

# Minutes of the Meeting of Garlieston Community Council

## Tuesday 4th October 2016

### Attendance

Members present: Jim Carter, Julie Carter, Wull Hawkins (Chair), Barbara Holmes, Ronnie Huxtable, Carol Lochrie (Secretary), Roy McGarva, Chris Rose, Roy Walter, Gavin Williams, and Leslie Williams

Ex officio: Councillors Alistair Geddes, Jim McColm and Graham Nicol

Two members of the public.

### Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from George Houston.

### 1. Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016

These were accepted as a true and correct record of the proceedings of the meeting.

Proposer: Julie Carter Seconder: Roy McGarva

### 2. Matters arising not covered on the remaining agenda

a) The Secretary reported that she had written to Dumfries and Galloway NHS Board expressing the Community Council's disquiet at the proposed transport arrangements for cancer patients. She is still awaiting a reply.

b) The Secretary reported that she had contacted EnterprisingDG regarding the clearance of drains. This matter would be included in a site visit which would be arranged in the near future.

c) The Secretary reported that she had contacted English Homes Ltd requesting details of the developer's plans for the old harbour store. He had replied indicating that he would be willing to sell this for £50,000. It was decided to explore the possibility of registering our interest under Community Right to Buy. Roy Walter agreed to explore this further.

#### (Action: RW)

d) Alistair Geddes updated the meeting on the proposed Lottery bid for the development of the New Town Hall in Whithorn. It was agreed that contact should be made for Whithorn to share their experiences with Garlieston Community Council.

e) The Secretary reported that she had contacted Finlay Carson MSP for Galloway and West Dumfries. He will get back in touch with her in the near future to arrange his meeting with the Community Council.

f) Roy Walter reported that he had sent two emails to Simon Fieldhouse but as yet had received no reply.

g) Roy Walter reported that he had contacted Scottish Water regarding the outcome of the diet of proof determination. They are to update him on progress.

h) The meeting discussed the list of village improvement items tabled by Julie Carter at the September meeting. The Secretary was asked to contact the Community Payback team to ascertain what assistance might be available. Wull Hawkins agreed to provide Carol with the contact number for this organisation.

#### (Action: WH & CL)

i) It was reported that the Garlieston Caravan Club Site had been awarded First Prize in the Caravan Club's 2016 "Sites in Bloom" competition. The Secretary was asked to send congratulations to Ann and Martin Kinney, the Site Wardens. She suggested that a more permanent appreciation of their success might be provided by the Community Council, and this was agreed.

#### (Action: CL)

j) It was suggested that a beach clean-up would improve the look of the shoreline. It was agreed to bring this up again at the Feb 2017 meeting with a view to cleaning up the beach before the Caravan parks reopen for the new season.

k) The secretary agreed to write to Karen Brownlee regarding the management of options for the future of the village hall and to ask for an update on the various steps. She agreed to request that Karen attend either the November or December meeting.

**(Action: CL)**

l) Roy Walter agreed to order the Wreath for Remembrance Sunday.

**(Action: RW)**

### **3. Correspondence**

The secretary asked for comments regarding the Budget Consultation to be forwarded to her.

### **4. Police Business**

Two police officers attended but, apart from one reported alleged incident of anti-social behaviour in the village, had nothing to report. They informed the council members that any matters regarding the closure of Police Stations should be referred to Inspector Stuart McColm at Stranraer. They were thanked for attending.

### **5. Public Forum**

Chris Donkin spoke as Chair of the Parent Council of Garlieston Primary School.

He reported that the School had had a visit from the local education authority in consequence of the decline in pupil numbers. When a school roll falls below 19 the school becomes a "one teacher school" and has to take measures to ensure that school premises are sufficiently used. The current school roll at Garlieston has fallen to just 14 pupils.

He outlined some of the measures that the School was proposing in order to make more use of its buildings. These included a Parent and Toddler Group, an After School Club and a group for people in the community who support the School.

He requested financial help with the certification under the PVG Scheme for six volunteers. This would cost £59 per Scheme member. It was agreed that the Community Council would meet the cost of this (£354).

**(Action: RW)**

The Secretary suggested that the November meeting of the Community Council be held at the School in order that members could better familiarise themselves with it. This was agreed. It was also agreed that the Councillors' Surgery should be held in the school prior to the meeting. The Secretary agreed to inform Hilda of the new arrangements.

**(Action: CL)**

### **6. Winter Resilience Group**

There was nothing to report.

### **8. Communities and EnterprisingDG**

There were no matters additional to those minuted above.

### **9. Planning**

There was nothing to report.

### **10. Harbour Site**

There were no matters additional to those minuted above.

### **11. Coastal Protection**

The Secretary reported that she had written to Andrew Herd. A site meeting will be arranged in the near future.

## **12. Councillors' Business**

Alistair Geddes and Jim McColm reported that inoculation against winter influenza would shortly be available in the village to eligible patients of the Wigtown General Practice.

## **13. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer reported that the accounts had now been finalised and signed off. He agreed to email members with a copy of these. He also agreed to forward the secretary signatory forms.

**(Action: RW)**

## **14. Any other business**

a) The Secretary will Contact Jilia Muirwhat and Kirsty Curry of Whithorn Community Council to discuss how best to explore ways which the two community councils might resolve the issue of the provision of a bus shelter in Whithorn.

**(Action: CL)**

b) Roy Walter raised the issue of a ramp on the road leading to Galloway House.

c) The Secretary was asked to write to Kathy Ball, Carol Loose and Chris Rose (Mrs) to thank them for maintaining the Village Hall flower tubs through the year.

**(Action:CL)**

d) The Secretary was thanked for kindly providing refreshments for the meeting.

## **15. Date and time of next meeting**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 7.15 p.m. at Garlieston Primary School.