

# GARELOCHHEAD



## COMMUNITY COUNCIL

*WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY  
FOR THE COMMUNITY*

**MINUTES** for the *Garelochhead Community Council meeting*  
held in *Church Hall, Garelochhead* on *Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017*

Members Present:

Watson Robinson	Convenor CC
Colin Smith	Member CC
Hazel Mackinnon	Member CC
Margaret Stratton	Treasurer CC

Andrea Wise	Resident (Minute taker)
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+Attending:

CLlr George Freeman	A&B Councillor
CLlr Robert G. MacIntyre	A&B Councillor
Graham Hogg	Police Scotland
James Dalglish	Clyde Marine Unit
Craig Borland	Helensburgh Advertiser
Iain Paterson	SNP Candidate
Fiona Baker	Independent Candidate
Mandy Crossland	Gibson Hall

Plus 8 members of the public

Apologies:

Alan Pinder	Secretary CC
Denise Donald	Garelochhead Primary School
PC Keith Forsyth	Police Scotland
Martin Croft	Vice Chair CC
CLlr. Maurice Corry	A&B Councillor
David Norton	Member CC
Ian Mustarde	MOD Police

## 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**

<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Alan</b>	Follow up on Fibre Optic Broadband; Iain MacInnes the Argyll and Bute Digital Liason Officer to speak at the CC Meeting on the 21/03/17	Done – on agenda
<b>Watson</b>	Alternative date for the Beach Clean to be agreed : Possible Dates 29 <sup>th</sup> or 30 <sup>th</sup> April. Volunteers required.	Done – on agenda
	Removal of floating garden (old Dory) - Confirmation the boat has been removed Thank you to Alisa Cunningham for organising.	Done – on agenda
	Skips required for the Beach Clean – Stuart McClacken may be able to offer skip for park.	Done – on agenda
	Follow up with Scottish Water re-emptying cycle for the septic tank.	Done – on agenda
	Follow up with Scottish Water on slipway repairs; it was agreed the community do not want it removed	Done – on agenda
<b>Martin</b>	Fill in the collapsed area in the path on Shore Walk; this being dealt with by Luss Estates.	To be completed
<b>George</b>	Progress demolition of old Medical Centre with NHS via Building Control	Completed

- **Approval of previous minutes**  
Proposed and seconded – David and Margaret
- **Election of new members**  
No Members Elected

## 3. Police reports

- **Police Scotland**
  - No incidents noted in Garelochhead Area
  - Anti-Social Behaviour – This has been monitored and as a result reduced in the Garelochhead area.
  - Road Safety – New speed laser gun to be used within the area
  - Theft – Rosneath & Rhu : A dingy and scrambler were stolen following an advert on Gumtree.
- Police Scotland are conducting a survey of the public's opinions on local and national policing and encourage people to contribute at this link: <https://scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts> The survey takes around 10 minutes to complete.

- **MDP & Clyde Marine Unit**

- Joint Warrior 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 – combined military exercise scheduled.
- Barges – Piling for special area boom is being carried out; drilling underwater, work hours limited between the times of 8am -4pm. Please contact MOD with any complaints regarding noise.  
(Cllr GF confirmed one complaint received and advised them to refer to the Planning Conditions regarding the work)
- Police Ribs – The engines have been changed to cut noise and be more environmentally friendly

#### **4. High Speed Broadband for Garelochhead and Portincaple**

Iain McInnes, the Digital Liaison Officer from Argyll and Bute presented an update on the Broadband Status for local area of Garelochhead and Portincaple.

Below is a Summary as provided by Iain McInnes on the current Broadband Status in the surrounding Area:

There is currently 4 fibre programmes being progressed, there is the BT Commercial program which takes in part of Helensburgh, Dunoon and Oban, and two state funded, one being managed by HIE and the one you are in the Rest of Scotland managed by Digital Scotland (DS) and the R100. The Reaching 100% by 2021, is the Scottish Governments commitment of 100% of Scotland having access to Superfast Broadband with speeds greater than 30 Mbps.

As part of the R100 the government ordered another Open Market Review (OMR) at the end of last year, which was targeted at premise level rather than postcode level. This was aimed at establishing which premises will have access to speeds greater than 30Mbps within the next 3 years. From this the SG will be able to make the decision into the level of investment required and the technologies best suited to that premise.

It is anticipated that not every premise will be able to secure a fixed line connection, other technologies will be used this could be a wireless, mobile or satellite solution. The R100 is to be technology neutral and new ones are being developed all the time.

