

Minutes of the Meeting of Garlieston Community Council

Tuesday 4th April 2017

Attendance

Members present: Jim Carter, Julie Carter, Avril Dooley, Harry Hedley, Barbara Holmes, Carol Lochrie, Johnathan Lochrie, Chris Rose, Gavin Williams, Leslie Williams

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

14 members of the public were also attendance

Apologies for absence received from Bobbie Maxwell

Chair asked for minute's silence in memory of Violet Taylor and Billy McClune, whose funerals take place this week. Chair stated that a rose bowl had been purchased on behalf of village to commemorate the Taylor's service to the community, unfortunately it had not been presented before Mrs Taylor passed away.

Minutes of previous meeting passed as true record with amendment by Treasurer, funds for Harbour User Group should read £324.88 not £24.88

Future of Village Hall Karen Brownlee gave a presentation on options on future of the village hall.

i Standard Management Agreement, for management committee responsible for running either short term, year on year, or 2 year agreements. D&G remain responsible for wind and water tight, statutory H&S and maintenance of larger pieces of equipment. Whauphill and Sorbie CCs are doing very well after adopting Standard Management Agreement.

ii Long term lease (25 years) Council only responsible for wind and watertight of building.

iii Full take over of facility.

Carol Lochrie asked if sea defences would be included in light of previous flooding. Karen suggested that a public meeting be arranged to discuss how the council and village as whole want to proceed, **CL to arrange this**. In response to question from Chris Rose re hall and school CL suggested that they cannot be taken in isolation. KB said the discussion needs to take into account the 2 council properties in village [hall, school] and the church hall, considering which best suits the needs.

Matters Arising

Hall bookings - Karen suggested get in touch with D&G for hall bookings, most of regular groups have own key. Julie Carter has already spoken to Ann Haddow in Stranraer who is now emailing monthly bookings to void any overlap/double bookings.

Playing Fields/Grass cutting –Karen also gave update on maintenance work in village: inspected on regular basis, work started on football field and grass cutting will be happening on 2 weekly cycle. Cllr McColm asked, as known fact grass grows quicker in Solway area, could grass in village not be cut more frequently.

Garlieston Signage – Julie C asked for decision on Garlieston sign at Kirkinner. the go-ahead was given for new sign using original picture.

Police Business PC Billy Dodds stated that there had been 3 reports of disruptive behaviour in the village. Speculative Frauds are on the increase, particularly phone crime. A Floodline has been set up 03459881188. Carol Lochrie said there had been reports of drug use in the public toilets and around village hall but no-one knew who was responsible as no-one identified. The public are asked to be vigilant and report on 101 any incidents. PC Dodds left leaflets re victims of crime and how to avoid, and poster highlighting problems of Hate Crime.

Public Forum Concern was raised about the number of pot holes in the area, particularly a large one on approach to the school. Cllr Geddes suggested contacting Jim Ferral to complain. **AD** to email.

Winter Resilliance Johnathan Lochrie said that the original group had worked independently from CC, suggesting that existing members should still be hold positions or be asked to step down. The list of vulnerable people in village needs to be revised. BH asked if there is a plan in place in event of emergency Ronnie Huxtable said that D&G council will inform and advise.

First Response nothing to report

Communities and Enterprising DG nothing to report

Planning nothing to report

Harbour Site Mr Andrew Hurd from D&G council attended the meeting to update on the harbour wall repairs. He gave a brief account of the problems and the council's response to date.

John Aspinall asked why it had taken so long for the council to act ,how much it was costing and who was paying.

Carol Lochrie asked if the site could be tidied up as it was obviously going to be some time before the matter was resolved. CC concluded that we are still left with a harbour wall which is not fit for purpose. Mr Hurd was thanked for his input.

Coastal Protection nothing to report

Councillors Business covered under any other business

Treasurers Report Barbara Holmes had contacted the Big Lottery Fund who have confirmed by phone and email that grant was closed as satisfactory and compliant in 2012. The Chair suggested keeping remaining funds ring fenced to put towards future projects, and a note to be put into News Letter asking villagers for ideas. BH asked for advice regarding the Council Grant process to ensure we do not miss any deadlines. She was advised to contact Fiona Richards/Wilma McEwan **BH to contact** A donation of £141.86 has been made from the Youth Group, it was suggested this be put into a separate fund for special projects

AOB Chris Rose referred to draft consultation document which was circulated to CC with a view to reinstating a **Harbour Users Group** to help to keep boat park tidy and make sure insurances are up to date for non- mooring holders amongst other things. It was suggested that, as few harbour users, everyone could be involved in the group. Chris had spoken to Keith Armstrong Clarke, Harbour Master at Kirkcudbright regarding how to proceed and he referred him to Chair of HUG in Stranraer for help on constitution. **CR** to co-ordinate

Cllr Nicol suggested contacting David Suttee to ask what can be done about derelict buildings and sites in the village. He also expressed concern that one of the panels in barriers around site near garage had been down for some time and were open to people being injured. Advised to contact Tommy Curry re site. Cllr N reminded CC that Phase 2 plan needs response by 24th April. Re other derelict areas, Ronnie Huxtable stated that English Homes had been told in past if harbour development not completed it had to be landscaped. It was suggested that Planning Department be asked to village to view all “dereliction”, and that small councils may do well to band together to address the problem. **AD to contact**

Leslie Williams expressed concern that people now having to walk to the garage for provisions were in danger from traffic as no pavements. AG suggested contacting AS to look at possible ways for speed calming {which is already a problem along the approach roads}, also Ewan Green from Economic Development Unit. Cllr McColm said that Wigtown have a policy to provide speed signs . **AD** to contact relevant parties.

Bea Lochrie and Shirley were at the meeting to volunteer to plant flowers around the village, 2 other members of the public later volunteered to help them

Council Members and members of public present were given a consultation document on fracking to read and feedback.

Date of next meeting 2nd May

