



GARELOCHHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES for the Garelochhead Community Council public meeting held in Church Hall, Garelochhead on Tuesday 24th October 2017

Members Present:

Watson Robinson	Convenor CC
Andrea Wise	Secretary CC
Fiona Robinson	Treasurer CC
Margaret Stratton	Member CC
Gemma Kimmett	Member CC
Mandy Crossland	Member CC
Mary Gray	Member CC
Colin Smith	Member CC
Colin Taylor	Member CC
Martin Croft	Member CC
Laura Jane Alexander	Member CC

Attending:

Cllr George Freeman	A&B Councillor
Cllr Barbara Morgan	A&B Councillor
Constable Ian Mustarde	MOD Police
Constable Gary Davidson	Police Scotland

Apologies:

Cllr Iain Paterson	A&B Councillor
Hazel Mackinnon	Member CC
David Norton	Member CC
Jackie Baillie	MSP

Public:

Alan Pinder	Former GCC Secretary
Fraser Muir	GCC - Web Designer
Mrs Donald	Garelochhead Primary Head Teacher
Marion Archard	Public
Denise Donald	Public
Ken Blakley	Public
Kathy Blakley	Public
David Archard	Public



1. Introductions and welcome

a. **Welcome to members of the public and Convenor's opening remarks**

GCC welcomed Fraser Muir to the meeting; Fraser is part of the design team responsible for the new GCC Website.

GCC members thanked Alan Pinder (former GCC Secretary) for setting up the new website.

b. **Apologies for absence** (as above)

c. **Declarations of Interest** – none noted

2. Minutes of previous meetings

a. **Review of actions from last minutes**

Who	What	Status
Watson	Contact Ailsa Cunningham regarding grass cutting removal in Garelochhead.	On Agenda
	Contact Ailsa Cunningham regarding Bins at Portincaple	On Agenda
	Contact Iain McInnes, the Digital Liaison Officer from A&B for an update on the Broadband Status for local area of Garelochhead and Portincaple.	On Agenda
	Contact Stuart McQueen on Trust and Residents Association for an update.	On Agenda
Barbara	Contact Council regarding grass cutting removal	On Agenda
	Zebra Crossing – To enquire whether lights can be installed at the crossing	On Agenda
Mary	To notify Luss Estates on the issue with Pothole on Shore Walk.	Complete
Laura	Arrange meeting with Alan for Website Handover	Follow Up
Gemma	Organise Garelochhead Beach Clean – Date to be confirmed	On Agenda
Iain	Update required on Progress on Three Lochs Way access route improvement from Garelochhead	Follow Up
George	Update on Progress with Luss Estates with regard to Shore Walk	Councillor Update
	Update on Bendarroch Park & Astro Turf	Councillor Update
	Update on the GP for Medical Centre	Councillor Update

b. **Approval of previous minutes**

Proposed by Mandy Crossland – Second by Colin Smith

3. Police reports

a. **Police Scotland:** Presented by Constable Gary Davidson

Incidents 16/09/17 – 23/10/17

- 1 nos common assault
- 1 nos possession of drugs

Following report Con Gary Davidson asked for feedback on the Police service for the area.



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- Watson asked Con Gary Davidson to invite Inspector Webb to the next GCC meeting. Con Gary Davidson advised GCC that Insp Webb was covering a temporary position and may be moving on next month.
- **Questions Raised to the Police:**
Mandy raised the point that there was a lack of patrols in Garelochhead; Con Gary Davidson confirmed he would communicate any concerns to his colleagues. He recommended that if there are any incidents in the area, report by calling 101.
- Primary School Head Teacher, Mrs Donald reported that youths were drinking and leaving their debris in Bendarroch Park; following these incidents the School Staff have to clean up the area to ensure it is safe for the school children.
- Con Gary Davidson asked whether speeding was a concern; Cllr George Freeman confirmed speeding was not specific to Garelochhead it was epidemic in other Wards. Con Gary Davidson advised the Council more officers were being trained to operate the new speed radar.

b. MDP & Clyde Marine Unit

Des Kennedy Report: Presented by Constable Ian Mustarde (MDP)

- Summer camp passed with protests at Clyde/ Coulport facilitated by MDP/PSOS
- On-going infrastructure work in the Base possibility of increased traffic in the area.
- Joint warrior passed without incident

Watson asked Con Ian Mustarde to enquire on whether a representative from the base would be able to assist with the planned Beach Clean.

4 Committee updates

a Planning: Applications Noted

17/02640/PP Heatherbank, Linn Walk, Garelochhead
Erection of raised timber decking, garden shed and boundary fencing (retrospective).
Planning Application in response to the complaints regarding hot tub installation and water run off.

17/02145/PPP Land North Rockmount and Arnish
Colin Smith confirmed there had been objections regarding the water course and the Road Officer had commented on the road.

Old Medical Centre and Library

Watson asked the Councillors if they knew whether there were plans to develop the ground next to the school.

Cllr George Freeman advised GCC that until the Council knew the position with the Police Station they cannot take plans forward with the Old Med Centre and Library. The Police Building was on market and the site had been accessed for elderly housing.

