



Minutes of the Meeting of Garelochhead Community Council held at 7.30 p.m. within the New Church Hall at Garelochhead on Thursday 18 November 1999.

<u>PRESENT</u>	C Lyne	-	Acting Chairperson
	J Roy	-	Secretary
	J Shannon	-	Treasurer
	E Espie	-	Community Councillor
	C Spencer	-	Community Councillor
	Councillor G Freeman	-	Argyll & Bute Council
	G McCluskey	-	Strathclyde Police

1. **APOLOGIES** A Horne - Community Councillor.

2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on Thursday 20 May 1999 were proposed, seconded and accepted as a true record.

3. **MATTERS ARISING:**

a. **POLICE MATTERS.** Strathclyde Police gave members an update on current problems following which there was a general discussion on various police matters. Members were informed that it was hoped that the Police Station would be relocated to the current Environmental Services building adjacent to the Medical Centre. Although there was a problem over ownership of part of the ground to be resolved, it was still planned that the move would take place within the next financial year. Members were informed that Sgt. Grant was now due to retire towards the end of December. It was hoped that a replacement would be in place within about 1 month.

b. **BENDARROCH PARK.** Councillor Freeman informed members of the DES study that had been carried out into all football pitches etc. throughout Argyll & Bute. Bendarroch Park had been highlighted as one of the best surfaces with the only outstanding issue being a changing facility. Bendarroch Park had been included in the group of facilities that had been recommended as being one of those that should be dealt with as one of the higher priorities. The Council had agreed that this report should now go out for public consultation. Difficulties were still being experienced in identifying funding to provide fencing and a dog grid for the children's play area.

c. **GARELOCHHEAD NORTH BRIDGE REPLACEMENT.** It was reported that there was a further delay in finalising the outstanding contractors claim, and that the final report was not now expected to come before the Area Committee until early in 2000. The Area Committee would then agree recommendations to the Transportation Committee.

d. CAR PARKING AREA AT SCHOOL. It was reported that this work was due to be carried out at the same time as other footpath repairs in Feorlin Way. It was hoped that this would be completed before the end of the financial year.

e. MILLENNIUM. Members were informed that the public response to the last two public meetings had been poor. Following further discussion, it was agreed that a further meeting would be called on Thursday 25 November 1999 when it was hoped that a better turn out could be achieved.

f. PEACE CAMP. Members were informed that discussions were ongoing on this matter. Councillor Freeman was endeavouring to obtain an update on the current position from the Council's Legal Department.

g. COMMUNITY COUNCIL VACANCIES. Members were informed that Mrs. Stratton, the Vice Chairperson, had submitted her resignation due to business commitments. This was accepted reluctantly and members recorded their appreciation for all the hard work the Mrs. Stratton had put in during her time on the Community Council and throughout her years with the Residents Association. Members were informed that the 3rd of December 1999 had been set for elections to fill the vacancies on the Community Council. Nomination forms were now available and the closing date for submission was Tuesday 23rd November 1999. It was hoped that sufficient nominations would be received to fill all the current vacancies.

h. COUNCIL BUILDING IN DUNAVARD ROAD. Councillor Freeman informed members that the Area Committee had decided that as no applications had been received to rent this building, that a planning application should be submitted by the Council for a change of use for a residential development opportunity and that the site should then be sold.

i. WALL BETWEEN SURGERY CAR PARK & BENDARROCH PARK. It was reported that a Building Warrant had now been issued for this work and that work was due to start in the near future. It was agreed that this work should not be delayed because of the probable sale to Strathclyde Police Board.

j. PROPOSED DISCHARGE FROM OIL FUEL DEPOT INTO GARELOCH. A letter dated 21 October 1999 had been received from the Scottish Executive (Environment Group) stating that this matter was still under consideration by SEPA and that it would not be appropriate to comment until the application had been called in, if and when this happened. The letter also stated that should SEPA consider that the application should be granted, they would inform all objectors who could then request that the Scottish Minister call in the application for their own determination.

4. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES / DELEGATES

a. Gareloch & Rosneath Peninsula Tourism Forum. Members were informed that the AGM of the Forum had taken place on 23 September 1999 at the Bistro. Those attending had included John McFall MP, Jackie Baillie MSP, and James Fraser, Chief Executive with the Tourist Board. The meeting had gone well. The elections to the Committee had produced no major changes with Danny Kelly remaining as Chairman, Councillor Freeman as Secretary and Harry Cathcart as Treasurer. The Forum were now trying to obtain funding in the Council's 2000/1 Capital Programme to cover the cost of site acquisition for the Visitor Centre.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Planning Liaison Representative, C Lyne reported that no new applications had been received.

6. LICENSING APPLICATIONS.

C Lyne reported that there were no new applications.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Treasurer, J Shannon reported that the grant that had been applied for to the Council, had now been received, and that the current bank balance stood at £201-00p.

8. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Thursday 20th January 2000 at 7.30 p.m. within the New Church Hall at Garelochhead

10. CLOSE OF MEETING.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at approximately 9:30 p.m.

Held to be a true record: Chairperson.

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