

Minutes of the Meeting of Garlieston Community Council

Tuesday 5th September 2017

Attendance Members present: Carol Lorchrie, Avril Dooley, Jim Carter, Barbara Holmes, Julie Carter, Harry Hedley

Ex officio: Councillors Jim McColm, Graham Nicol, Katie Hagmann

6 members of the public attended

Apologies for absence received , none

Minutes of previous meeting passed as true record, proposed by **BH**, seconded by **AD**

CL welcomed Chris Donkin to the meeting to give an update on the school. There is to be a meeting in school Wednesday 6th September at 3.30 and at Whithorn school 6-7 pm based on proposal to close Garlieston and align with Whithorn. Council projections are based on numbers significantly diminishing over past couple of years, falling mostly due to threat of closure and parents wanting to secure school places in “safe” schools. Consultation periodm23ed August until 3rd October after which all documentation will be put together and presented to HMI. Parents and pupils past and present need to express views, also in light of the fact that most services in the village have gone {shop, Post Office etc}, we need to get working village back. There are options which may help the school case such as reducing the capacity by using one of the classrooms e.g. for Mulberry Harbour museum. It was emphasised that the village hall and school working groups need to work with the CC to help secure a favourable outcome. Time scale for school is extremely short. **JMc** suggested as part of problem is no nursery provision at Garlieston it may be idea to consider using surplus classroom perhaps with privately funded child care.

Matters arising: Still no satisfactory solution to flooding around Forteviot Gardens and near Caravan & Motorhome site. **JMc** to continue to pursue this along with **GN**.

The light on High Street has been reinstated but we are no nearer to cutting the tree in the burn or establishing traffic calming on Mill Road.

The hall working party is still waiting for condition report so cannot progress. Members of public present said what great event Military Weekend had been adding how much it showed what the hall can be successfully used for. The harbour had been tidied but is getting untidy again due to people leaving things around e.g., fishing gear, particularly on area in front of the houses. It seems that the time limit for people to remove/tidy up their belongings has not been imposed. **KH** said the adoption of roads {i.e. Burnside} can be considered but it would be expensive.

Police Business PC Johnson said police had supported many events over the summer and would be active during bonfire and Christmas celebrations They are working against rogue traders, scams etc and fraud prevention leaflets were made available, these incudes working with students who are embarking on university education. Also available were posters warning of dangers of just “one punch”

People had asked for police road shows to be available nearer than Dumfries, the nearest organised is to be in Stranraer. While the police will try to resolve inconsiderate parking

incidents, unfortunately this must come low down the list against crimes deemed to be more important.

There have been 3 incidents of vandalism, one concerning lobster pots and 2 road traffic accidents. It was suggested that a speed detector at the entrance to village would be needed before any traffic calming solution could be put in place. Other villages in the region have successfully gone through the process.

The Community Safety Team were to be in the village 6th September to offer advice and answer questions

Public Forum: It was suggested that after success of Military Weekend it would be good to twin with village/town in France [e. Arronmanche] **CL** said she is hoping eventually to link Wales [where pontoons were made with Garlieston [where tested] and France [where used]. CC are considering Heritage Lottery Grant and **BH** has submitted an expression of interest which is being considered, decisions made in December. **KH** suggested that including the fact that the area is part of a UNESCO Biosphere and the project is within Biosphere when applying to heritage lottery fund, it could make the application stand out from others. **HH** made similar suggestion in regard to money still being available for e.g. environmental projects from Europe but need to get before Brexit.

Planning: No proposals this month

Council Business: None

Treasurer's Report

Current balance 9097.26. A breakdown can be seen on village notice boards.

AOB * Teams are invited for quiz in aid of Sorbie parish church on 6th October.

It is proposed to trial the new notice board at the end of North Crescent and take opinions as to the sighting of this or more suitable venue. The bench at extreme point is in need of repair, Jim Davis has offered to repair.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 3rd October