

# **Minutes of the Meeting of Garlieston Community Council Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

## **Attendance**

Members present: Jim Carter, Julie Carter, Barbara Holmes, Carol Lochrie (in chair), Chris Rose and Leslie Williams

Ex officio: Councillors Alistair Geddes and Jim McColm

In attendance: A representative of Police Scotland and seven members of the public.

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Gavin Williams

## **1. Preliminary Remarks**

Carol Lochrie explained that she was assuming the chair for this meeting, following the resignation of the elected Chair and four other members of the Community Council.

She expressed the hope that some of the members of the public attending the meeting were present in order to put their names forward for possible co-option.

The co-option of new members and the election of office holders would then be items on the agenda of the March meeting.

## **2. Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2017**

At item 1, "Laurin" should read "Larren", otherwise the minutes were accepted as a true and correct record of the proceedings of the meeting.

Proposer: Jim Carter    Seconder: Barbara Holmes

## **3. Matters arising not covered on the remaining agenda**

a) No movement had yet been made on the agreed course of action in regard to the future of Garlieston Primary School and the Village Hall. This would be an important item on the agenda for the March meeting.

**Action: CL**

b) The large space on the north side of the garage which had been offered by Harry Hedley as a potential site for a Mulberry Harbour exhibition had been inspected.

Those who had viewed the space were agreed that it could provide a good opportunity. It was agreed to discuss this matter further at the March meeting.

**Action: CL**

c) Jim Carter was still providing for the opening and closing of the hall until a more permanent arrangement could be put in place.

It was agreed to invite Karen Brownlee to the March meeting.

**Action: CL**

d) Following the December site meeting with John Bell, the following actions have been taken:

- i) the small wall in front of the village hall has been repointed;
- ii) the tarmac at High Street junction and the junction at the garage crossing has been reinstated;
- iii) the gulleys on Mill Road have been unblocked;
- iv) the drains at the public toilets and at 28 Forteviot Gardens have been cleaned out and rodded (however, the road by the public toilets is still subject to flooding because of the positioning of the drains).

e) Chris Rose reported that the meeting of the working party on regulation of the boat park had had to be postponed due to illness. He would re-arrange this in the near future.

**Action: CR**

#### **4. Police Business**

The meeting was attended by Constable Krystal Martin.

There were no matters specific to Garlieston to report.

She reported on an attempted MoneyGram scam in Newton Stewart and urged people to be alert to such scams and not to leave bank cards, from which personal bank account details could easily be obtained, lying about.

She reported also on housebreaking and drunk driving incidents in the area.

#### **5. Public Forum**

Harry Hedley asked for a report on progress on the harbour. Alistair Geddes gave a report. It was suggested that the Secretary write to Andrew Heard and Keith Armstrong-Clark to elicit their views and involvement.

**Action: CL**

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

Jonathan Lochrie and Bobby Maxwell reported that although they were members of the Winter Resilience Group, they had no knowledge of any developments over the past couple of years.

Discussion took place on the status of the Group and its relationship to the Community Council.

This led on to a discussion of the status and role of the Regeneration Group and, as a company limited by guarantee, its relationship to the Community Council.

It was agreed that the Secretary would contact Wendy Jesson who could update the Community Council on these matters from the perspective of D&GC and provide details of the Assistance Scheme.

**Action: CL**

#### **7. Future of the Village Hall and School**

There was nothing to add to what has been minuted above

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

There were no issues additional to those minuted above.

## **9. Planning**

There was nothing to report.

## **10. Harbour Site**

Alistair Geddes suggested the need for protocols for cooperative working between harbour users. He suggested that it would be helpful to convene a one-off meeting of all harbour users.

This was agreed but arrangement would be held over to the March meeting.

**Action: CL**

## **11. Coastal Protection**

No further issues were reported.

## **12. Councillors' Business**

Alistair Geddes reported on progress in discussions of the problems the area faced in the recruitment of GPs.

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

The Secretary reported that the current funds held by the Community Council totalled £10,725.60, comprising £2,784.02 in the general account, £7,616.70 of ring-fenced funds, and £324.88 for the Harbour Users' Group. Going forward accounts will be provided on a monthly basis.

## **14. Any other business**

a) It was agreed to purchase flowers for Violet Taylor.

**Action: CL**

b) It was reported that the Garlieston sign at the top of Kirkiner hill had fallen down. It was agreed that the sign should be refurbished. Local photographers could be invited to submit photographs but first, Cameron Houston would be contacted to see whether he would be able and willing to paint a harbour scene for the sign. It was further agreed that the sign should be stored over-winter.

**Action: JC**

c) It was agreed to add the cleaning of the outside of the village hall to the list of things for community payback to address. Carol Lochrie would to contact community payback and arrange a site meeting as soon as possible to get work done before the start of the season. Graham McKie is ward worker and should be able to assist and work with us .

A list of outstanding works would be sent to Alistair Geddes to take forward with D&GC for us.

**Action: CL**

d) Carol Lochrie shared a consultation briefing which had been received from the Police Divisional Commander regarding the possible closure of Whithorn Police Station if the future of the ambulance station is secured. Concern was expressed on the little time for consultation and that the hub concept put forward had been ignored. It was agreed to write to Stuart McColm and the Divisional Commander with a copy to Finlay Carson MSP. It was also agreed to write to Whithorn CC asking them to join us in stating our concern over poor consultation and restating our desire for a service hub.

**Action: CL**

e) Of the members of the public present, Avril Dooley, Harry Hedley, Jonathan Lochrie and Bobby Maxwell indicated their willingness to stand for co-option to the Community Council. Their names and addresses were recorded.

As there are five vacancies, it was agreed that the Secretary would approach another person on behalf of GCC to see whether he would be willing to have his name included.

The names and proposers of all potential co-optees would need to be arranged and published by Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February (i.e. one week before the March meeting).

**Action: CL**

f) Carol Lochrie reported that she had received an email on behalf of James Manning, Fire Scotland, regarding a review of the 2014-17 Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Dumfries and Galloway. There is a questionnaire to complete.

**Action: BH**

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

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.15 p.m. in the Temperance Hall.