



# GARELOCHHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**DRAFT MINUTES for the  
Garelochhead Community Council public meeting  
held in *Church Hall, Garelochhead*  
on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**Members Present:**

Watson Robinson	Convenor CC
Mandy Crossland	Member CC
Mary Gray	Member CC
Martin Croft	Member CC
Colin Taylor	Member CC
Andrea Wise	Secretary CC
David Norton	Member CC
Gemma Kimmett	Member CC

**Attending:**

Clr Iain Paterson	A&B Councillor
Clr George Freeman	A&B Councillor
Inspector Jeanette Speirs	MOD Police
Constable David Quigley	Police Scotland

**Apologies:**

Clr Barbara Morgan	A&B Councillor
Fiona Robinson	Treasurer CC
Kirsty Forrester	Member CC
Margaret Stratton	Member CC

**Public:**

K Blakeley	Public
R Blakeley	Public
David Archard	Public
Marion Archard	Public



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## 1. Introductions and welcome

### Welcome to members of the public and Convenor's opening remarks

**Apologies for absence** (as above)

**Declarations of Interest** – Andrea Wise declared an interest in planning applications submitted to Argyll and Bute Council.

## 2. Police reports

### a. Police Scotland - Present by PC David Quigley

Incidents recorded between dates 01/08/18-06/11/18 - Total No incidents reported 125

06/08/18	House Breaking - Smiddy Rd, Garelochhead
08/19/18	Section 38 - Greenfield Way, Garelochhead
18/09/18	Vandalism – Upland Road, Garelochhead
28/09/18	Theft from m/v – Whistlefield, Garelochhead
28/09/18	Fraud – B872, Garelochhead
22/09/18	Assault – Faslane, Garelochhead
14/10/18	Section 38 – Feorlin Way, Garelochhead
19/10/18	Vandalism – Dalandhui East Lane

Mary Gray raised a safety concern with regard the visibility of the road signs; The Police will review the safety issue and report back to Council

PC David Quigley confirmed Police Scotland will be carrying out speed checks within the area.

### b. MDP & Clyde Marine Unit - Presented by Inspector Jeanette Speirs

Insp Jeanette Speirs thanked the community on behalf of the MOD for their support on Nae Nucks Rally 22/09/18; there was approximately 250 demonstrators attending the rally. MOD Police are continuing to carry out visits to Peace Camp

Wason asked Jeanette to pass on GCC thanks to Chief Inspector Des Kennedy.

## 3. Minutes of previous meetings

### Review of actions from last minutes

Who	What	Status
<b>Watson</b>	- Investigate works at Portincapple.	On Agenda
	- WR – Contact Christine Minister regarding the Battle etc regarding community involvement	
	- Website Update	On Agenda
<b>Barbara</b>	- Garelochhead Library update	On Agenda
<b>Mary</b>	- Water on road	On Agenda
<b>Kirsty</b>	- Website Update	On Agenda
<b>David/Martin</b>	- Update required on progress on Three Lochs Way access route improvement to Garelochhead.	On Agenda
<b>Iain</b>	- Crash Barrier – Portincapple	On Agenda
<b>George</b>	Broadband – Update on work	On Agenda
	- Bendaorrach Park – Update on access and audit	On Agenda



### **Approval of previous minutes**

Corrections noted and Minutes updated.

Minutes agreed on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018 - Proposed by Andrea Wise – Second by Colin Taylor

### **3. Follow up items.**

#### **a Portincaple Works**

Watson reported that Pelham Olive had advised him that he was meeting Argyll & Bute Planners this week to discuss the Proposal.

#### **b Three Lochs Way**

No update from David.

Maurice Corry has been approached on looking into the matter but there has not been any feedback to date. Options for the route were discussed: 1 path proposed to go down through the village and the standard path refurbished. Margaret Stratton is looking into a survey being carried out on how visitors use the paths to Garelochhead. A suggestion was raised to install signage to direct visitors to an alternative route. Safety concerns were raised concerning the crossing of the Haul Route as part of the route. It was agreed the existing path should be improved and costs confirmed for the refurbishment of the path.

ACTION: Update required from Maurice Corry on the 3 Lochs Way  
Martin to obtain cost estimates for refurbishing the path

#### **c Website Update**

Kirsty Forrester is going to manage the website; update to follow at next meeting

Watson reported Fraser Muir had sent a tutorial on how to update the website; he will forward the email onto Martin and Andrea.

#### **d Library Update**

No update to report.

#### **e GCC – Involvement in Battles Over Campaign**

Battles Over Campaign – 11<sup>th</sup> Nov Battles War Campaign

David confirmed the following order of events:

6am - Piper at the Church Memorial  
10.45am - Church Service (Garelochhead Parish Church)  
12.30pm – Ringing Church Bells  
6.55pm - Last Post - Neptune Band  
7.00pm – Ringing Church Bells

Watson confirmed the Memorial Bench paying tribute to soldiers from the Garelochhead Area was unveiled on Remembrance Sunday outside Garelochhead Parish Church.

