



GARELOCHHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES for the
Garelochhead Community Council public meeting
held in *Church Hall, Garelochhead*
on *Tuesday 21st August 2018***

Members Present:

Watson Robinson	Convenor CC
Gemma Kimmett	Member CC
Fiona Robinson	Member CC
Mandy Crossland	Member CC
Margaret Stratton	Member CC
Mary Gray	Member CC

Attending:

Constable Ian Mustarde	MOD Police
Kirsty Forrester	Stand in Minute Taker

Apologies:

Andrea Wise	Secretary CC
Colin Smith	Member CC
Colin Taylor	Member CC
Cllr Iain Paterson	A&B Councillor
Cllr George Freeman	A&B Councillor
Cllr Barbara Morgan	A&B Councillor



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Introductions and welcome

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

Apologies for absence (as above)

Declarations of Interest – none noted

Minutes of previous meetings

Review of actions from last minutes

Approval of previous minutes

- proposed by Fiona Robinson, second Margaret Stratton

Co-opted GCC member

Kirsty Forrester was co-opted on to the GCC in due form

Proposed by Watson Robinson

Seconded by Margaret Stratton

MOD Police reports

From Constable Ian Mustarde MDP:

1. Lock on's at Clyde on the 7th Aug caused disruption to the local community. The lock on event was live streamed via Facebook and received for the most part negative headlines on social media mainly from the local community.
2. Short sermon - Nuclear evacuation exercise scheduled to take place at Clyde on the 30th Aug.
3. 22nd Sept it is anticipated that a large demo will take place at Clyde New North gate- Timings /numbers to be confirmed but the expectation is that this will be a significant demo. It marks the culmination of the 60yr anniversary celebrations re the creation of CND.
4. Continued infrastructure work at the Base -Increasing number of contractors.
5. Thank the community for their support and advise them of telephone numbers to contact should they see any suspicious incidents. Please ask them to report as much details as possible re vehicles SCRIM-Shape /colour/Reg No/identifying marks/ Make etc.

On Tuesday 7th August the Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) and Police Scotland were made aware of a lock on protest by three persons on the South Approach Road at HMNB Clyde. Both forces attended and an MDP protestor removal team duly removed the protestors from the lock on. Subsequently 2 x males and 1 x female were arrested by MDP officers and charged with various offences including breach of the peace and obstruction of the highway.

They were then conveyed to Clydebank Police Office where they were remanded in custody. After appearing at Dumbarton Sheriff Court on 8th August the two males were released on bail to appear at Court on August 22nd. Both males were given standard bail conditions plus a further condition that they do not approach within 100metres of HMNB Clyde or within it's shoreline and will not approach within 100metres of RNAD Coulport or within the stations shoreline. The female was remanded in custody to appear at Court on 23rd August.

Police Scotland report

Community Council – Garelochhead Date – 21/08/2018

Dates Covered – 20/06/2018 – 20/08/2018

Report Submitted by –Sgt Bob Magee Officer Attending - TBC

22/06 Assault Linn Walk - Male assaulted Female – Insufficient evidence to charge N 19

03/07 Assault Fairway - Male assaulted Female – male charged Y 19



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12/07 Vandalism X2 Feorlin Way - 2 cars damaged No suspects N 19
13/07 Traffic Offence Station drink driver – male arrested Y 19
22/07 Assault & Vandalism - Upland Rd named suspect - Enquiry ongoing to trace suspect N 19
31/07 Theft Greenfield Way theft of decking boards. No suspect – enquiry ongoing. N 19
31/07 Theft Smiddy Rd – Theft of tools N 19
11/08 Breach of Bail Fairway – Male arrested for breaching bail condition not to be there. Y 19

Other Incidents of Note

1 Faslane Demonstration. – 3 Protestors arrested for Breach of the Peace at the South Gate. (MOD Incident)
2 25/06/2018 - Queens Crescent House Fire reported. All in order- Grill pan on fire.
3 18/07/2018 - Upland Rd – Disturbance report of fighting, all quiet on police attending
4 06/08/2018 – Concerns for young females at Train Station. Females traced safe and well – returned home.
5 08/08/2018 – Report of female taking photos of a house- No crime established

Future action from the police

Label the above incidences as perpetrated by local/ non local residents.

Important dates:

22nd September - a significant demonstration is being planned by the Peace Camp at the North Gate therefore there will be disruption to the local area. Number of participants unknown.