Mrs Donald advised GCC that the area next to the school could be utilised as an activity area for the children and the school have funding in place for improvements to the school grounds. Mrs Donald confirmed she had met representatives from the council and discussed the schools proposals; they advised her they would discuss the proposals with the Council and Education Authority and get back to her.



GCC agreed that they would give their support for the proposals regarding the utilisation of the ground next to the school and would provide a letter of support. Action – Martin to send a letter of Support to Argyll & Bute Council Chief Executive on behalf of GCC.

b. Treasurer

Previous Balance £2080.06

Current Balance £2030.06

Expenses: Hall Rental x 1: £20.00 to be deducted

Fiona Robinson confirmed a handover had taken place on 03/10/17 between the former Treasurer Margaret and newly appointed Treasurer Fiona.

Fiona advised the Council she was in the process of completing a Mandate Form for GCC.

In the meantime Margaret and Martin remain as signatory on the account.

c. Secretary

A Secretary Report was emailed to members of GCC and the main items noted below:

1. Delays on Public Roadwork Network - Cairdow Community Council looking for Support

Email Dated 26/09/17 from Melissa Stewart was distributed to the Members of GCC regarding Delays on Public Roadwork Network.

2. Email distributed 02/10/17 to GCC Members regarding Rhu & Shandon CC: Laigh Balernoock Turbines & Community Benefit;

Jack Rudram, Convener R&S CC sent a copy of a letter address to the applicant for the above Planning Application requesting further information on the Community Benefit referred to in the Planning Application.

3. Email received from Allan Brown from trustee of Kilmarnock Station Railway Heritage Trust.

He is working in partnership with Scotrail Abellio and the Railway Heritage Trust to refurbish railway station buildings and bring them back into community use; one of the stations he is looking at is Garelochhead . He is keen to set up a steering group from the local community with the view that local people and community groups would be the ones operating out of the rooms. Could we suggest any local groups who may be interested in a dialog around what the rooms could be used for and how they may see themselves contributing to the use of the space.? Contact Details: Allan Brown 07760665541
email ab.1963@hotmail.co.uk

4. Fuel Poverty & Energy Awareness Training – Information received from Energy Action Scotland regarding Free Training;

contact Rose Ann Porteous if interested rose-ann.porteous@eas.org

Email distributed to GCC Members o 23/10/17 regarding this training scheme.

5. Argyll and Bute Local Development Plan 2 – Main Issues Report;

Email distributed 23/10/17 to GCC
Argyll and Bute Council are preparing a new Local Development Plan (LDP2), which will set out its planning and development proposals for the next 10 years from 2020 and a vision for 20 years.

There is a public meeting to be held at Victoria Halls on 21st Tuesday 21st November regarding the new Local Development Plan. There is a drop in session for the public from 4-6pm and a meeting at 6.30pm for nominated delegates; Andrea and Mary have volunteered to attend the meeting on behalf of GCC.



5. Councillors' Updates

Councillor George Freeman Report

5.1 **Broadband Update**

Clr George Freeman updated GCC on the position with the Superfast Broadband and confirmed he has requested an update from Digital Scotland. He confirmed two boxes have been installed at Feoulin Way and there are now four operational boxes in place.

5.2 **Medical Centre**

Clr George Freeman confirmed interviews would be held the last week in November; 5 nos of candidates have applied and a decision could be made by the end of November.

5.3 **Bendarroch Park & Astro Turf**

Clr George Freeman confirmed that Live Argyll were now responsible for the Park and Astro Turf; he will email the contact for Live Argyll to GCC.

5.4 **Shore Walk**

Clr George Freeman confirmed that Luss Estates were the owners of the land; council lawyers were dealing with Ian Wilkinson at Luss Estates, however Ian has now left and an update has been requested from Estate Manager Simon Miller.

Mary confirmed she had spoken to Luss Estates and they advised the land was not in their Ownership, as a result Mary sent a request to Land Registry for confirmation.

5.5 **Garelochhead and Portincaple Trust (G&P Trust) and Garelochhead Residents Association**

Watson asked Clr George Freeman for an update on Garelochhead and Portincaple Trust. He confirmed G&P Trust held a meeting at The Anchor, Garelochhead on 21st October during which there was a discussion regarding the closure of the Trust and a proposal to transfer all remaining funds to Garelochhead Residents Association. It was agreed at the meeting a public meeting would be arranged to decide the future of G&P Trust and the transfer of all remaining funds.

It was noted Garelochhead Community Council were disappointed they were not notified on the G&P Trust meeting held on the 21st October. Watson asked Clr George Freeman to notify GCC on any future meetings and that notices are distributed at least 2 weeks before meetings.

GCC Members asked that the following information be confirmed: Action Clr George Freeman Confirmation of current Residents Association members.

Request *last* minutes from Garelochhead & Portincaple Trust and Garelochhead Residents Association.

