

# Minutes of the Meeting of Garlieston Community Council

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**Attendance** Members present: Julie Carter , Jonathan Lochrie, Harry Hedley, Chris Hanna, Jim Davies

**Ex officio:** Councillors Jim McColm , Katie Hagmann

Members of the public attending: Melanie Lochrie, Stephen Lochrie, Kelly Maxwell, Pat McErlean, Carolyn Johnston, Kerry & Andy Lloyd, Steve Hanna, Paul Newton

**Apologies for absence** Jim Carter, Avril Dooley, Bobby Maxwell, Leslie Williams

Minutes of previous meeting past, proposed **JL**, seconded **JD**

## **Matters arising:**

- \* Chase up replacement rope ladder for play park
- \* Need volunteer for Machars Federation, **Jim D** to take this on
- \* CC has received another £200 from D&G towards Christmas decorations/lights
- \* Christmas tree ordered from forestry commission, JL has lights. Proposed switch on 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec at 6.30pm with mince pies and mulled wine in church hall to celebrate
- \* Children's party booked for 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2-4pm
- \* Tom McCreath has volunteered to lay the wreath at memorial on 12<sup>th</sup> Nov
- \* Crossroads organisation has expressed concern for elderly people walking on areas with no pavement or where pavements slippery, e.g on way to garage/shop. JMc suggested asking DG for lights and pavement cleaning, contact Stewart Caven & Karen Brownlee.
- \* Melanie Lochrie, Stephen Lochrie (junior) and Kelly Maxwell have put their names forward for CC, they will be associate members until the next council elections.

**Police Business** No police present

**Council Business:** KH and JMc had been to a training session about Participatory Budgeting that the Scottish Government has introduced and explained that £3 million pounds from D&G Council budget will be set aside for communities to decide how this money will be spent on. More information to follow. **KH** said that some CC members would like training, she can help organise. There are now no plans to close the school and it will not be open for discussion for the next 5 years. **JMc** was pleased that "sense has prevailed" and hoped that the school role will improve. He also stated that D&G council are currently considering the budget and are expected to make large cut backs (25% over the next 5 years), education and social expenditure is fixed so savings are likely to be coming from community budget. The Chair of the harbour committee is expecting a decision from legal services on the harbour tomorrow (8<sup>th</sup> Nov).

Flood defence scheme is moving forwards, **KH** asked that CCs are kept up to date.

The village hall has had building check and will be discussed at next meeting.

**Treasurer's Report** Current balance **£9097.26** . Bank account signatories now changed **CH** is looking into funding available from Tesco for new planters, compost and plants, and encouraged people to choose our community when picking up tokens for "bags of help" scheme in Tesco, Stranraer

**Public Forum** A number of tyres have been removed from cars in the village, as no police at meeting **CH** is to contact them to find out what is happening in respect to this.

**AOB**

\* **KM** is taking charge of the children's Christmas party. **AD** has bought selection boxes

\***ML** asked if the CC could revive the Gala next year, **CH** to contact Roy Walters to see if he knows if there was money left from last Gala.

\* Positioning for second defibrillator is being checked and training is taking place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. All encouraged to attend

\***JL** suggested having Christmas lights on the trees on way into village, though this may be problematic practically. Graham Brown has donated 2 sets of solar lights it was suggested putting one set on a tree near village approach and other on tree at war memorial, possible going for more next year.

\* Steve Hanna said the response for the "Weeping Wall" of poppies at Sorbie Tower had been great so far (still open on the coming weekend), he had even received email from someone in Abu Dabi

\* Barry Miller organised to give picture show of old Garlieston 20<sup>th</sup> February in the village hall. £4 entry including refreshments.

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**