Watson confirmed that the Minister Christine Murdoch would like to establish an Armistice Day Meeting for the future.

#### **f Roads – Update**

Mary confirmed she was waiting for responses from; Argyll & Bute - Drainage Department and Roads Department. There is still concern regarding water running across road.

It was raised at the meeting that this has been an ongoing issue and if an accident occurred due the hazard the Council could be liable for criminal negligence.



**g Crash Barrier**

Cllr Paterson reported he had been in contact with Kevin McIntosh (A&B Roads Performance Manager) regarding the crash barrier. Kevin confirmed a cost estimate of £60,000 to install a crash barrier at Portincaple; a breakdown of costs was requested by Cllr Paterson. Kevin also confirmed a member of staff would be going to inspect the site on Thursday.

ACTION: Watson agreed to arrange to meet the representative from the council.

Cllr Paterson to provide an update at next meeting

**h Bendaoroch Park**

Watson confirmed the path was completed under the old community payback team and Live Argyll were responsible for access to the Astro Park.

It was agreed GCC would like to know the future plans for the park.

ACTION: Mary to contact Live Argyll – Plans, timescales and what they are going to do.

**i Broadband at Portincaple**

Cllr Freeman confirmed work is scheduled for the next Quarter

Watson reported he had spoken to Iain MacInnes (A&B Digital Liaison Officer) on the 26/09/18 and he confirmed that asbestos had been detected as part of the installation and works may start beginning of next year.

**4. Committee updates**

**a. Planning**

**Planning: Applications Noted:**

18/01884/PP	Proposal: Renewal of planning permission reference 15/02160/PP (Erection of dwelling house) Location: Land Adjacent To Woodbank And Woodlands, Station Road, Garelochhead,
18/01821/PP	Proposal: Roof extension to create additional space in existing bedrooms, construction of deck to rear. Location: Bloomfield Cottage, Garelochhead
18/02003/NMA	Non Material Amendment to Planning Per mission 17/00814/PP (Construction of submarine escape, rescue, abandonment and survivability training facility (SMERAS) - removal of northern flat roof section and reduction in the extent of the feature spine plant housing Location: Building No 1209, H M Naval Base Clyde, Faslane

**Update on Planning Applications**

18/01644/PP - Approved	Proposal: Conversion of former Police Station to form two flats with associated parking and amenity space (retrospective) Location: Former Police Station, Feorlin Way, Garelochhead.
18/01468/PP - Approved	Proposal: Erection of dwelling house with integral garage Location: Former Springwell, Portincaple
18/01490/PP - Approved	Proposal: Erection of dwelling house and detached garage, formation of vehicular access and installation of sewage treatment plant Location: Land South West Of Premnay, Whistlefield.
18/01787/PPP - Awaiting	Proposal: Site for the erection of 3 dwelling houses Location: Land East Of Lochhaven, Portincaple Going to Committee

**b. Treasurer**

Previous Balance:	£1637.44	Dated 29/06/18
Balance from Last Statement:	£1595.94	Dated 12/09 /18
Expenses to be Paid	£40.00	Gibson Hall Hire



No update on bank mandate; Fiona will follow this up.  
The standing order to Fraser Muir to be cancelled.

c. **Secretary Report** - Emails were sent to GCC members regarding the following:

**Email forward to GCC Members 30/10/18 received from Kirsty Moyes – Argyll & Bute Council**

**Equality and Diversity Training – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov Helensburgh and Lomond Civic Centre**

Information sent to community councils regarding potential training opportunities that would be available from the Community Development Team. The first session that we will be offered will be Equality and Diversity Training on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November at the Helensburgh and Lomond Civic Centre (Marriage Room, 10am – 4pm).

Participation in the event can be booked using Eventbrite by clicking [here](#). If you have any questions, please get in touch with Kirsty directly or e-mail [communitydevelopment@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:communitydevelopment@argyll-bute.gov.uk).

**Email forward to GCC Members 05/11/18 received from Melissa Stewart – Argyll & Bute Council**

Request for an update on the on bells in our local area that intend to ring out at 12.30pm on 11<sup>th</sup> November to signal the centenary of the end of the First World War. If so, could we reply to Melissa's email so she can pass details onto the WW1 group

**Email forward to GCC Members 05/11/18 received from Christine Woods – Member Helensburgh Community**

**Council:** Request for information leaflet for residents in our CC area regarding nuclear emergency; GCC forwarded the relevant information onto HCC.

**Email forward to GCC Members 30/10/18 received from Aileen Morton – Argyll & Bute Council**

**Regarding - Argyll and Bute Budget Consultation**

Council meets in February next year to set Budget – they would like feedback from community councils on their views regarding the budget.