Garelochhead is currently in line to get 4 cabinets with one of these being an EO cabinet, this service should be available within the next 6 months. However due to the announcement last week of the gain share re-investment this could be increased. £15.6m has become available for the RoS program, the Argyll and Bute RoS intervention area will see a further 700 premises connected to the fibre network with 600 of these receiving speeds in excess of 24Mbps. As a reminder, that once connected to fibre network you have to contact your Internet Service Provider (ISP) and pay for an upgraded fibre service.

I spoke to BT who on Monday indicated that Portincaple was not in the DS program, like I said this could change due to the gainshare announcement. On my drive to Garelochhead I received a call from DS which provided me with good news; due to the release of further funding through the Gainshare Clawback clause Portincaple has been injected into the DS program and are now going to get coverage, (this is as always subject to survey). However after my discussion with BT I was under the impression that if funds were ever available it should be relatively straight forward as most of the premises are clustered, a brief overview indicated that the area could be covered with the installation of 2 cabinets. The expensive bit is the laying of the fibre duct from the Whistlefield roundabout where the fibre spine is located. I have established that all of Portincaple are on EOL which generally means that they are fed from overhead cables from the exchange as ducting is currently not available, this is one possible reason why Portincaple was excluded it from the initial rollout.

#### **5. Committee updates**

- **Planning**

3 Planning Applications noted:

Ref: 16/03424/PP – Garelochhead Former Our Lady of the Sea Church – 10 New Dwelling Houses

Ref: 17/00242/PPP – Doune Cottage – Renewal of Planning Permission to demolish House

Ref: 17/00167/PP – Portincaple – Retrospective Planning for erection of fence and gate

Complaint to be made to Planning – Ombudsman regarding Telecommunications 4G Mast at Finnart

- **Treasurer**

Previous Balance £1,819.49

Current Balance £1647.74

Expenses

New Website - £111.75

Hall Rental X3 - £60.00

- **Secretary**

No Report

## **6. Councillors' updates**

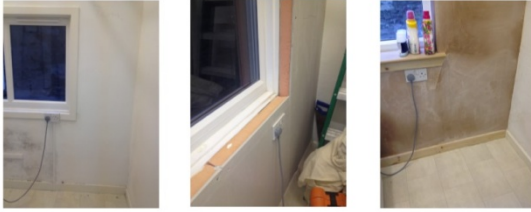
- **Zebra Crossing** - It was confirmed the zebra crossing was to be upgraded; however a Pelican Crossing would require funding.
- **Bendarroch Park & Astro Turf**
  - Watson, Jamie & Councillor McIntyre met with ABC park management on the 6<sup>th</sup> March with a view to improving both football areas and the accessibility of the park as a whole, ABC agreed to clear out ditch running from the school gates straight though to the wall at the A814, it was also agreed that ABC would look into costing pitch drainage, JK pointed out that the big pitch wasn't on any of ABCs booking formats hence, making the facility nearly unusable. All agreed that this was unacceptable. The following remarks below followed
  - Both Councillors confirmed there was funding available for the astro turf and drainage improvements;
  - It was agreed a Committee should be to be set up for the management of the park ; Jamie Kjorstad gave a great example of how both facility's could work and agreed to help take this forward with the help of the CC.
  - It was confirmed the Access Keys to the Changing Rooms are kept at Centre 81, JKjorstad suggested that they may be able to be kept at the bowling green.
  - Bendarroch Park is also overgrown and inroads must be made - Removal of Trees  
Cllr Freeman – Confirmed prior to the removal of trees approval must be obtained from Argyll & Bute Council Officers.
- **Street lighting** - There continues to be a number of issues regarding the street lighting in Garelochhead and surrounding Area ; Cllr Freeman continuing to pursue.
- **Unadopted Roads** - Process to adopt part of the Feorlin Way currently owned by ACCA
- **By Elections** – Report on By- Election Terms - review to take place later this year.
- **Home Insulation (HEEPSABS Programme)** – posters now available (reproduced below), encourage those in Garelochhead to apply (Home owners in Council Tax bands A to C and those in D with an income of under £20,000 can be considered for inclusion on the programme).

# ALIENERGY

Argyll, Lomond & the Islands Energy Agency



Home Energy Efficiency Programme for Scotland:  
Area Based Scheme (HEEPS:ABS)



Before, during and after photographs of internal wall insulation delivered by BCA Insulation.

**To register call Allenergy: 01631 565 183**

**Or contact Home Energy Scotland:**

**0808 808 2282**

**Email: [heepsabs@alienergy.org.uk](mailto:heepsabs@alienergy.org.uk)**

**Website: [www.alienergy.org.uk](http://www.alienergy.org.uk)**

Allenergy, based in Oban, are delivering the HEEPSABS programme in your area on behalf of Argyll and Bute Council. Scottish Government funding has been awarded to improve the energy efficiency of properties that are deemed to be in fuel poverty.