Portincaple Potential development

Convenor in contact with the developer, he has stated that he may have more information to bring to the community in time for the November meeting.

Three houses plans have been withdrawn, since meeting plans have been resubmitted.

Web

Profile statements required from all, Margaret and Barbara are the only ones who have submitted one to date.

Christmas lights

Minister Murdoch - get all groups working together.

- Purchasing fire brazier no one present knows about this, follow up next meeting.
- Cove & Killcreggan - suggest one contractor for peninsula to erect christmas lights.
- KW Contracts won Helensburgh and will be doing theirs. Margaret to find out how much and will look into getting a grant.
- no objects to purchase and planting of a spruce tree on church grounds.

Roads

- lump of tarmac causing puddle at petrol station.
 - gully missing at Mary Gray's wall, tarred over.
 - signs dirty or turned to face wrong direction.
 - phoned and passed to Jim Daley
 - Mary Gray to follow up.
 - Crash barrier - safety issue - council looking to fix this financial year, which is a very long time. Is the council criminally liable if another accident should occur on the same spot and the barrier has not been fixed.
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Bendarrock Park

- Football pitch grass is very long. Grass around school has just been cut so is it still to happen?
- Now that Live Argyll has responsibility for the park and it's asset's what's next ?
- Astro turf pitch - does not appear to be locked at any time. Action plan required from Live Argyll

Slipway

- fix completed.
- big thanks to Michelle Mc Donald for her photography skill's.
- photo sent to Craig Borland at the Advertiser and published.
- All agreed that this was a great result for the community and would encourage local people to use the facility that Scottish Water kindly restored.

3 Lochs Way

- For a fair while now, the path that serves the 3LW with access to Garelochhead has been in a sorry state of repair, this is due to land ownership issues. It's been the view of the GCC that this route could access our village from the old Glen Fruin road then onto the A814 and B782. This would give walkers greater and easier access to the local amenities. This action would be two fold helping the hiker and helping the local businesses. MS stated that more walkers are now coming down the Glen Fruin road and into the village than ever before. The walker's that she speaks to seem to find it more interesting. MS has compiled a questionnaire that she is asking walkers to complete with regards to the alterative route. Once she has got enough data she will share with the GCC.

Planning

Planning Applications Noted:

1. Reference: 18/01644/PP

Proposal: Conversion of former Police Station to form two fats with associated parking and amenity space (retrospective) Location: Former Police Station, Feorlin Way, Garelochhead.

2. Reference: 18/01468/PP

Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse with integral garage Location: Former Springwell,Portincaple

3. Reference: 18/01490/PP

Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse and detached garage,formation of vehicular access and installation of sewage treatment plant Location: Land South West Of Premnay,Whistlefield.

Treasurer

- Balance 29.06.18 £1637.44
- Only money out £10 monthly retainer for Fraser Muir
- chasing bank about Mandate, had one auto response.
- applying for admin disces grant.

Residents Association

- No office bearers present.

Christmas Lights

- 2 sets Spar didn't put up.
- Ferg took down
- where are these lights now and can we get them back?

Parking

- A&B Council are increasing parking charges at Arrochar car park to £1 per hour or £9 per day where there are no toilet facilities. We agree with Arrochar CC that this will have a negative impact on parking on roadsides in the area and disagree with these charges.
 - There is a petition online at www.change.org against these charges.
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Sea Front plans in Helensburgh

- MS - support N Muir
- MG - no provision for bonfire
- KF - support - dangerously close to the water, building will get damaged. Rather than just replacing what's there they could improve the swimming facilities. Blocks Lifeboats access to.
- FR - support - plans seem very short sighted, look at Clydebank, excellent but no provision for spectators so no galas can be held there.
- GK - support - Orkney pool, uses state of art technology why can't we? Also empty shopping units in Helensburgh already so why devote so much space to more shops?

Portincaple

Reports of trees / bushes overhanging the road, is there scope for 20s plenty and no through road sign's. Safety barrier and top of the road on going, WR hoping to get some information for the next meeting. Bin area tarmacked by ABC, Many thanks Alisa Cunningham.

AORB

No members had anything further to report, The Committee thanked Kirsty Forrester for stepping in on the night to cover as Minute Secretary. All agreed that Kirsty would be a valuable asset to the Community Council and all looked forward to working with her in the coming months.

Meeting Closed

21:15hrs
