



**AGREED MINUTES for the
Garelochhead Community Council public meeting
held in *Church Hall, Garelochhead*
on Tuesday 15th January 2019**

Members Present:

Watson Robinson	Convenor CC
Mandy Crossland	Member CC
Mary Gray	Member CC
Martin Croft	Member CC
Colin Taylor	Member CC
Andrea Wise	Secretary CC
David Norton	Member CC
Gemma Kimmett	Member CC
Margaret Stratton	Member CC

Attending:

Cllr Barbara Morgan	A&B Councillor
Cllr Iain Paterson	A&B Councillor
PC Jeanette Speirs	MOD Police
PC Chris Neilson	Police Scotland

Apologies:

Cllr George Freeman	A&B Councillor
Fiona Robinson	Treasurer CC
Kirsty Macintyre	Member CC

Public:

Alex Hamilton	Public
David Archard	Public
Marion Archard	Public
Alistair McIntyre	Public

Public Apologies:

Susan Davies
Laura Cameron



1. Introductions and welcome

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

Apologies for absence (as above)

Declarations of Interest – Andrea Wise declared an interest in planning applications submitted to Argyll and Bute Council.

2. Police reports - Email Sergeant Martin Miller

a. Police Scotland - Present by PC Chris Neilson

Incidents recorded between dates 13/12/18 – 14/01/19 - Total Number of incidents reported 15

Enquiries on going:

Date	Incident
26/12/18	Breach of Peace Campbell Buildings, Garelochhead
04/01/19	Vandalism Feorlin Way, Garelochhead

Questions raised:

2.1 - Mandy raised an issue regarding a man hanging around Feorlin Way who was verbally abusive to the public; including children. PC CH stated if he was causing a disturbance then he should be reported and they would investigate.

2.2 - Mary asked if Police Scotland could assist with resolving the safety issue regarding dirty signs and road lines not being visible. PC CH noted it was raised at the last meeting and will review the safety issue and report back to the council. Margaret suggested a letter to Helensburgh Advertiser raising the issue regarding signs to raise the matter more publicly.

b. MDP & Clyde Marine Unit - Presented by PC Jeanette Speirs

PC Spiers confirmed new access procedures were to be implemented from 9th Jan.

HM Faslane Naval Base are planning to open up the Fire Station Gate – Between Garelochhead and the North Gate; this should reduce congestion.

PC Spiers confirmed there had been drone activity reported around the base during December. She advised GCC that drones are not permitted to fly over base and if any seen please can sightings be reported; Contact Base Control Room Tel 01436 674321 - Ask for Faslane Extension 3812.

Watson asked if there are any reports on Clyde Marine Unit; PC Spiers confirmed she would investigate this matter and report back at next meeting.



3. Minutes of previous meetings

Review of actions from last minutes

Who	What	Status
Watson	- Investigate works at Portincaple.	On Agenda
	- WR – Contact Christine Minister regarding the Battle etc regarding community involvement	
	- Website Update	On Agenda
Barbara	- Garelochhead Library update	On Agenda
Mary	- Water on road	On Agenda
Kirsty	- Website Update	On Agenda
David/Martin	- Update required on progress on Three Lochs Way access route improvement to Garelochhead.	On Agenda
Iain	- Crash Barrier – Portincaple	On Agenda
George	Broadband – Update on work	On Agenda
	- Bendarroch Park – Update on access and audit	On Agenda

Approval of previous minutes

Minutes agreed on 15th January 2019 - Proposed by Martin Croft – Second by Mary Gray

3. Follow up items.

a Portincaple Works

No Update

Watson confirmed Mr Olive had bought the shoreline from Luss Estates – from High Tide to Low Tide Mark (Section of land between Susies Point and Norse Lodge.)

b Three Lochs Way

GCC confirmed there has been no update from local MSP Maurice Corry.

It was agreed a cost estimate for upgrading the low section of the path; from roundabout to low wall. Approx 100 yards should be sought.

ACTION – Cllr Paterson will seek a cost estimate for upgrading the path

Independent Visitor Survey - Margaret confirmed there was no update on survey as open ended questions to be used on survey.

Watson suggested signs could be erected to direct visitors who may be staying in Garelochhead to alternative route to from the 3 Lochs Way through Glen Fruin Road into the village.

c Website Update

No Update presented on the website.

It was agreed more information should be uploaded to website including: Local information, local meetings, and bus timetable. It was agreed further training from Fraser Muir on the website is required

ACTION – Watson to contact Fraser regarding training

d Library Update

The Library was demolished last Summer in 2018. The land has been allocated to the Primary School.

ACTION: Watson – To contact Headmistress for an update on the proposed ground useage.



e Beach Clean

Gemma confirmed a local contractor is willing to use 13 tonne machine and custom landrake to clear beach as long as we can provide 2x 40yrd skips+ at his estimate (around £400 per skip) to clear Garelochhead beach. Gemma to contact Kirsty Moyes regarding 'supporting communities fund' for funding towards the skip hire as this may comply with the 'project' element of the fund with the intention to collate beach clean kit and support volunteer led beach cleans within our c.c and surrounding areas.

ACTION – GK - Contact A&B Council for Community Funding

ACTION – MC to email Gemma tide timetable

Beach Clean dates

To be scheduled for every 3rd Sunday of the month Feb - Oct 2019; with every 3rd, when necessary at Portincaple.