In 2016/17, home insulation measures will be offered to private owners and tenants in properties in Council Tax Bands A, B, C and living in parts of Oban, Helensburgh and Lomond and some islands. Those in Council Tax Band D with an income of or below £20,000 and an EPC rating of E, F or G may also be included. Please check the Allenergy website for a full list of eligible postcodes or call us to find out if your property is eligible. Funding is limited and we advise that you register for the scheme as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Your property could benefit from: **External or Internal Wall Insulation, Cavity Wall Insulation, Loft Insulation and Underfloor Insulation.** All insulation measures are carried out by the Allenergy's appointed installers BCA Insulation.

Allenergy, Lorn House, Albany Street, Oban, PA34 4AR

Search for Allenergy on Facebook and Twitter for updates

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- **Education Scotland Inspection Report**

Education Scotland Inspection Reports for schools within the local area now available to view on Education Scotland Website;

<https://education.gov.scot/what-we-do/inspection-and-review/reports>

## 7. Questions from members of the public

- Street Lighting – Whistlefield lights pointing sideways; Cllr Freeman will add this to the list for street lighting.
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- Astro Turf – Who would be responsible for the Park following improvements; Council or Community ?

## 8. New Items

- **Japanese Knotweed**

Growing near the Burn around the Doctors' Surgery.

This is causing problems and the owners of the surgery (NHS) need to be notified.

- **Dog Fouling**

This is still a problem on Shorewalk; if any of the public are aware of any owners who are not clearing up after their pets please report to Cllr Freeman and he will pass the details onto the Wardens.

- **Improvement to Village Front**

Working group required for Park and Beach Clean.

Area between Fuel Depot and Euston Place to be tidied up – this could be the responsibility of the Residents Association

## 9. Follow Up Items:

- **Beach Clean**  
Scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> April.
- **Medical Centre (Doctors Update)**  
This is still to be resolved; in the meantime the Locom is committed to the practice.
- **Memorial Fountain**  
Nicol Slee Engineering has restored fountain and have applied two coats of primer, volunteer required to apply top coat of Black gloss
- **Three Lochs Way access route from Garelochhead**  
George discussed with John Urquhart and is pursuing if a legal agreement can be reached to allow a path / maintenance agreement to be put in place with Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO); if unsuccessful, alternative avenues will be investigated
- **Website and Social Media Update**
  - [www.garelochhead.info](http://www.garelochhead.info) to be purchased for the new website.
  - Hermitage Academy to set up the website.
  - Margaret & Hazel to provide some information on the history of Garelochhead for the website.
  - It was agreed the following should be added to the website:  
Local Businesses & Organisations, Link to Tide Times, Historical CC Minutes
  - A representative from the CC to be selected who will be responsible for the update of the website
  - Links to a Twitter Account and Facebook Page for Garelochhead Community Council to be added to website.
- **Zebra Crossing**  
To be upgraded as confirmed by Cllr Freeman
- **Bendarroch Park & Astro Turf**  
Funding available; a working group to be formed to carry the proposed work forward.  
It was confirmed the Access Keys to the Changing Rooms are kept at Centre 81.
- **Scottish Water**  
Ruraidh Macgregor will arrange for the tank to be emptied and will advise us when the slips will be repaired / or removed, However removal wasn't welcomed by the hall.
- **Garelochhead and Portincaple Community Trust**  
A public meeting is required regarding the future of the Trust and Residents Association.  
A formal agreement would be required from the Trustees regarding the dissolution of the trust and formation of Garelochhead Residents Association. The boundaries are to be identified and confirmation on whether Portincaple will be included in the new Residents Association.

## 10. AOB and date of next meeting

- **Any other business** - Denise Donald (Head Teacher GPS) would like to know what is happening with the library next to the school.
- **Date of next meeting** – Tues 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm at the Church Hall.

**11. Actions – for review at next meeting:**

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<b>Watson</b>	Update on Garelochhead and Portincaple Trust  Follow up with Scottish Water re-emptying cycle for the septic tank.  Follow up with Scottish Water on slipway repairs; it was agreed the community do not want it removed.  Update on the working group for Bendarroch Park & Astro Turf	
<b>Alan</b>	Report back on web-site / social media setup progress	
<b>George</b>	Street Lighting update  Report back on Maint. Agreement proposal with DIO for Three Lochs Way  Update on the GP for Medical Centre	

[ END OF MINUTES ]