

# Minutes of Garlieston Community Council

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018

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

Ex Officio Councillors Jim McColm

Members of the public attending:-

Carolyn Johnston, Mick

Also, PC Billy Dodds {BD}

**2 Apologies :** Chris Hanna, Jim Carter, Leslie Williams, Graham Nicol

**3 Minutes of previous meeting passed**

## **5 Police Report {BD}**

\* Fuel theft from home on South Crescent. Again, people are encouraged to make oil tanks as secure as possible.

\* One incident of bad language by one resident to another

\* As of 17 May, 2018, Armed Response Vehicle officers will now support colleagues and the public by responding to a wider range of incidents with an emphasis on public protection, vulnerability and speed of response. This will include incidents where their enhanced medical skills are of great benefit to the public. Where appropriate, they will also support local and national campaigns, such as drink driving. The revised deployment model will not detract ARV officers from their primary purpose and these officers will continue to be managed by specially-trained supervisors across Scotland. This will ensure that ARV officers remain available to be deployed to firearms and threat to life incidents.

\* Chief Supt has been approached by elected members and the matter of Contractors (we should include farmers/ farm workers too) using mobile phones while operating agricultural vehicles on the road. We are looking at using the NFU to place something on their website and newsletter to remind them of the dangers and penalties they face if caught. Dumfries and Galloway will also post on their FB page and enforcement patrols will be carried out.

\* Criminals are continuing to seek out properties for rent; warehouses, barns or other large buildings are a prime target for illegally dumping waste, and cannabis cultivations continue to be found in residential properties. Properties in rural areas can be popular because they afford the criminal a quiet place to operate with less chance of being seen. If you have any buildings, sheds or residential premises for rent, please make sure you use due diligence to check out prospective tenants. If your property is used by criminals in this way, your property is at serious risk of being damaged and you will likely incur the costs of repair and/ or removal of waste

\* We have seen the launch of a new campaign warning of the hidden dangers of shopping online after consumers' details were used to set up websites selling counterfeit products. Officers are working in partnership with the Intellectual Property Office to reinforce the need to ensure security while spending your cash online. An animated game show based on cases investigated by Police Scotland has been developed to highlight the dangers of shopping online without taking proper steps to protect your security. More information about how to stay safe can be found on Police Scotland website

## **4 Matters Arising**

**a]** Beach clean was a great success, possibility of another, maybe September. Pupils from the school did a clean along the coast path, again collecting lots of litter. The children have also made posters at after school club encouraging people to pick up dog mess, and one of residents has put bags around village. The warden is watching at various times of day and has names of certain people who don't pick up.

**b]** AD & JD attended consultation meeting for Enterprise Southern Scotland, D&G and Borders. It was felt than most of the emphasis was on Borders, the Board consisting of people from that area with the exception of one

c] **AD** went to meeting in Stranraer regarding Health & Social Care . They want to know how they can perform better and would like to talk to CC at next meeting.

d] A kayak has been donated by Chris Donkin and his boys, **AD** has planted it up, now at entrance to village. The one previously donated is awaiting a bit of work before finding a home at another point in village. **HH** mentioned the need to replace the turning circle sign on Randolph as the close is now being obstructed causing difficulty for residents as well as potential accidents. **JC** thanked Kathleen Ball for again planting tubs at village hall and gave invoice.

**6 Councillors' Report** – **JMc** pointed out that the Enterprise Agency has £10 million to spend this year, encouraging councils and communities to work quickly to apply for a share. There is another initiative from which communities could benefit i.e. "Borderlands", consisting of 5 local authorities, 3 in England, 2 in Scotland. Again, communities need to co-operate and complete funding form to Westminster, there is potential for a lot of money for this area. Jim said it seems there is now recognition by the government where previously we have missed out.

Some litter bins have been removed on A75 and more intended after a pilot scheme to encourage people to take their rubbish with them is deemed to be "working". **HH** disputed this as people are now putting piles of rubbish where bins used to be.

Reporting on vacancies at the 2 Secondary schools, the headship for Stranraer has been readvertised and Newton Stewart is not due until Christmas.

**7 Treasurer's Report** Current balance **£2,697.64** CC have paid for hire of hall until September. Cheque for £100 to Gala Committee is cancelled, money will remain in CC account but ring-fenced for Gala costs. Accounts are reconciled to last bank statement received dated 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018. **CH** has not had opportunity to get to bank for more up to date print out due to work commitments.

**CH** suggests that we got to Awards for All {Big Lottery} for up to £10K to add new items to the playpark. CC needs to look at possibilities and give options for community consultation. We will need permission from the Council if additional items are going to be added onto the ground that they own, otherwise DGHP. She asked who would be interested in meeting with Jim from Scotplay

## **8 Public Forum**

Nothing to report/ask

## **9 AOB :-**

\* **AD** said Harbour Master was going to post notices re speed restrictions within harbour, Julie C said Jim C had spoken to Keith Armstrong Clarke yesterday after turbulent water caused by jet skiers over weekend.

\* Harbour. James McCloud [D&G] says state of play not going as quickly as thought , still in conciliation. Jim Mc can speak to James Mc though progress no doubt stalemate as lawyers involved. Mick said that in the meantime the wall deteriorates further therefore job will be more extensive. \*Derelict buildings. The Machars is working on a policy to deal with such buildings. There are 5 pages of derelict and dangerous buildings in the area some of which picked out for more urgent consideration one being the Harbour Building. When the project gets properly underway ideas need to be generated for viable use. **JD** said some suggestions of "affordable housing" would be far less useful than getting small businesses into the village, e.g. small units within the main building. **HH** added there is already groundwork

done for housing near the garage which is not being developed at present so agreed there is no need for more of the same.

\* Ward events are being arranged with Ward liaison representative, **JMc** encouraged community representation at these events.

\* EDF energy are inviting councils to invest in a windfarm by buying shares

\* D&G have given £200 for Christmas lights

\***AD** assured CC that their data is secure {under new data protection rules}

\*The Gala Committee is meeting but as yet no plans have been finalised \*Military Weekend.

At this point no permission has been granted to use the school field. \***JD** said the village hall is now officially a charity. He encouraged people to support fund raising events such as twice weekly bingo and monthly whist

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 3rd July 2018**