



GARELOCHHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING of Garelochhead Community Council held at the Fire Station,
Garelochhead on Tuesday 18th November 2014

PRESENT: Colin Taylor, Convenor (CT)
Martin Croft, Vice Convenor (MC)
Colin Smith Member (Planning) (CS)
Rose Dove Member (Publicity) (RD)
Caroline Colquhoun Member (CC)
James Leishman Member (JL)
Stella Irving Member (SI)
Robert McIntyre A & B Councillor (RM)

APOLOGIES: Margaret Stratton Treasurer (MS)
George Freeman A & B Councillor (GF)
Maurice Corrie A&B Councillor (MC)
Andrew Crawford Police Scotland (AC)
Ian Kernohan Member (IK)
Amanda McMillan Member (AMcM)

ATTENDING : Gary Greenall Member of the Public (GG)
Rosie O'Connor Member of the Public (Ro'C)
Rowland Eadie Member of the Public ()

| Agenda Item | | Action |
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| 1. | The Convenor welcomed everyone to the meeting | |
| 2. | The Convenor conveyed the apologies for those persons absent and established there were no declarations of interest | |
| 3. | Acceptance of the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 st October 2014 was proposed by CS and seconded by JL | |
| 4. | There was no police report available | |
| 5. | It was decided that IK and AMcM will be emailed to enquire as to their continued membership of the GCC | CT |
| 6. | Planning. CS reported one planning item although at the time of the meeting it was undetermined as to the exact location of this planning item RM and CT to check planning number 01081 | CT & RM |



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| 7. | <u>Treasurer Report</u> The Treasurer MS requested the minutes show agreement was reached that the treasurer will hold £100 pounds as a cash float to cover minor GCC expenditure | |
| 8. | <u>GCC Bi Elections</u> Bi – election forms were distributed for the forthcoming Garelochhead Community Council bi-election to be held in January for which the GCC received a special dispensation by the regional council to hold owing to circumstances that resulted in no nominees being available to be put forward in October. CC is continuing in her endeavours to notify groups within the local area such as the (School, Seniors Forum, Play Group etc) to seek a representative of their group which would make a welcome member of the GCC to enable further local engagement | Ongoing CC |
| 9. | <u>Mr J Hill</u> The Council has given Mr J Hill an extension of 6 months to allow him to construct a new access to his site, the issue regarding vehicular access to his land by the existing entrance at present compromises safety due to poor line of sight according to the council and will be a pedestrian only access although it is argued by Mr Hill that this was a vehicular access over many years and he considers that even after repairs were carried out several years ago to the adjacent bridge’s stone walling top side, the line of sight has not has not changed any. RC to make further enquiries to the council and MC to liaise with Mr Hill | RC |
| 10. | <u>Speeding</u> Further enquiries were made to the GCC my members of the public attending the meeting with regards to excessive speed by vehicles on Shore Road . No further updates were available at this time and it was suggested that road speed signage may go some way to mitigating this problem It was suggested the local residents and neighbours along the stretch of road concerned should raise a petition or proposal for action and the community council will support and assist in this proposal in bringing it to the attention of the both the council and the police RC will enquire with the council on this issue and would also enquire to an upgrade of the pavement for this area to facilitate safer passage of pedestrians | RC & MC |
| 11. | <u>Dog Attacks</u> Member of the Public Garry Greenhall stated that it was his understanding that the two recent dog attacks that took place at the Gibson Hall and Bendarroch Park which resulted in the owner having to have two dogs destroyed appeared not to have been logged on the official police report. These dog attacks resulted in severe injury to one of the | MC |



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| | dogs attacked and distress to both dogs and their owners MC to email A Crawford of Police Scotland | |
| 12. | <u>Memorial Bench.</u> MC states an estimate for repair is underway | On-going |
| 13. | <u>Village Fountain.</u> CC to check if paint for the fountain can be gotten free of charge to assist with a community driven initiative | CC |
| 14. | <u>Flower Pots</u> Nothing further to report at this time | Ongoing |
| 15. | <p><u>Bendarroch Park</u> CC attended the Garelochhead Primary School to seek participation from the school children as to what ideas they may like for the park and what sort of play facilities they would like to see there , the GCC was treated to a colourful array of pictures depicting Zip slides, swings , monkey puzzles etc for which the GCC was most grateful and would like to thank them all for their ideas</p> <p>GG reports that he attended a meeting with Stuart McCracken in Bendarroch Park with regards to cutting up and removal of the fallen trees and agreement was reached to cut up the wood in to manageable sizes in order that CC of the GCC can organise the distribution of wood to the those it would prove helpful for</p> <p>GG reports discussions were also underway with regards to new play park equipment through Hags /SNP which would also to be assisted by funding by way of an application to the Community Covenant. Costing in relation to this will be promulgated by the GCC at a later date after submission of the relative paper work - On going</p> <p>GG Reports Advertising for the new Park Management Group has been progressed and has been featured in the Helensburgh Advertiser also he reported :</p> <p>New locks are now on park outer gates</p> <p>The council will supply paint for the football park changing rooms</p> <p>A request is being made for the ‘No Ball Games’ sign to be removed from the football park</p> | <p>GG</p> <p>GG/CC/RM</p> |



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| 16. | Health Centre – Nothing further to report at this time | On going |
| 17. | Knotweed Convenor stated the Community Pay Back Team had been involved in treating Japanese Knotweed around the area of Fort William for which training and equipment was funded by both the National Heritage Scotland and from Lottery Funding | On going |
| 18. | Road Repairs Concern over the newly laid road surface being potentially slippery in icy weather and subject to increased surface water in the areas of Garelochhead repaired and raised at the previous meeting by GG is ongoing and it was suggested by RM that photographic evidence may help to support and convey his concerns. It was reported to GG by Councillor Freeman that the speed bumps removed to undertake the resurfacing work would all be replaced by the end of November | On going |
| 18 | New Business Member of the public Rosie O'Connor put forward an idea about local premises displaying Christmas lights leading up to and during the festive period. It was agreed that the idea would be of interest and that the Community Council could provide some assistance with this. There are several factors to consider however, such as agreement of the premise owners to actually display the lights, the potential cost of running them which would then be a factor when considering the type of lights to purchase along with their durability etc It was not decided at the time of the discussion who would actually be paying for the lights and it was considered the Garelochhead Trust would be the better group to speak to although the at the time of the discussion it was considered that the GCC may be of some assistance financially by way of a donation Caroline Colquhoun has met with Rosie O'Connor to discuss this matter but considering all of the above, it is now agreed this venture would be better visited at a more suitable time of year with sufficient time to look at all of the above aspects and with a view to seeing if this could be something that could be in place for next year | |

The date for the next Garelochhead Community Council meeting and Bi-Election will be on Tuesday 20th January at the Gibson Hall commencing at 1900Hrs