

GARELOCHHEAD



COMMUNITY COUNCIL

*WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY
FOR THE COMMUNITY*

***Garelochhead Community Council meeting
held in Church Hall, Garelochhead on Tuesday 17th January 2017***

Members Present:

Martin Croft	Member CC
Colin Taylor	Member CC
Colin Smith	Member CC
David Norton	Member CC
Hazel Mackinnon	Member CC
Margaret Stratton	Treasurer CC
Watson Robinson	Convenor CC

Attending:

Cllr George Freeman	A&B Councillor
Cllr Robert G. MacIntyre	A&B Councillor
Insp. Coleen Wylie	Police Scotland
Russell White	MDP
James Dagleish	Clyde Marine Unit
Alex Hamilton	Member of Public
Alex Bellshaw	Member of Public
Thomas Smith	Member of Public
Ronald Nicolson	Member of Public
Mandy Crossland	Member of Public
Laura Cameron	Gibson Hall Representative
Alistair McIntyre	Member of Public

Apologies:

Alan Pinder	Secretary CC
Denise Donald	Garelochhead Primary School
Cllr. Maurice Corry	A&B Councillor

1. Introductions and welcome

- **Welcome to members of the public and Convenor's opening remarks**
- **Apologies for absence** (as above)
- **Declarations of Interest** – none noted.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

- **Review of actions from last minutes**

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>	<i>Status</i>
Alan	Follow up with John Reid re Community Champion to support co-pay fibre broadband connections	Done – on agenda
Watson	Follow up on November Beach Clean / removal of boat / arranging skip	On-going
	Follow up with Scottish Water re emptying cycle for the septic tank, and completion of remaining slipway repairs.	On-going
Martin	Fill in the collapsed area in the path on Shore Walk, with David Norton	See below
George	Depending on outcome of discussion between Council and Luss Estates.	On-going
George	Progress demolition of old Medical Centre with NHS via Building Control	Done – being progressed for turn of year.

- **Approval of previous minutes**
Proposed and seconded – David and Martin

3. Police Reports.

Police Scotland

Inspector Wylie gave a report on the crimes and acts of vandalism that had been reported from mid-December to date. There had been several reports of youths causing acts of vandalism and anti-social behaviour. These have been investigated, with some youths being identified. To combat this there has also been an increase in the number of police patrols. Inspector Wylie stated that with the Police, Social Workers and the community working together this problem could be resolved. She asked any members of the public who spot any problems to contact the police early on 101 which would allow for a quick response. She also stated that any information given by members of the public would be followed up and of course would be confidential.

Other activities that Inspector Wylie was keen to progress was **Rural Watch**, with the police working closely with local communities and farmers. Along with this the **Youth Engagement** liaison officer, PC Stamp will be visiting local schools to educate them on issues such as on-line safety etc. She said they are also continuing to educate people with regards to bogus calls and cold calling.

Mod Defence Police

The MDP reported that they will continue to support the local police and the community when on patrol. They also stated that there had been some misrepresentation with regard to MDP taking over roles of Police Scotland, both organisations will continue to work closely on certain aspects of policing but MDP will not be taking on the roles of Police Scotland. This was supported by Inspector Wylie, who stated that Police Scotland would continue to fully support the community.

The Community Council welcomed this clarifying statement and thank both organisations for their efforts to resolve the latest rise in juvenile vandalism and for their commitments.

Clyde Marine Unit

Inspector James Dagleish of the Clyde Marine Unit gave a short update of the role of the CMU. He also stated that local boat owners could register with the unit which could provide them with additional security. He also stated that the unit could attend fund raising events in the community. The chairman thanked him for this and his update.

4. Committee updates

- **Planning**

A short update was given on the progress of the planning application for the wind farm in Mr Hamilton's farm. Mr Robert Hamilton also stated that £5000 annually from each of the two wind turbines would be given to support the Community. The CC has already written in support of this application, but it was also stated that individual members could write in support or otherwise in regard to this proposal.

Cllr Freeman reported that the public toilets had been sold, but the future use of the building was as yet unknown. He also stated that the old Police Station was up for sale.

- **Treasurer**

Current balance £1,819.49

- **Secretary**

Alan has sent his apologise as he had been called away at short notice. An email has been received from BT stating that there has been problems in the telephone exchange with a faulty card and this is being investigated. There was also some ongoing work with cables. These problems should be resolved in the near future.

It is also understood that CC can ask people outside the community to carry out tasks and roles for the CC. It was agreed to formally ask Alan to continue to act as Secretary, even if at some point he resides outside the catchment area for the CC. The work he has done so far is much appreciated.

