

Minutes of the Meeting of Garlieston Community Council Tuesday 3rd November 2015

(Following on from the formal First Meeting chaired by Fiona Ritchie and separately minuted)

Attendance

Members present: Wull Hawkins (Chair), George Houston, Ronnie Huxtable, Roy McGarva, Chris Rose, and John Swift (Vice Chair)

In attendance: Roy Walter

Ex officio: Councillor Alistair Geddes

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Jim McColm and Graham Nicol, and from Doreen Ballantyne .

One member of the public was present at the meeting.

1. Minutes of the Meeting of 6th October 2015

The minutes were accepted as a correct record of the proceedings of the meeting.

Proposer: Ronnie Huxtable Seconder: George Houston

2. Matters arising not covered on the remaining agenda

The meeting was informed that:

- a) the pruning of trees and clearing of scrub between the Manse bridge and the garage should be carried out by the end of November.
- b) it had not yet been possible to arrange a site meeting with Planning to discuss the abandoned housing development next to the garage and the listed harbour building with the roof removed because relevant staff were on leave. However, it was expected that a meeting would be arranged in the near future.
- c) the strimming of the grass in the boat park was still under consideration.
- d) the Business Association was keen to see the issue of the bus shelter in Whithorn resolved. It was suggested that Ronnie Huxtable contact SWestrans.
- e) there had been no progress with Scottish Water's serving of a notice on the developer.

3. Police Business

The meeting was attended by Constables David Mathieson and Graham Stewart.

They informed the meeting that, since the last meeting, police had been called twice to the village in relation to incidents of alcohol-related violence. Police had also found a small quantity of cannabis in the possession of two young men on Cowgate. There had been an attempted break-in at Galloway House.

They also informed the meeting of the winter road safety campaign.

The Chair requested the presence of police at the Remembrance Service to be held at 3.00 pm on Sunday 8th at the war memorial.

4. Public Forum

There was no matter raised.

5. Presentation

There was no presentation scheduled.

6. Winter Resilience Group

Roy Walter was to contact Wendy Jessons regarding the caging for gas bottles.

7. DG First (Combined Services) matters

There were no further matters to consider.

8. Planning

No applications had been received.

9. Harbour Site

Alistair Geddes reported in confidence on progress to date.

10. Federation Business

Ronnie Huxtable reported that a meeting was to be held on 17th November.

11. Coastal Protection

Alistair Geddes reported the impressive working model for coastal protection that had been displayed at the launch of the Solway scheme and that he had raised the issue of the Garlieston breakwater.

12. Councillors' Business

There were no further matters raised.

13. Correspondence

There had been no correspondence received other than that referred to above.

14. Treasurer's Report

This was held over pending the election of treasurer.

15. Any other business

There was discussion on how best to cover the role of Secretary. It was agreed that it might be sensible to advertise. This matter would be discussed fully at the next meeting. Alistair Geddes reported that he had stopped using EMIS since the system was not delivering as it should. Similarly, it was agreed that the CCES was sound in principle but unsatisfactory in practice.

16. Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 1st December at 7.15 p.m. in Garlieston Village Hall.