

# Minutes of the Meeting of Garlieston Community Council

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**1 Attendance** Avril Dooley [Chair], Jonathan Lochrie [Vice Chair], Chris Hanna [Treasurer] Julie Carter, Harry Hedley, Jim Davies, Stephen Lochrie

Ex Officio Councillors : Jim McColm

Members of the public attending:- Steve Hanna, Carolyn Johnston, Pat McErlean, Tom McCreath, Roy McGarva, Ronnie Huxtable Also PC Billy Dodds {BD}

**2 Apologies :** Jim Carter, Kelly Maxwell, Melanie Lochrie, Leslie Williams

**3** Minutes of previous meeting passed

**4 Police Report** \*Dog fouling being followed up. \* Report of abandoned vehicle on path near harbour. **HH** said it was -being at work on new footpath but battery has been stolen so can't be moved yet. \*Pub Watch is in operation, Machars in line with Stranraer, follow same rules. \* Hate Crime initiative 16<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> March, building on previous success and particularly targeting 11-18year olds.

Roy McGarva brought up condition of roads in area, before PC Dodds left the meeting. He has been in touch with the council and MP to complain about the mud and erosion mainly from farm vehicles, has had a reply from Alistair Jack and urged CC to take up the case. If everyone gets on the case {as with footpath} we may get things done before more accidents occur. Also asking for police response to eg vehicles going too fast. **BD** said he would check rules/law and send email to CC. **HH&TM** stated speeding not restricted to farm vehicles, also milk tankers & school buses all of which are likely to push cars into ditches. **HH** asked if we couldn't get speed bumps put in whilst workers digging up road for lighting. **BD**....farmers are liable for road cleaning when leave mud etc on roads. **JL** suggested getting roads widened as vehicles much larger than in past. **AD** to contact Alistair Jack on subject

**5 Matters Arising** from last month's minutes **a]** Pleased with work on new footpath and lighting. Thanks to policewoman who attended last meeting for support.

**b]** Generator discussed in resilience meeting prior to CC

**c]** **AD** has been in touch with Godfrey Taylor from English Homes with regard to tidying up the Harbour site as affected by building of homes. In reply, if photographs of problems are sent to him, he will support. **JMc** reported still no information re harbour. He also suggested working with Keith Armstrong Clarke as well as Mr Taylor.

**d]** Dog wardens are stepping up patrols in village and recently reported 86 incidents of dog mess which had not been lifted. They suggested having bag dispensers on lampposts [or other suitable place].

**e]** **JD** reported that the hall committee have set up a bank account and had first bill. SECO application needs to be applied for. Target for Management Committee to take over running of hall set for 1st April. Looking to replace windows and doors to make more secure and draft free, D&G council proposing to contribute £8K. **JMc** suggested that as D&G put in funds for refurbishment of Sorbie hall, a consistent spend here would not seem out of place.

**CH** added that idea to plant live tree for Christmas, mentioned at previous meeting, would not be a good idea as she had checked with local Christmas tree growers – They advised it would take too long to grow into a size big enough.

**6 Councillors' Report** **JMc** confirmed increase in council tax by 3%, council will continue to make economies, mobile library to be cut and school meals to increase by 5p [not Primary?] There will be increase in vacancy management ie posts will not be filled so services will be slower. Partly due to 9 years of no rises also austerity

**7 Treasurer's Report** Current balance **£3651.68**. A drop from last month due to paying back £6500 to Big Lottery as part of the project the funding was given for was not carried out £1,000 remained which the Big Lottery were happy for it to be used on other projects. **CH** proposed donating £500 to Hall Committee to start them off, **JD** thanked on their behalf and said that it could be ring fenced to cover running costs. Picture show presented by Barry Miller was a great success, made £180 and proposed giving £30 to Children in Need in memory of Barry's wife as he took no expenses. Application to Heritage Lottery Fund had not been successful but they are keen to support, need to rethink application. **CH** to email Roy Walter as Chairman of Hall Committee re permission to site interpretation boards by the side of hall. **JC** try to cost telescope maybe as part of the project for people to view the Mulberry Harbour sections. **CH** keen to use any monies **that are** available {eg Kilgallioch Wind Farm Fund - application needs to be in by 6<sup>th</sup> April} even a small amount for eg replacing outdated map near hall. Steve Hanna added that it is intended to create the Solway Military Trail, and Garlieston Garlieston would be included on this route, it would be good if a map could be updated to show where Mulberry Harbour sites were.

## **8 Gala**

**JL** confirmed dates of Gala as ?? 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> August, gave brief outline of some activities, in Bobby Maxwell's absence, dance in village hall. CC will donate £100 towards band for the dance. Coastguard show included.

## **9 Public Forum**

\*Steve Hanna outlined this year's Military Weekend to be held 18-19<sup>th</sup> August. Format much the same as last year with big change being most of events will be taking place in the village rather than Penkiln Farm [exception of tank and shooting activities]. It is not being organised by Galloway Tanks. There will be educational opportunities for the school to take part in. CC have ring-fenced £100 for initial expenses. Public liability for these events may be able to be covered through the CC. Needs to be checked out. Ronnie Huxtable said CC used to add to general insurance in such circumstances.

## **AOB :-**

\*It was suggested that CC start to get bank of ideas for future projects if/when funding becomes available.

\***JC** asked, on behalf of ladies who plant and water outside hall, if possible to put a tap outside to make job easier. **JD** to investigate.

\***AD** meeting with Alister Jack on 21<sup>st</sup> April anything wish to discuss to AD beforehand.

\*Planning for 14 houses on land next to garage by 2029. **JMc** stated there is no planning application at present, the land is included in the local plan.

\***HH** requested that the handrail near the hall be shortened to allow easier access to noticeboard. \*Presentation and Q&A by Galloway National Park Committee at Isle of Whithorn 15<sup>th</sup> March.

\*Roy Walter having problem finding location for 2<sup>nd</sup> defibrillator, Scottish Water rejected last suggestion. New suggestion near school.

\***JL** asked for more response towards refurbishment of play park, e.g possible funding/fund raising. **CH** said this is possible but requires some suggestions to be put forwards in order to get ideas of cost. She will ask one of the playpark equipment companies to initially meet with the CC members to look at possibilities. Karen Brownlee has already been approached with village request for improvements.

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018**