

Minutes of Garlieston Community Council

Tuesday 1st May 2018

1 Attendance Avril Dooley [Chair], Julie Carter, Jim Carter, Harry Hedley, Jim Davies, Leslie Williams

Ex Officio Councillors Katie Hagmann

Members of the public attending:-

Carolyn Johnston, Pat McErlean, Steve Hanna, Steve & Carol Heywood, Paul Newton

Also PC Billy Dodds {BD}

2 Apologies : Chris Hanna

3 Minutes of previous meeting passed

5 Police Report *Only one incident reported which turned out to be civil matter

*Community Neighbourhood Watch has seen a decline though Isle of Whithorn has an active membership. Police Scotland worked with them and will work alongside active Neighbourhood Watch Schemes to provide them with information on local and national crime prevention initiatives and other relevant information for their area.

* Reminder that disabled parking spaces are for Blue Badge holders .Traffic Order may not be given a high policing priority when ranked against other demands and the deployment of police resources

* Fuel thefts from homes are on the increase again, people are encouraged to make oil tanks as secure as possible.

* Operation Monarda has been reintroduced to protect vulnerable people from doorstep crimes, internet scams etc

* SPARC, similar to above is aiming to protect farmers from fraud

* Steve Hanna asked if the Police have a "roadshow" with a view to the Military Weekend.

BD said it may be possible for a police presence in some form , request through Chair {AD}

4 Matters Arising

a] JC has finally got through to relevant department of Scottish Power, so far, the equipment left near football pitch has been removed

b] Harbour map clarifies what is owned by council/English Homes. **AD** has had correspondence with Godfrey Taylor [English Homes] but not response to last email

c] AD had meeting with Alistair Jack. He is lobbying for improvements to A75 & 74, also meeting with Stena who have seen a reduction in operations for commercial traffic at Stranraer in favour of Holyhead at present, due to 40MPH speed limit on A75. Hopefully traffic may come back after Brexit.

Also, from last meeting:-

some members of CC visited Creetown play park, which though bigger than Garlieston, provided good ideas. **CH** is to go ahead and ask relevant people to talk to CC and village.

JD has put a tap outside the hall to make flower watering easier

6 Councillors' Report - **KH** had a copy of the report on DG1[available to view online], stating that the whole thing has been a disaster, millions having been spent and police have asked for copy to investigate further.

Negotiations on the harbour are moving forwards. Harbour Master Keith Armstrong Clarke is retiring in 6 weeks, he will be replaced but no-one named so far.

The Headteacher from Douglas Ewart High School is also retiring. They have had the best exit results under his leadership. The Head from Stranraer is retiring too, so the area is

looking to fill 2 major roles in education.

Stranraer harbour is looking into Health & Safety issues, particularly traffic management, for one thing there is no need for public cars to be using the harbour. The council will be on site 15th May between 11am and 8pm. {HH suggested this would be useful at all harbours}.

Member of public enquired about ownership of Garlieston slipway, in answer this is owned by the council.

7 Treasurer's Report Current balance **£2,766.44** Copy available

8 Public Forum

Steve and Carol Heywood expressed serious concern about sewage problem on harbour development, being a health and environmental hazard. They have done some investigating and contacted Finlay Carson. There is, and has been for number of years, dispute as to responsibility for the problems. It was also pointed out that as the problem increases tourism {caravan site} could be affected. **KH** agreed that the MSP was best contact.

9 AOB :-

* Beach Cleaning 7th May, suggested asking CPB team to assist with removing debris to tip

* Armed Services Week 25th-30th June

* 16th May Enterprises Consultation. **AD** & **CH** going to Cree Bridge Hotel for meeting, **KH** suggested as many people as possible attend to bid for share of £10 million.

* 22nd May in Stranraer "Transforming Health Care". **KH** added that 7 interested GPs had already been given a tour around the area with a view to taking up positions.

* **JD** reported that the Hall Committee took over control of the hall on 9th April and charity status has been applied for. Since then cleaning and repairs have been carried out, including requested outside tap. Bingo nights have been run by Mr & Mrs McKie on a trial basis, for the community. The hall is available for other activities. It is intended to eventually house the Mulberry Harbour exhibition in the hall.

* **JC** said that the tubs at the village hall are due to be planted up by the end of the month and reminded that a donation to replace the dilapidated tubs will be made by the Autumn. **AD** added that a donated canoe is awaiting adaptation to be used as planter near village sign.

* Steve Hanna announced that tours will be taking place around Sorbie Tower on Tuesdays, 11am to 3pm, beginning 8th May, during the Summer.

* **KH** told the meeting that Poppy Scotland have been holding a competition for schools to design something to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1. She added the 2 designs from Douglas Ewart have been shortlisted and urged people to vote online to have local design chosen.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 5th June 2018