

# Minutes of the Meeting of Garlieston Community Council

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**1 Attendance** Avril Dooley [Chair], Jonathan Lochrie [Vice Chair], Chris Hanna [Treasurer] Bobby Maxwell, Julie Carter Leslie, Williams, Harry Hedley, Jim Davies, Stephen Lochrie, Melanie Lochrie

Ex Officio Councillors : Jim McColm, Graham Nicol

Members of the public attending:-

Steve Hanna, Carol Lochrie, Pat McErlean, Paul Newton

**2 Apologies** : Jim Carter, Kelly Maxwell

**3 Minutes of previous meeting passed**

**5 Police Report** {moved forward to allow police to leave}:-

\*No crimes showing up on system this month.

\* Livestock worrying, reminded of impact on farmers if dogs worry/chase stock, particularly pregnant sheep at this time of year. Plea for dog owners to keep dogs under control.

\*Warning about phone fraud scams, as well as bank and tax scams. People warned to be vigilant and not give out any details to people who phone.

\*Annual police plan to be completed by end of March, if anyone has anything which they feel needs prioritising, closing date 21<sup>st</sup> February.

**AD** again brought up need for public safety when walking to/from the shop, particularly as there have been some close shaves. Neither **AD** nor **JL** have still had no response from D&G, or police. **JMc** said it doesn't cost great deal to put in speed strip monitors and speed warning signs, suggested contact Graham Alison at roads department. In addition, the general state of the roads, including pot holes and mud dropped from farm vehicles was discussed. Steve Hanna mentioned road to Sorbie Tower and Millisle re mud, **HH** said that was made worse when hedges cut, who should clean?

Dog fouling is still a problem, and getting worse again, so not holiday makers at this time of year, Police to contact Dog Warden. Policewoman was thanked for her input.

**4 Matters Arising** from last month's minutes

**a) JD** confirmed that hall has been adapted to suit existing generator which is powered by tractor. **HH** to check on practicalities of getting generator etc to hall when necessary. **JD** had found that a freestanding generator of 3KW would cost about £300.

**b) BM** had checked grit spreader with **JL**, not worth buying. **JL** to look into another means.

**c)** Tree by war memorial has been replaced by D&G, it will need staking soon.

**d) AD** said Burns Supper had been a success, thanked Carol and Harry Lochrie who hosted event at Harbour Inn and hoped next year will be even better.

**CH** has not yet enquired about possibility of live tree for Christmas

**6 Councillors' Report** **JMc** reported that Harbour dispute is still ongoing between council/contractors and is supposed to be reaching some conclusion by 20<sup>th</sup> March.

Members of CC asked why the date keeps getting pushed back. D&G time at present being taken up with trying to find ways to absorb £11 million gap in funds for this year, needing to make substantial savings. **HH** asked how council can put money into festivals, **JMc** pointed out that these bring in great deal of revenue, **CH** added for example Oyster Festival had brought a 30% turnover increase for businesses during the Festival. **GN** said council trying not to go down legal route with harbour. The council has to save £30/40 million in next 2

years and lose 800 jobs, mostly from managerial posts, some have already gone by cutting departments from 6 to 4. We have lowest council tax in Scotland but can expect increase of 3% {maximum allowed}. It was also suggested that although the roads are in bad state they are by no means the worst in UK.

**7 Treasurer's Report** Current balance **£9,937.48** though there have been some payments since this statement. There is no cash in hand. A cheque of £6,500 has been sent to the Big Lottery to repay part of a Lottery grant that hadn't been used.

**CH** has requested monthly statements from bank as more convenient than quarterly. She is looking into funding opportunities. It is difficult to get funding for projects on land that is not owned by the CC. There is lots of support for re-development of the play park. **JMc** asked who actually owns the land on/near play park, answer DGHP & DG Council. **GN** gave an example of a path being built in Glentroll on land they don't own, being funded by Kilgallioch. **CH** said there is still money available from European Maritime Fisheries Fund for fishing communities and for the benefit of the community, they have increased the percentage of funding from 50% to 100%. **CH** has asked for ideas for projects, **HH** suggested a boat hoist which could be used by working fishing boats and pleasure craft, he will get some prices. **JMc** asked if there was sufficient hard standing if boats are to be pulled out on regular basis. **AD** to contact English Homes to see if possibility of taking over the land on development. **CH** reminded CC members to complete and expense form with receipt in order to have money reimbursed.

## **8 Public Forum**

\*Carol Lochrie {**CL**} pointed out that the generator [referred to earlier in meeting] was donated to CC for use of village. **HH** to double check. **LW** asked if generator belongs to CC and needs tractor to function, can it not be sold and obtain self propelled.

\***CL** asked why the council were still "talking" about the harbour when a man had spoken to the CC many months ago with same information. **JMc** suggested someone from harbour committee be invited to April CC meeting, e.g James McLoud.

\***CL** also suggested if it is planned to use/promote the village hall the kitchen facilities need to be upgraded as very basic at present and not able to cope with large numbers.

\* **CH** gave **JD** details of grant funding opportunities, conditions are that hall needs to be owned or have a 25 year lease in order to qualify. Not many people had been at meeting of hall working party when appointments of committee were made, but it was asked why the committee meetings were now not open to all. **JL** said meetings **should** be open to the public. **CH** asked 2 members of hall committee who were present at CC [Jim Davies and Steve Hanna] if they would ask that meetings be made public and post notices publicly. Paul Newton agreed with this, also asking that minutes of hall committee be made public.

\*Pat McErlean requested that items left by the electricity board, when they worked in the village last year, be removed as dangerous and untidy.

\*Steve Hanna suggested that the Winter Resilience Team allocate different areas of village to certain people on the team to ensure e.g that all pavements gritted. **JL** had asked for the road up to school to be gritted and also requested more grit boxes. So far no response, **AD** will ask again.

\*It was suggested that if still using original generator and problem with tractor, another farmer be asked to assist.

\***JD** reported that there had been nothing new re Village Hall as some of legalities need addressing.

**AOB :-**

**Correspondence:-**

- \* Alister Jack has written ask for date to come to CC
- \* Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, asking for volunteers to be available for resilience work, particularly people with 4X4
- \* Re Broadband availability in village
- \* From group appealing for widening of A75, **AD** to respond. **GN** said not council road, he doubts Scottish government will fund
- \* Machars Federation, scheme of establishment for CCs, response by 21<sup>st</sup> Feb

**Also:-**

- \* Parent council have suggested that consultation process re school was poorly managed . However, letter received from Colin Grant {included in saved minutes} put minds a rest re future of school. School getting upgrade hopefully in October and council looking at possibility of Nursery provision.
- \* Mums & Toddler Group folded but proposed to try monthly meeting.
- \* **AD** met with Community Payback leader to discuss this year's priorities
- \* **BM** meeting with Gala Team on 19<sup>th</sup> February to plan Gala
- \* **HH** said fence down Mill Road in need of repair. **CH** asked for ideas for long term projects and improvements to village. \***AD** will remind Roy Walter for the 2<sup>nd</sup> defibrillator

At end of meeting **GN** pointed out that D&G Council had to find £75 million over 4/5 years, 1200 jobs lost, mostly managerial, so not surprising responses slow and work not carried out

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018**