The consultation runs until 20 November; If we would like to responded to the council go to the following link: <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/budget-consultation-2018> For any questions about the consultation, please contact [planningourfuture@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:planningourfuture@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

d. **Residents Association – GF & MC – UPDATE**

Margaret Stratton is stepping down as representative for GCC.  
Mary Gray agreed to be appointed as the new GCC Focal Point  
Proposed - Martin Croft Seconded - David Norton

Clr Freeman reported the following matters are being actioned by the Residents Association:

1. Identifying Land Ownership
2. Shore Walks – Owned by Luss Estates
3. Euston Place – Owned by Luss Estates
4. Bridge over McAuley Burn – Fence replaced
5. Cables across McAuley Bridge
6. Three benches on Shore Walk arranged to be refurbished ; two completed
7. Lighting Standards – Back in Place



### **5. Councillors' Updates**

#### **Cllr Barbara Morgan Report.**

- 5.1 Library – No update
- 5.2 Mambeg Potholes – No update

#### **Cllr George Freeman**

- 5.3 Cllr Freeman confirmed a Public Hearing for the new pool is scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018.
- 5.4 Cllr Freeman confirmed the Participating Grant System piloted earlier this year had been reviewed and Argyll and Bute Council have decided not to carry out the scheme next year.
- 5.5 Issues have been raised concerning the congestion with the Traffic at the HMNB, Faslane.  
The Base has confirmed they intend to make further changes regarding the management of the traffic and are proposing to open 2 additional gates; next to Dog Kennels and Fuel Depot.  
Cllr Freeman highlighted to the base contact that access through the Fuel Depot would cause problems to the access roads through Garelochhead.
- 5.6 A request for a bus service servicing Portincaple to be investigated. Cllr Freeman has requested this be put on the agenda at the Operational Committee for the following Friday.
- 5.7 Watson raised the matter regarding the provision of a Taxi Service for the area. Cllr Freeman confirmed a license could be applied for a Taxis however it would be for the Helensburgh and Lomond area.

#### **Cllr Iain Paterson Report.**

- 5.8 Rest & Be Thankful – Meeting to be held Arrochar Friday 09/11/18 – 10am -12pm

### **6. Questions from members of the public and Outstanding emails**

- a Land Disposal email Douglas Boutell dated 22<sup>nd</sup> October  
Watson contacted council regarding the land; they agreed to contact GCC if further similar size sections of land become available in the future. The piece of land will be used for parking for the flats.
- b Email Jean Cook – Laigh Balernock dated 21<sup>st</sup> October  
Secretary of Rhu and Shandon CC – Email regarding Wind Farm and donation from Mr Hamilton to Route 81. They would also like to receive a portion of the donation when it is available. This was discussed and GCC believed Rhu would benefit as Route 81 was a Youth Project set up for young persons within the Hermitage Catchment Area, which includes Rhu.
- c Email Jane Ireland (Rest and Thankful Closure)  
Cllr Paterson confirmed there was a meeting to be held on Friday 09/11/18 – 10am -12pm at Slanja Bar, Arrochar to discuss the Rest & Be Thankful road closures.
- d Query raised regarding the exact location of the proposed 750 Space Car Park in Faslane in Quarry Car Park.
- e Mandy raised an issue on behalf of a member of the community regarding the removal of the bins on Edge Lane. Following the removal of the bins rubbish is being dumped and a request was made for a dog bin be installed. Cllr Freeman reported that these are no longer being provided by the council.
- f A request was raised for the website to be updated regularly; can the GCC Agenda be posted on website.
- g A request was raised for Beach Clean to be put on the Agenda
- h A request was raised for white lines to be painted on a section of road towards Peninsular. Cllr Freeman confirmed the position of white lines on a road depend on the width of the road; if too narrow the lines are painted on the edges.



## 7 New Items

### 7.1 Christmas Lights & Spruce Tree

A&B Council will provide tree but after this year they will not put up the lighting.

Options for how to deal with the tree installation next year were discussed as follows:

Option 1 - GCC arrange it themselves

Option 2 - GCC employ a contractor to carry out the installation; Tony Dance

Option 3 - Meet with other councils and agree how to carry out the installations next year.

ACTION: GCC to meet to discuss the tree and light installation; put on Agenda in March 2019

## 8. Date of the next meeting

Date of next meeting: 7pm, Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019

## 9. Actions for follow-up at next meeting

Who	What	Status
<b>Watson</b>	- Crash Barrier – Meeting Representative from Council - Portincaple Development	
<b>Barbara</b>	- Library Update	
<b>Mary</b>	- Contact Live Argyll regarding Plans and Maintenance at Park - Roads – Water	
<b>David</b>	- 3 Lochs Way – Feedback from Maurice Corry	
<b>Martin</b>	- 3 Lochs Way – Costs for refurbishment of path	
<b>Gemma</b>	- Beach Clean Date Suggestions	
<b>Iain</b>	- Crash Barrier	
<b>George</b>	- Broadband – Update on work	
<b>Kirsty</b>	- Update on the Website	
<b>Colin</b>	- Contact Base for assisting with Beach Clean	

[End of Minutes]