



## AGREED Minutes for the Garelochhead Community Council Meeting

Held virtually owing to COVID-19 restrictions at 1930hrs on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021

### 1.Introductions and welcome

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#### a. Present

Watson Robinson	Convenor
Martin Croft	Vice Chair
Hilary Worton	Secretary
Carole Spencer	Member
Fergus Madigan	Member
Fiona Robinson	Member

#### Attending:

Cllr George Freeman	Ward Councillor
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#### Public:

Chris Smith
Marion Archard

#### Guests:

None
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#### b. Apologies:

Margaret Stratton	Treasurer
David Norton	Member
Craig Ritchie	Member
Cllr Iain Shonny Paterson	Ward Councillor

#### c. Declarations of interest – none

d. The Convenor (Watson Robinson) opened the meeting and welcomed members and guests. He also commented on the recent sad passing of Jim McKillop.



## 2. Police reports

Police Scotland provided the attached report.



Garelochhead Police  
Report 08.06.docx

No report was provided by the MOD Police/CMU.

## 3. Minutes and actions from last meeting

Minutes of last GCC meeting held May 25<sup>th</sup> 2021 were agreed, proposed by Hilary Worton and seconded by Fiona Robinson.

Status on actions agreed at last meeting as follows:

Agenda item	Who	What	Status
Convenor's report – speeding	Craig Ritchie	Draft response to Jim Smith (Roads) for the issue to be addressed without further delay	Done
	Secretary	Invite Police Scotland to our next meeting	Done
	Craig Ritchie	Investigate dash cam costs, feasibility etc	See discussion point below
Vice-convenor's report – cemetery gates	Secretary	Investigate planning application details. Draft letter to council highlighting our concerns about the state of the area	Done and circulated Done
MOD	Craig Ritchie	Chase up regular MOD report for GCC	Done
Planning	Secretary	Facebook poll to assess local views	On hold
Pet-Trac	Secretary	Note on Facebook to let people know we have the device	Done
Mobile phone	Carole Spencer	Top up credit and arrange reimbursement	Done
3 Lochs Way	Secretary	Arrange site walk through with J Urquhart	On hold
GA Residents' Assoc	All	We need a representative from the GCC on the GA RA	Outstanding

## 4. Councillors' updates

Cllr Freeman was the only councillor present at the meeting and presented the following updates:

- The A814 clearway consultation is now open for comments. Cllr Freeman confirmed his opposition to a permanent clearway.
- Ongoing issues with bus stops around the ward, but nothing to report for Garelochhead



disposing a large tract of land to the north and east of Garelochhead by public auction on July 7<sup>th</sup> with an auction guide price of £70k (although it's likely to go for significantly higher than this). The land includes the play area and car parking area at the top of Greenfield Road. Cllr Freeman stated that he had expressed his dissatisfaction to the DIO that has been followed and that this has happened so quickly with no updates despite their assurances that they would keep him informed. Members discussed the subject, and expressed concern and disappointment that there is very little time for any community consultation, given that public amenity areas are involved. It was agreed that Watson Robinson (WR - Convenor), Craig Ritchie (CR - MOD lead) and Hilary Worton (HW - Secretary) would liaise to gather information and consider a response to the DIO.

**ACTION:** Cllr Freeman to circulate plans and link to auctioneer's website.

**ACTION:** WR, CR & HW to liaise and agree response if required

### 5. Roads/Dashcams/Participation Requests

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- We have received a response from Donna Lawson (Roads Officer) stating that they are not able to take any further action regarding the speeding issues we have raised with them until COVID restrictions are relaxed sufficiently to allow them to gather further data. This is extremely disappointing and suggests that they are continuing to stall on this important matter.

Craig Ritchie was not present at the meeting but sent the following proposal in advance:

1. Engagement with Police Scotland to advise on our intent to launch a 'Community Speed Watch' to ensure we keep on the right side of the law and to seek their support. I happy to draft an email to Roddy. The campaign would consist of :
  - a. Publicity via the local papers and Community Website and Facebook. ( Also highlighting that we are taking this action as the council will not)
  - b. Posters and signs being put up in the village of 'Community Speed Watch' ... advising that footage of excessive speed and reckless driving will be provided to Police Scotland
  - c. Dash Cams to be set up
  - d. Footage of excessive speeding/ reckless driving being submitted to Police Scotland. I suspect that the footage will not lead to prosecution, however if Police Scotland follow up with a call or letter I believe that will get the message through to those persistent offenders
  - e. In addition to above campaign, engage with council and Scottish Government (publicly this time) to get a permanent speed calming measure put in place.
2. Dash Cams - I have looked at a few and I think one of the right quality with a memory card ( keeps about 16hr footage ) would suffice. The cost via Amazon is approximately £50. My drive is suitable for a dash cam from the car or deck as it covers the road ( no overlook on anyone's property ) so I see no difference on the use of dash-cam footage being provided to police as has been encouraged in the event of an accident. If the CC agree, I would recommend the purchase of two. I'll take one and if there is someone on the west side of the loch that would cover both stretches.
3. I have written to the new XO of the base wrt engagement with CC and will have a meeting with him shortly. I have seen the correspondence within the community council Facebook page on DIO intention to sell of land above the Village. I have written to Capt Bull and DIO to obtain additional information relative the this proposed sale.



