

Minutes of the Meeting of Garlieston Community Council

Tuesday 2nd May 2017

Attendance

Members present: Jim Carter, Julie Carter, Avril Dooley, Barbara Holmes, Carol Lochrie, Johnathan Lochrie,

Ex officio: Councillors Alistair Geddes and Jim McColm

9 members of the public attended

Apologies for absence received from Bobbie Maxwell, Chis Rose, Leslie Williams, Gavin Williams, and Harry Hedley

Minutes of previous meeting passed as true record, proposed by Barbara Holmes, seconded by Jim Carter

Matters Arising Karen Brownlee has proposed the public meeting re future of the village hall to be arranged between now and the next council meeting in June. **CL** to contact her for suitable dates organise meeting.

Avril Dooley had contacted D&G with regards to adding pavement for people walking to new shop at garage. No funding is available, but council will look into putting up warning signs. CC agreed this was not good enough and D&G answer that no accidents had been reported/ or possible dangers foreseen had not been update since the shop opened.

Police Business There was no representation from the police

Public Forum Chair introduced 2 members of the public who are offering their services to help improve the look of the village: -

1 Pat McErlean is licenced for weed killing and has relevant documents, copies of which were given to Chair. He is proposing to tidy up round public areas in the village and at harbour site, for the cost of the chemicals {about £40}. It was pointed out that the D&G do weed kill in the village and Pat's contribution must be seen as enhancing not taking over this service. Johnathan Lochrie said he would notify the council. Cllr Geddes suggested checking with D&G re public liability insurance and as helping to ease council heavy load, perhaps financial assistance could be sought for the materials. Cllr also suggested asking for financial assistance from English Homes as the harbour site is still their responsibility. Pat was thanked for his contribution. **AD** to contact Karen Brownlee/John Brodie re insurance.

2 Brian McGougan brought as sample of a planter which he could make to hold plants around the village, for the cost of around £9 for the wood and £8 for hanging brackets. It was proposed that we look around for best value compost and plants while supporting local business. Jim Carter said he was looking into obtaining a disused dinghy also to hold plants. Julie Carter had been asked by the ladies who organises the planting of flowers in front of village hall if it would be possible to also replace the tubs this year. After some deliberation

it was decided to just tidy up the tubs for now due to time constraints. The go-ahead was given to purchase the plants. It was suggested that people be asked to sponsor a box in order to help with the cost, and contribute to appearance of village. Brian was thanked for his contribution.

Steve Hanna invited public to join the clan at Sorbie Tower for beginning of Clan Hanna celebrations. He went on to give an update on the forth coming military weekend in August. Vintage vehicles will be assembling at Galloway Tanks site an evening of music and dancing will be held in the village hall, donations will go to a military charity and it is hoped that this could become an annual event, helping to promote Garlieston's contribution to the war effort in WW2 .It was suggested the Mulbery display could be in a public place for the event. CL said ownership of this is still in debate

Julie Carter said a number of villagers had asked about beach tidying, she will check tides and set date for this, also contact June Russell/ Karen Bownlee with regards to bags and pickers.

The state of roads was again brought up by members of public. Whilst some of the holes in the approach to the school, mentioned at last meeting, had been filled the hole area had not been given satisfactory attention. Earlier in week it had been reported that a child had tripped and fallen in one of the potholes in "pavement" on Mill Road. Jim Carter reported this to D&G, one hole at side of this had been filled but rest of red safety area needs repairing and resurfacing. Cllr Geddes suggested contacting Police Scotland who are responsible for public safety. **AD** to contact Michael McDonald.

Dog fouling is also of concern again. Cllr McColm suggested getting the Community Warden to make more regular visits for a while, it had an effect last time. **JC** to contact. Warning signs re fines need updating and made more obvious. Jonathan Lochrie said it may be possible for CC members to hand out fines if they have the appropriate training which would have more of immediate impact as Community Wardens hard pressed to cover whole of Machars. **JL**

JL asked again if there had been any progress with play park improvement, this is ongoing. Cllr Geddes suggested contacting Hazel Smith who is a project architect and has had experience in planning play areas. At this point Heather {public} suggested also setting an area aside for older children and adults with outdoor exercise/recreational equipment. Cllr McColm suggested contacting Natalie Guillaume from Building Healthy Communities to see if council funding may be available.

Planning Plans in place for the difibulator cabinet on side of village hall

Harbour Site As Chris Rose was not able to attend meeting, no update on progress from last meeting. Jim Carter has received a letter, as will other harbour uses, regarding opportunities for funding and he will contact other harbour users to get ideas for use of funding.

Cllr Geddes suggested recreational areas may also be able to benefit from FLAG funding as coastal village.

Councillors Business There have been no formal meetings recently.

Cllr Geddes asked if David Suttie had been contacted re the site at the entrance to the village. AD had been passed on to another body. Reply arrived after meeting

Treasurers Report Barbara Holmes reported that she had contacted Fiona Richards, who had been very helpful. GCC have received this year's grant, applications for 2017/18 go out in June for completion in November. Accounts for 2017 have been independently examined and are ready for submission with the application. The discrepancy over the Xmas grant which had been claimed by previous treasurer but not paid into bank by Dumgal has been sorted. Payment of grant has now been authorised and should be in account next week. Garlieston youth club have donated £141.86 to GCC to be used for village projects in the process of transferring funds to our account.

Garlieston Community Council Facebook page is now up and running.

Garlieston .net website now has a page dedicated to newsletters on the Community Council page.

Financial statement:

Opening balance – 10245.95

Expenditure - £172.58

Closing balance - £10073.37

GCC £2248.49, HUG £324.88 special projects £7500

AOB Alistair Geddes is no longer standing for election as councillor. Chair thanked him on behalf of the CC and village for his help, advice and outstanding contribution over the years.

Date of next meeting 6th June