5. Questions from the Public

- **Village lighting.** James Dagleish asked Cllr Freeman why was it that it has taken over 3 months to sort out the lighting problem in the village, yet when the tree lights in Helensburgh went out they were replaced almost immediately. Other members also wished to know why are the lights between the Anchor and the fuel depot out sync. They are coming on in the middle of the night/day. Cllr Freeman explained that some to the problems are to do with Council funding issues and he would investigate timing issue with the lights.
- **Beach Clean.** Mandy Crossland asked for an update on the progress with the beech clean as she and members of the Gibson Hall had volunteered to assist with refreshments. The Convenor replied that the planned beach clean had to be cancelled as the council no longer provides skips to local communities to assist in this activity. However once the winter is over the CC will attempt another

beach clean and provide funds to rent a skip. He thank all those who were prepared to support the last effort and thanked them for their time. The Convenor stated that the boat will be removed at the first opportunity.

- **Bendarroch Park, football pitch and pack.** Several members of the public raised concerns about the state of the park with fallen trees and the overgrown path. If permission could be given to remove the fallen trees members of the public would do this. Cllr Freeman said he thinks that this would be possible and will investigate. He also stated that funds have been allocated for the resurfacing of the football pitch.

The Convenor suggested that a group could be formed to look after the park and the football facilities. This was welcomed and some agreed to volunteer to clear the path. Another problem discussed was the drainage from the ground when stones had been placed on completion of the work on the play park. Cllr MacIntyre said he would investigate this with the roads department.

- **Pot holes and BT covers.** Alistair McIntyre reported that on the footpath there was a dangerous BT cover that need repairing and that there were potholes at the end of shore walk /main road that need repair, both were hazardous to people and vehicles. Cllr MacIntyre said he would take this up with the roads department.

6. Councillors' updates

- **Street lighting** – Cllr Freeman will investigate ongoing problems with street lighting.

7. New items:

- **Bendarroch Park.**

Item discussed under questions from the public.

- **Garelochhead and Portincaple Community Trust.** The Convenor reported that he has been in discussion with the GPCT Chairman and once a meetings of the Trust Directors has taken place more information on the future of the Trust will be forthcoming.

- **Vale of Leven Maternity Services.** Martin reported that he has send a letter to the Jackie Ballie on behalf of the CC giving her our support in her campaign to have the maternity unit at the Vale of Leven maintained. A letter was also send to the Helensburgh Advertiser stating our support for the Vale, this letter was also published. We have received a thank you from J Ballie and we will provide further support as required.

- **Supporting Communities fund.**

To be discussed at the next CC meeting.

- **Zebra Crossing**

Hazel raised the issue of the Zebra crossing stating that it was unsafe, traffic still approached it too fast, and from to many directions, both main road and side roads and adjacent garage. The crossing was not visible coming around the corner, the dip in the hill from the village and parked traffic. People with visual impairments also had problems on using the crossing as there is no indication on when it was safe to cross. She proposed the crossing should be a lighted/sound controlled crossing. This found general agreement with the CC. Cllr Freeman explained that all these issues had been raised when the crossing was first being installed and after surveys by the Council it was agree that a Zebra crossing would meet the requirements. The CC agreed to look at this issue again.

8. Follow up items:

- **Bendarroch Park.**

Item discussed under questions from the public.

- **Medical Centre.**

Cllr Freeman stated that the Doctors position in the village is being advertised in the Medical Journal.

- **Memorials – Fountain.**

. The Convenor reported that Nicol Slee engineering has restored the fountain to a high standard they have also agreed to look into making up a covering plate to stop people disposing of rubbish in the disused tap housing, and also give the fountain a second coat of paint. Garelochhead primary school to look into the history of the fountain and report back with their findings.

- **Shore Walks pot-hole**

Discussed under questions from the public.

- **Garelochhead Memorials & Water Fountain**

- Water fountain – completed. Chairman thank Nicol Slee for all their effort and work.

- **Three Lochs Way access route from Garelochhead**

It is understood that this is still under discussions with John Urquhart. Further discussions at the next meeting.

- **BT Openreach / Digital Champions**

BT reported that there has been problems in the telephone exchange with a faulty card and this is being investigated. There was also some ongoing work with cables. These problems should be resolved in the near future.

- **Website**

Alan again please update. It was agreed unanimously that a fee of £160.00 for hosting and providing domain names would be acceptable.

9. AOB and date of next meeting

- **Notice Boards.**

Martin had received information regarding updating notice boards. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

- **Date of next meeting** - Tuesday 21st March at 7pm at the Church Hall.

10. Actions – for review at next meeting:

Who	What	Status
Watson	Progress discussion with regard to setting up Park Group. Progress discussions with regard to volunteers to clear path in Park. Progress issue with Zebra Crossing. Date for next beach clean.	
Alan	Report back on web-site / social media setup progress Send letter to BT Openreach to find out about broadband upgrade plans Send note of support to Wind Turbine planning application	
George	Report on local people removing fallen trees from park. Update on School Holidays scheduling Report back on Maint. Agreement proposal with DIO for Three Lochs Way Investigate village lighting issues.	

Who	What	Status
Robert McIntyre	Discuss with roads department problem with pot-holes and BT Covers. Discuss with roads department problem with drainage below park area.	