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Members discussed this proposal and agreed that Craig should proceed with these activities. It was also agreed that we would submit an official Participation Request to the Council asking to be involved in finding a resolution to this problem with the goal of improving traffic management and road safety in the village. Hilary Worton will take the lead on the Participation Request, liaising with Craig Ritchie (CR) on the other activities

**ACTION: HW to coordinate Participation Request (with CR)**

**ACTION: CR to lead on the other activities (with HW)**

## 6. Access in Portincaple

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We have been approached by a resident about an access issue in Portincaple. There has been a change of ownership at a site in Portincaple where there is a long-standing access route to the shore, known locally as the Rocks. The new owner has erected a locked gate and fencing to deter visitors from using the path as there have been problems in the past with vandalism, noise and litter. Closing the access appears to be contrary to the Scottish Outdoor Access Code however and so Fergus Madigan (FM), CC planning officer has requested a site visit by the council's access officer. The visit will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> June and FM will report back.

## 7. Cemetery gates

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Martin Croft reported that he has been corresponding with the council to arrange for us to go ahead with the remedial work on the gates/approach area to the cemetery. He has received a verbal agreement and we are awaiting the written confirmation. Once this is in place we will need to prepare a letter and photos to send to the potential funding sources that have been identified. The goal remains to have a ceremony to celebrate the completion of repairs at Remembrance Day.

**ACTION: Martin to liaise with Carole Spencer and Hilary Worton to prepare letters for funding once agreement is finalised with the council.**

## 8. Community novel

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It was agreed that we will go ahead and get an additional 50 copies of the novel printed to be sold in local shops at £5 per copy.

**ACTION: Martin to arrange for the copies to be printed.**

**ACTION: Martin to add Laura Robinson's name to the list of authors**

## 9a. Convenor's report

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Watson reported that he has engaged with Luss Estates regarding access for the slip in Garelochhead. Next step will be fundraising in order to cover the costs of reinstating the right of way for the slip to access the water at that point,



### 9b Vice Convenor's report

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Nothing further to add

### 9c. Secretary's report

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Correspondence:

- Have written to Donna Lawson (A&B Roads Officer) to chase response regarding speeding issue
- Have written to Tom Murphy (A&B Amenities) and Howard Young (A&B Planning) regarding the state that the area has been left where the derelict building was demolished in the cemetery.
- Email received from a Tony Cooper in Canada asking for help identifying a University of Strathclyde conference centre that he had visited in 1970. Watson Robinson has responded to say it is likely to be the old Dalandhui Hotel that has now been converted into flats.

Events:

- There was a Local Place Plans consultation event early June which I attended. It was a very high level introduction to the consultation process which has now closed.
- There is a Scottish Land Commission meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm which will be covering issues surrounding land ownership, vacant and derelict land, land rights and responsibilities etc. Contact HW for more information.

### 9d. Planning

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- Application 00654 (12 houses by the Bowling Club). Council Roads Officer has objected on road safety grounds.
- Application 02328 (Station Road). No progress, awaiting biodiversity surveys.
- Application 01822 (land East of Taliesin). The house is going to be erected on the other side of the burn from where the clearance work is being done by the BT building. We have heard that the plans for that area will include a submarine memorial but have no details.

**ACTION: Fergus Madigan to contact the developer for more information regarding 01822**

### 9e. Treasurer's report

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Nothing further to report

### 9f. MOD

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Craig Ritchie was not present at the meeting, however he confirmed by email that he has requested attendance/written report from MOD and CMU for future meetings.



## 9f. Website/social media

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It appears that the archived minutes of GCC meetings has disappeared from the website so these will need to be re-uploaded.

**ACTION:** Fiona Robinson to upload minutes from past meetings

## 9g. Grants & funding

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The convenor congratulated Carole Spencer for organising the Community Lottery campaign.

Calor gas rural fund application has gone live but we are not optimistic since this is usually won by local groups with very active social media campaigns which we are not resourced for.

Discussion over whether we should have a reserve amount for our account (either separate account or ring-fenced in our accounts). Agreed we do not want a separate account for this. Also agreed we should obtain a petty cash box for occasional incidentals.

**ACTION:** Treasurer to obtain petty cash box

## 9h. Residents' Associations

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No reports

## 10. Any other business

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None

## 11. Date of next meeting

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The next meeting of the Community Council will be held (virtually) on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm.



### Summary of outstanding actions

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Agenda item	Who	What
Cllr's updates – DIO land disposal	Cllr Freeman	Circulate plans and link to auctioneer's website.
	WR/CR/HW	Liaise regarding potential response from CC if required, (subject to feedback from CR)
Roads	CR	Initiate the activities outlined above (with HW)
	HW	Coordinate submission of Participation Request (with CR)
Cemetery gates	MC	Liaise with Carole Spencer and Hilary Worton to prepare letters for funding once agreement is finalised with the council.
Community novel	MC	Arrange for the copies to be printed. Add Laura Robinson's name to the list of authors
Planning	FM	Contact the developer for more information regarding application 01822
Website	FM	Upload minutes from past meetings
Grants/funding	Treasurer	Obtain petty cash box
3 Lochs Way	Secretary	Arrange site walk through with J Urquhart (ON HOLD)
GA Residents' Assoc	All	We need a representative from the GCC on the GA RA