

Minutes of the Meeting of Garlieston Community Council

Tuesday 4th July 2017

Attendance Members present: Carol Lorchrie, Avril Dooley, Jim Carter, Barbara Holmes, Julie Carter, Bobby Maxwell, Chris Rose

Ex officio: Councillors Jim McColm, Katie Hagmann

8 members of the public attended

Apologies for absence received from Gavin and Leslie Williams

Minutes of previous meeting {2nd May} passed as true record , proposed by Julie Carter, seconded by Barbara Holmes. June meeting cancelled as lengthy meetings re the future of the school and village hall that month.

Matters arising **CL** thanked all the people who have helped to plant flowers, particularly Brian who made the boxes which are now around the bowling green. It was asked why they didn't extend to the war memorial area. **JuC** said this was apparently as that was council property while bowling private. **JMc** said he would check with Karen Brownlee if this could be waived.

JC had an initial response to flooding problem, particularly on Forteviot Gardens. The council had sent out a private firm and had made slight improvement in drainage, but had not returned. The suggestion was as running onto private dwelling it was home owner's responsibility, however it also covers the main road. **KH** if it affects more than one property, council &/or Scottish Water should probably be responsible. **JMc** said it needed to be pointed out that contractor had failed to return with replacement jetter and camera.

Residents from Burnside Lane said they also have problems with drainage and there is insufficient lighting. As it is an unadopted lane it is a difficult problem. They had approached the council 10 years ago with little satisfaction. **CL** suggested the residents get together to put their points to the council again. **KH** suggested also getting people on South Street and the Caravan & Motorhome {C&M} site involved as also affected.

The Beach cleaning morning had been a success, with 13 people helping, including one visitor from the C&M site. Although this is intended to be ongoing, it was felt that next time a tidy up of the Harbour site would be more useful. **JuC** to also contact community payback for assistance.

There has been no movement on the playpark therefore it will be on the agenda for next meeting. There has also been no response to plea for traffic calming / pedestrian warning signs at the junction near the garage, this needs to be revisited until action taken, as does the lack failure to replace the fencing on site next to garage.

Police Business no officers in attendance

Public Forum most matters discussed in Matters Arising. **AD** asked if another notice board could be placed at the north end of the village as not everyone goes past village hall. This was agreed. **AD** to pursue.

Planning The new defibrillator can be installed as soon as the box is in place and **AD** to check with Karen B to see which electrician has been used in other villages. **KH** suggested getting training from HeartStart . **JuC & BH** The new village hall group are holding meetings, Brian McGougan to report back.

Harbour Users Group {HUG} Chris Rose reported that he had disappointing response from users re getting working party together. He was particularly surprised as problems needed solving and funding may be available. **CL** said the group would have to be brought back under the CC and the community would have to take initiative. **CR** said English Homes have neglected the site for too long and D&G needed to take action to get tidied as also a matter of safety. The harbour wall problem is ongoing.

Chris Rose has taken the decision to retire from the community council. **CL** thanked him on behalf of GCC for his work, adding the Chris will be greatly missed and that he is welcome to attend meetings anytime.

Council Business The council are pressing ahead with consultation to close the school, despite 3 local members voting against this proposal. **KH** said that they had not been happy with the proposal to hold the meeting the day before the summer holidays but equally badly timed was revised date of 21st August {1st day of next term}, now moved to 28th still not giving much time for parents to be contacted. There are some errors in council papers on the matter which may give some space for halting the closure. **KH** stated that closure is not a foregone conclusion. **AD** said that the Parent Council are hoping to get legal advice. **JMc** said that Chris Donkin {chair of PC} is aware of report and errors but suggested CC & PC need to get together of promote the school as viable and collate evidence from parents whose children have been through the school as well as those of present pupils. Also unfortunate is the fact that a significant number of pupils moved to other schools, at least in part in light proposed school closure **KH** added that it would be useful to gain evidence of how the school achievements matched the Scottish government's expectations. **JMc** said it is also important to work on the economic aspect of school closure as it would be impossible to encourage new families to an area without a school, also Garlieston's small rural school grant of £5000 per pupil would be lost. **BH** asked if there were any inspection reports available and assessment results as a %.

Treasurer's Report Current balance £9,794.68 Youth club donation £141,86. HUG £324.88, special projects £7500, GCC £1827,94

Since last meeting Income received £433.22 £200 from D&G xmas grant 2016 which had not been paid, £233.22 repayment of quad service from Garlieston Regeneration Group.

May/June Expenditure £853.77 Printer paper 8.72, materials for painting sign and flower tubs £36.39, Flowers for tubs outside hall £57.00, 20 Flower boxes £320.68, flowers £45.98, Galloway sign refit £370 , accounts examination £15.

AOB **JuC** said she had replaced the Saltire near the village hall with an inexpensive one to see how well it would last {about 2 months} she has 2 more in reserve but wondered if it may be worth trying a more expensive flag. This was approved and the flag obtained.

JMc asked what the CC were planning for “Red Duster Day” for the Merchant Navy. None of the CC were aware of this and Jim said that all community councils should have received information. He will contact relevant body and get back. **CR** said he would attend the next meeting of Machars Action which promotes the development of communities through a board of trustees. Meetings are held every 5/6 weeks, the next being Monday 14th August. A new trustee will have to be found to replace Chris after this and also someone to attend Federation meetings.

Date of next meeting : Tuesday 1st August