

# Minutes of the Meeting of Garlieston Community Council

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017

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

**Ex officio:** Councillors Jim McColm,

8 members of the public attended

**Apologies for absence** received from Gavin Williams

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

**Matters arising:** Flooding around Forteviot Gardens and near Caravan & Motorhome site still a problem. **JMc** to continue to pursue this. Also, the tarmac in the red area on Mill Road still not replaced, likelihood of people tripping. Letter/email to be sent again.

Merchant Navy Red Flag Day is 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Appeal in newsletter for someone with naval/seafaring background to be present at flag raising ceremony.

**Police Business** PC Johnson, Community Officer, in attendance. Recent incidents: -

\* Fishing equipment stolen, some recovered but still ongoing.

\* There has been some vandalism on a farm in area.

\* Spate of counterfeit currency {banknotes from Ulster Bank} being passed, mainly in Dumfries area. People need to be made aware.

\* Fall in farm equipment theft, the police have funding to help with this, though attacks on livestock by dogs is still a problem. PC J said there is a range of booklets on rural crime and how to deal. **AD** to contact PC Billy Dodds to get some of these.

\* A few minor incidents in the village, mainly relating to vandalism of plant pots.

**Public Forum:** After work carried out to replace electricity poles and lamps, there is still no light outside 15 High Street. The homeowner has contacted D&G, also pointing out that the light is opposite a bus stop. No satisfactory result. **JC** to contact relevant bodies. He dealt with similar problem on Forteviot previous week.

The dead tree in the burn on Mill Road continues to cause concern, after a number years of debating ownership. It is only a matter of time before at least part of the tree falls onto the road/school playground. Decision made to get at least some of it cut down. **BM** to deal with this, also with erection of new noticeboard.

**BM** brought up continuing problem of speed of cars coming into village. There has still been no response to CC request for some sort of traffic calming, **AD** to contact PC Billy Dodds.

**Planning:** The village hall working party are waiting for a condition report on the state of the hall from D&G before going forward. It was felt that the hall and school would be better discussed at the same time and that each working party report back to CC. As we are still not aware of opinion of villagers it was suggested leafletting, time running out for school.

**Harbour Users:** **AD** had contacted Keith Armstrong Clarke {Harbour Master, Kirkudbright} and he is dealing with tidying the harbour. **JuC** said, coincidentally Community Payback team

were in village at same time as Keith {HM}, she had asked them to help with tidying area and they had done as much as possible within their own constraints but after discussion with HM, trying to work together to continue keep this up. She had also contacted Luce Bay contractors to ask for removal and tidy of some of the stuff within the cordon, this has been done in part. With regard to harbour wall, we are getting nowhere. JMc said council stalled at arbitration, suggested contacting D&G legal team {Rhona Lewis} AD to contact.

**Council Business:** There were no council meetings last month though councillors are still working.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Current balance £9,098.06

July Expenditure- £696.62 :-

Compost and Safety equipment – 93.60

Stationery and stamps – 24.28

Flag – 40.74

External notice board -538.00

**AOB** \* Anticipated installation of defibrillator next week along with another one.

\*Member still need to attend Federation meetings, deferred until find out details.

\* Young Person Money still needs to be used. JC suggested children's Christmas Party, which was agreed.

\* Tourist sign near village hall needs updating. JuC has been working on temporary update.

\* There has been no action on proposed fencing around play park. Continue to push this.

\* Traffic calming problem JMc suggested D&G &/ Police Scotland may need to monitor before action taken.

\* CL received a card from Jim Taylor and family thanking CC for rose bowl presented earlier in year.

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**