Clr Barbara Morgan Report

5.6 **Portincaple Bins**

Clr Barbara Morgan confirmed she had contacted the council regarding Portincaple Bins; she is currently waiting for feedback.

5.7 **Community Payback**

Clr Barbara Morgan spoke to Community Payback regarding cutting back vegetation, pathwork and new benches. Clr Barbara Morgan asked that the community let her know of any further work required and she would raise this with Community Payback. Watson confirmed the works to Bendarroch Park were not finished; Clr Barbara Morgan suggested getting in touch with John Gilhirst at the Council regarding work. Action – Watson to arrange a walk around with Clr Barbara Morgan park to discuss incomplete work.



5.8 Potential Funding

Clr Barbara Morgan recommended that GCC contact TSI for potential project funding. Clr Barbara Morgan also suggested that GCC seek available match funding for an installation representing Garelochhead to be exhibited on the plinths in Colquhoun Square.

5.9 Zebra Crossing

Clr Barbara Morgan confirmed the traffic lights at the zebra crossing in Rosneath were tied in with the expansion of the Co-op. Clr George Freeman confirmed GCC surveys carried out a survey on the crossing and it was deemed to be acceptable.

6. Questions from the Public

No questions were raised

7. New Items

7.1 Kilcreggan Ferry Petition

A petition was sent out by Jackie Ballie regarding the future of the Kilcreggan to Gourock Ferry Service; Watson to send out to GCC Members.

7.2 Beach Clean

Beach Clean to take place 11am-2pm Sunday 29th October at Garelochhead Beach; Stuart Macqueen has offered to provide soup for Beach Clean volunteers

7.3 Garelochhead Train Station

GCC received an email from Allan Brown a trustee of Kilmarnock Station Railway Trust regarding the potential refurbishment of Garelochhead Train Station for community use. It was agreed that this was a good idea and Allan Brown be invited to a meeting to discuss further.

7.4 Old Toilet Block

Action - Clr George Freeman to check on position with development.

8. Follow up items:

a. Medical Centre (Doctors update)

Refer to Item 7.2 above

Margaret confirmed that the immunisation scheme is a Pilot Scheme for 6 months going to Helensburgh

b. Portincaple and Garelochhead Broadband Drop offs

Refer to Item 7.1 above

c. Shore Walk pot-hole – (Luss Estate)

Refer to Item 7.4 above.

d. Three Loch Ways – Access route from Garelochhead

Clr Iain Paterson to action and confirm progress on route improvement from Garelochhead

e. Website and Social Media for the Community – update

Alan confirmed the website was ready for handover; however more content should be added. Fraser will continue to assist with the website over next 9 months.

The 'Go Live' date to be confirmed. Action - Laura to arrange a handover meeting with Alan.

f. Zebra Crossing

Refer to Item 7.9 above.



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g. Portincaple Bins

Refer to Item 7.6 above. An email has been sent to the council emailed requesting a concrete base for the bins, we are waiting for a reply; Cllr Barbara Morgan suggested contacting Community Payback.

h. Bendarroch Park & Astro Turf

Refer to Item 7.3 above

A question was raised on whether there were funds available for the swing park.

i. Garelochhead & Portincaple Community Trust

Refer to Item 2.5 above

j. Water on the Road

Mary confirmed she was waiting for an update from the Council.

k. Broadband

Fiona advised GCC that following issues with the broadband in Portincaple there is a BT Case Worker who can be contacted regarding the broadband service; she will forward the contact details to GCC members.

9. Any Other Business

- Funding – A separate meeting to be organised to discuss/brainstorm opportunities to access funding for GCC; add on agenda - and Projects
- Cllr Barbara Morgan advised GCC that members of the Public have the opportunity to vote for community based projects which could received funding from Argyll & Bute Council.
Action – Cllr Barbara Morgan to send email to Rhona Gold regarding the above and send email to GCC
- **Date of next meeting:** 7pm, Tuesday, 14th November 2017



10. Actions for follow-up at next meeting

Who	What	Status
Watson	To contact Iain McInnes, the Digital Liaison Officer from A&B for an update on the Broadband Status for local area of Garelochhead and Portincaple. Contact Stuart McQueen on Trust and Residents Association for an update. Bendarroch Park – Arrange a walk around with Cllr Barbara Morgan to discuss work to be completed.	
Barbara	Update on the Bins at Portincaple Contact Rhona Gold regarding funding for community based projects and update GCC	
Mary	Shore Road -To follow up on Land Registry enquiry.	
Laura	Arrange meeting with Alan and Fraser for Website Handover	
Iain	Update required on Progress on Three Lochs Way access route improvement from Garelochhead	
George	Update on Progress with Luss Estates with regard to Shore Walk Old Toilet Block - Cllr GF check on position with development Update on the GP for Medical Centre Confirm current members and offices of Garelochhead Residents Association Forward on last minutes for Gaelochhead & Portincaple Trust AND Garelochhead Residents Association	
Martin	Martin to write letter of Support on behalf of GCC to Argyll & Bute Chief Executive for Garelochhead School to utilise the ground for Children's Activity Area	

[End of Minutes]