

# Garlieston Community Council

## Minutes of meeting September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014

Present: R Huxtable, W Hawkins, R Walter, G Houston, S McNally, D Ballantyne

Ex officio: A Geddes, J McColm,

Apologies: G Nicol, C Rose, J Swift

### Election of Officers

John Swift has retired from the post of Secretary. The Community Council expressed its warm appreciation for John's contribution to the functioning of the council down the years.

The post of Secretary will now be held jointly between Chris Rose (Minutes Secretary) and Ronnie Huxtable (Business Secretary). These being respectively proposed/seconded by S McNally/R Walter and G Houston/W Hawkins

Post of Vice Chair will now be held by John Swift. Proposed/seconded D Ballantyne/S McNally.

### Garlieston Harbour Development

Public Meeting arranged for September 10<sup>th</sup> @ 1900. [Minutes of this meeting attached as appendix.]

### Public Forum

John Aspinall again raised concerns over reconstruction and unsatisfactory snagging work on harbour wall. He referred to his discussion with Gary Dempster. ACTION: John to email R Huxtable with details and he to forward email to Alistair Speedie.

It was also mentioned that an incorrectly moored beam trawler had dislodged an unsecured capstone from the harbour wall.

### DG First

A number of necessary road repairs were highlighted. These are detailed in email from R Huxtable attached as appendix.

### Planning

A Geddes notified that the California Wind Park anemometer mast application had been refused. Consensus that this was a good thing for the area and especially Wigtown Bay communities.

### Traffic Management

No Through Road sign required on approach to Garlieston Harbour.

### Coastal Protection

Follow up email required (action: RW) to Simon Fieldhouse on the subject of deploying armour rock to protect further the footpath repair beyond pier cottage. D Ballantyne raised the subject of equestrian access as horses are being ridden along the path from the harbour.

### Councillors' Business

J McColm – Marine Scotland have published [draft] details of Special Protection Areas but without a supporting map. Suggested that Pam Taylor (Solway Firth Partnership) be contacted and asked to present at a future meeting.

### Treasurer's Report

No change from previous reports.

### AOB

Sign atop Kirkinner Hill is fading badly and requires attention. RW to investigate alternatives.

Clarification required on ownership of boat park, i.e., not owned by Community Council.

**DONM:** 7<sup>th</sup> October 2014 @ 1915.

# **Garlieston Harbour Wastewater Treatment**

Minutes of special meeting 9th September, 2014

## **1. Findings**

1.1 Scottish Water have acknowledged oversight in not adequately assessing holding capacity at the WWTW. At present the WWTW cannot receive effluent at 12 l/s, which is the measured flow rate from the pumping station and that required by Sewers for Scotland. Scottish Water have undertaken to increase the capacity of the receiving tank so that the pump can be operated at design capacity.

1.2 De-rating the pump is deemed inadvisable because it: a) decreases pump lifespan; and b) flow rates lower than 12 l/s do not provide adequate throughput to ensure pipe flushing.

1.3 There is measurable salinity in the system at Garlieston Harbour. This is currently 500-1500 ppm (confirmed by Godfrey Taylor in his email of 8th September). Scottish Water are satisfied that the measurable salinity results from groundwater ingress to the drainage system. Outwith extraordinary events, e.g., overtopping of manholes during marine flooding, there should be no measurable salinity in a drainage system that has been pressure tested, i.e., the sewerage system must be a sealed system.

1.4 Once the tank upgrade is in place Scottish Water will still not be able to receive effluent into the WWTW if any salinity is present. The presence of salinity inhibits desirable biological activity at the WWTW to an unacceptable degree.

1.5 The current mode of operation of the receiving tank, i.e., as a cesspool, is deemed illegal by Building Standards and also presents environmental health issues.

1.6 The system can be vested with Scottish Water even if the development is incomplete but, again, the salinity issue must be resolved.

## **2. Action required from developer**

2.1 Repairs to sewerage system to prevent salt water ingress sufficient to produce a zero reading.

2.2 Provide unfettered access to pumping station to facilitate monitoring of salinity.

2.3 Attendance at a meeting along with D&G Building Control, D&G Environmental Health, Scottish Water, SEPA, elected members, Garlieston Community Council.

## **3. Undertakings and assurances from Scottish Water**

3.1 Increasing capacity at WWTW is in the schedule and funds are ring-fenced. Completion mid 2015.

3.2 Telemetry alerts to be implemented/activated for tank level to ensure timely emptying.

3.3 Review of tanker emptying operation to be brought forward. Response expected within 28 days or sooner.

3.4 Current salinity reading to be taken and salinity to be monitored periodically. N.B. Subject to access provision.

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To : [REDACTED]  
Subject : Fwd: Garlieston Community Council meeting 2nd September 2014  
Date : Wed, 03 Sep 2014 09:15:20 +0100

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From: **Ronnie Huxtable** [REDACTED]  
Date: 2 September 2014 21:31  
Subject: Garlieston Community Council meeting 2nd September 2014  
To: [REDACTED]

Items to report.

Pot holes Forteviot Gardens, Culdery lane, Culdery road, Galloway House Road, From Manse bridge to Millisle roadend on Garlieston to Sorbie road, Bottom of Mill Road, Between Mac Stores And Bowling Green, School Road.

Litter round tennis courts and play-park [Community Warden ]

Bus stop sign not been put on new post at hall.

Hole at phone box been open for months.

Bus stop on mill road overgrown with bushes.

No through road needed between hall and harbour

Who owns boat park on harbour