



GARELOCHHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES for the
Garelochhead Community Council public meeting
held in Church Hall, Garelochhead
on Tuesday 16th May 2017**

Members Present:

Watson Robinson	Convenor CC
Martin Croft	Vice Chair CC
Hazel Mackinnon	Member CC
Margaret Stratton	Treasurer CC

Attending:

Cllr George Freeman	A&B Councillor
Cllr Barbara Morgan	A&B Councillor
Raymond Thomson	Police Scotland
Ian Mustarde	Mod Police
Denise McLaghlán	Mod Police
Fiona Robinson	Member of the public

Apologies:

Cllr Iain Paterson	A&B Councillor
Alan Pinder	Secretary CC
Colin Smith	Member CC
Colin Taylor	Member CC
David Norton	Member CC
Denise Donald	Garelochhead Primary School
James Dagleish	Clyde Marine Unit
PC Keith Forsyth	Police Scotland



1. Introductions and welcome

- a. Welcome to members of the public and Convenor's opening remarks
- b. Apologies for absence (as above)
- c. Declarations of Interest – none noted

2. Minutes of previous meeting

- a. Review of actions from last minutes

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>	<i>Status</i>
Alan	Watson reported that he understood that there would be a new cable being installed from Whistlefield to Portincaple. It was hoped that this would give some improvement. Watson reported that he was in discussion with BT to ensure that improvements were taking place. Fiona Robinson who runs a business from the area said that there did not seem to be improvements and at certain times the service was very erratic. George Freeman reported that work had been carried out at the exchange at Arrochar although not all new Superfast Broadband (SB) boxes had been connected and there remained problems in the Arrochar Area. He confirmed that Garelochhead and the Peninsula area were fed from the Arrochar exchange. He pointed out that excavation works were taking place adjacent to the G/head exchange at other locations around the village which appeared to be linked to SB. He also continued to pursue a number of SB issues with Digital Scotland and would continue to report back to the CC	Done – on agenda
Watson	Beach Clean completed. Many thanks to all the volunteers that turned up on the day. A particular thanks to the Gibson Hall and Stuart McQueen for providing refreshments. Watson will write to them to thank them for their support and a small donation will be provided from the CC to the Gibson Hall.	Done – on agenda
Martin	George Freeman reported that the Council's Legal Services had confirmed that Luss Estates were the owners of the path on Shore Walk. Luss Estates had now been requested to carry out repairs.	On-going
George	See agenda item with regard to Medical Centre.	Completed

- b. Approval of previous minutes

Proposed and seconded – Margaret and Martin

- c. Election of new members

No Members Elected

3. Police reports

- a. Police Scotland

- Three Incidents reported.
 - One male arrested for an offensive weapons offence in Feorlin Way.
 - An incident of Vandalism in Upland Rd - enquiries continue.



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- A female charge with assault at Edgelane
- Road Safety. Local officers continue to carry out road safety patrols and speed checks where possible, residents are encouraged to report any concerns by calling 101.
- Home/Garage security. In recent weeks Helensburgh Police have received three reports of break-ins to several properties across the Helensburgh & Lomond area. Enquiry is ongoing, we would urge residents to report any suspicious activity in their area by calling 101, and always remember to lock homes/garages even when you are at home, as sneak-in thieves will take advantage of this opportunity. Never leave house keys in the back of doors or within easy reach of letterbox, as again criminals will use various tactics to access properties. If you would like further crime prevention advice then please visit the Keep Safe page of the Police Scotland website or contact Helensburgh Police office via 101.

b. MDP & Clyde Marine Unit

- Police Scotland and the MDP are looking for support from the local community for the official relaunch of Rural Watch within the next 6-8 weeks. They stated that those interested will be able to register online. Neighbourhood Watch Scotland would be happy to visit and provide a presentation on the benefits of the scheme.
- There will be Faslane peace camp celebrations in early June. There will also be a summer camp at Ardpeaton mid-July time

4. Committee updates

a. Planning

Three planning applications noted:

1. Telecoms mast being erected
2. Work at Dwelling house in Portincaple. Ref: 17/00242/PPP – Doune Cottage – Renewal of Planning Permission to demolish House.
3. Submarine escape training facility in the base.

b. Treasurer

Previous Balance £1,647.74

Current Balance £1446.96

It was agreed to give a small donation to the Gibson Hall for the refreshments provided during the beach clean.

It was also agreed that we would offer £10.00 a month to a student from Hermitage (who worked voluntarily on the project to set it up) to maintain and update the web site.

c. Secretary

Nothing to report.

5. Councillors' updates

- The Chairman congratulated the Councillors on winning their elections. He welcomed Councillor George Freeman to the meeting and newly elected Councillor Barbara Morgan. He also gave his best wishes to Robert MacIntyre and thanked him for all his excellent work as a councillor for all the support he had given the Garelochhead CC over the years.



- **Scheme for Community Councils.**

George reported that the scheme for Community Councils will be considered at the next Council meeting on 18th May 2017, when two options will be considered, although he thought that a 6 month extension was likely to be approved. The options are:

1. That a review should take place now.
2. Extend the current scheme by 6 months.

6. Questions from members of the public

- Beach Clean at Portincaple. Fiona Robinson reported that ongoing beach cleans are taking place and that any volunteers would be most welcome.

7. New items:

a. Road man's bin

It was reported that the road man's bins are being left at the Shore Walk and as a consequence they are not being emptied. It was proposed that the Bins be relocated to the recycle location at the Gibson Hall. George took an action to investigate

8. Follow up items:

a. Beach Clean

Further Beach cleans will be planned for the future, possible in September.

b. Medical Centre (Doctors Update)

This is still to be resolved. Councillor Freeman stated that although the practice is still covered by locums, actions were with the Argyll & Bute Health & Social Care Partnership to re-advertise the vacancy in the British Medical Journal. It was agreed by the CC that this problem needed to be raised with our local MPs and MSP. The Chairman took an action to do this, and state that we need the problem to be resolved.

c. Memorial Fountain

Paint has been purchased and due to be painted in the near future.

d. Zebra Crossing

It was agreed that the crossing was becoming dangerous to use. The white signs needed painting and again the location of the crossing was raised as an issue. George confirmed that he had been dealing with constituents on related matters and was pursuing a review of the junction and crossing.

e. Bendarroch Park & Astro Turf

The Chairman reported that he is still looking for volunteers to take on the role of running the park. George referred to the new Leisure Charitable Trust that the Council had agreed to set up and confirmed that he may be able to provide an update on this issue at the next meeting.

f. Scottish Water/Shore walk

The Chairman reported that Scottish water will be confirming work within the next 28 days. The slip way should be repaired.



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It was stressed again by Hazel that the path was in need of urgent repairs, this is a health and safety issue. Someone is going to get seriously injured if the path is not repaired. Investigations are on-going as to whether Luss Estates is the responsible authority.

g. 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.

9. AOB and date of next Meeting / AGM

The members agreed that we need to try and encourage more people to stand for election to the Community Council.

Date of next meeting – **Tues 20th June at 7pm at the Church Hall.**

10. Actions for follow-up at next meeting

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>	<i>Status</i>
Watson	* Update on Garelochhead and Portincaple Trust * 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 * Update on Medical Centre	
Alan	Report back on web-site / social media setup progress	
George	* Update on Progress with Luss Estates with regard to Shore Walk * Update on progress with B872 / Feorlin Way junction and Zebra Crossing. * Update on the GP for Medical Centre	

[End of Minutes]