development Planning and Environment consultation, Local Plan - reply re. roads condition; Loreburn Newsletter; Wendy Jesson - re invite from Scottish Power to attend hospitality event at Wigtown Book Festival Wednesday 2nd October time to be confirmed and number to attend; Scottish Power leaflet as example of new customer centred approach - good.

OUT - Alison Warwick / Julie White - NHS 7.8.13. 16.8,13; 3.9.13; Fiona Ritchie 7/8/13; A. Speedie - 7.8.13; D. Clyne - 15.8.13 and .29.8.13.

**Treasurer's Report -**

*No change* - Audited account for GCC presented

Total balance (1.7.13)	£17,544.16 being made up of
Lottery/Bridge project	£14,361.22
Youth club	£ 1,690.81
GCC	£ 1,167.25
Harbour User's Group	£ 324.88

**Any Other Business:**

\* Signs at Bus stop - Request from bus drivers for stop signage at bottom of South Street and High Street opposite tennis courts/ plat area. Secretary to contact Harry Thomson

\* Eggerness Road - Report of large lorry broken axle - we have repeatedly asked for this road to be improved, but turned down because of financial difficulties, Now D&GFirst will probably be sued from owner's insurance firm. Secretary to contact Colin Forbes.

\* Burnside Lane - lighting very poor; dangerous at night. Secretary to contact Jimmy Farrol 01766. 707500

**DONM: Tuesday 1st October 2013 at 7.15 pm.**

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