First Beach Clean: Feb 24th - (Garelochhead)

Following Dates : March 17th, April 21st (Portincaple) , May 19th, June 16th, July 21st (Portincaple),
Aug 18th, 15th Sept, Oct 20th (Portincaple)

f Roads – Update

Mary confirmed she was still waiting for a response from; Argyll & Bute Council - Drainage Department and Roads Department. There is still a concern regarding water running across road and this has been an ongoing issue and it is noted if an accident occurred, due the hazard the Council could be liable for criminal negligence.

g Crash Barrier - Portincaple

Cllr Paterson confirmed he had spoken to Kevin McIntosh regarding the crash barrier; Kevin reported there was an issue with landowner. A&B Council are trying to buy a section of land from the landowner but if not possible they are looking at alternative options with regards to the crash barrier installation.

Cll Paterson confirmed the council Road Officer had reviewed the junction and would redesign junction to suit the requirements. He confirmed the work will be committed to the next financial year planned works.

h Bendarroch Park

Cll Freeman confirmed via email the following : There is no update on the issue of Bendarroch Park. Live Argyll is responsible for the Astro Turf and changing rooms. The Council no longer has any responsibility for this facility. Live Argyll had informed him that they were planning to try and set up a local group to manage it but do not appear to have progressed this. GCC may wish to raise this issue directly with Live Argyll. The General manager for Live Argyll is Kevin Anderson. His email address is: Kevin.anderson@liveargyll.co.uk

ACTION: Mary to contact Live Argyll – Update on plans and timescales.

i Broadband at Portincaple

Cll Freeman confirmed via email the following : As far as broadband for Portincaple is concerned, the latest update stated that the cabinet was due to be installed in the last quarter (Oct/Nov/Dec 2018). He confirmed he had emailed the officers requesting an update.

Watson confirmed he had contacted Iain McInnes for an update and confirmed the cabinet was complete but they is an issue with asbestos. The target is for it to be up and running in February.



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4. Committee updates

a. Planning

Planning: Applications Noted:

18/02044/PP - Approved Proposal: Erection of extension to dwellinghouse and installation of bio disc waste water treatment plant Location: Heatherbank Feor linbreck, Garelochhead

Update on Planning Applications

18/01884/PP - Approved Proposal: Renewal of planning permission reference 15/02160/PP (Erection of dwelling house) Location: Land Adjacent To Woodbank And Woodlands, Station Road, Garelochhead,

18/01821/PP - Approved Proposal: Roof extension to create additional space in existing bedrooms, construction of deck to rear. Location: Bloomfeld Cottage, Garelochhead

18/02003/NMA - Approved Non Material Amendment to Planning Per mission 17/00814/PP (Construction of submarine escape, rescue, abandonment and survivability training facility (SMERAS) - removal of northern flat roof section and reduction in the extent of the feature spine plant housing

Location: Building No 1209, H M Naval Base Clyde, Faslane

18/01787/PPP - Approved Proposal: Site for the erection of 3 dwelling houses
Location: Land East Of Lochhaven, Portincaple

b. Treasurer

Previous Balance:	£1595.94	Dated 12/09/18
Balance from Last Statement:	£1555.95	Dated 24/12/18
Expenses to be Paid	£40.00	2 Hall rents - Gibson Hall Hire

No update on bank mandate; Fiona will follow this up.
Money due for the Hall - £40 to be settled .

c. Secretary Report - Emails were sent to GCC members regarding the following:

Email forward to GCC Members 13/01/19 received from Melissa Stewart – Argyll & Bute Council Regarding – Invitation to complete a Survey on views regarding A&B Council support, how community council performing and training opportunities.

Invitation to complete a survey on our views about (a) the support received from the Council since our inaugural meeting took place last year (b) about how we feel we are performing as a community council and (c) regarding training opportunities by participating in our online survey - <http://www.surveyface.com/l/201819-cc-annual-survey> The survey is now open and will remain so until Midnight on 10th March 2019

Email forward to GCC Members 13/01/19 received from Kirsty Moyes – Argyll & Bute Council Invitation to submit an application for Argyll and Bute Council Supporting Communities Fund.

Invitation to submit an application to the Argyll and Bute Council Supporting Communities Fund which closes on Wednesday 6th February. Eligible community groups can apply for up to 100% of the total funding costs for the project or activity. The maximum award available is £2,500.

Application packs can be found on the website: <https://tinyurl.com/supportingcommunitiesfund>. If you have any questions or email communitydevelopment@argyll-bute.gov.uk or telephone 01436 657 647.

Email forward to GCC Members 13/01/19 received from Melissa Stewart – Argyll & Bute Council

Regarding a suitable meeting date for the Helensburgh & Lomond Planning Group. If anyone is interested please confirm directly to Melissa Stewart their preferred date for attending the meeting; either 2pm to 4pm on 23rd January and again from 10am to 12 Noon on 25th January . Meeting to be held at the Civic Centre.
email - melissa.stewart@argyll-bute.gov.uk



d. Residents Association

Mary Gray agreed to be appointed as the new GCC representative.

ACTION: Mary to email Cllr Freeman for confirmation of meeting dates.

5. Councillors' Updates

Cllr Barbara Morgan Report.

5.1 Library – Refer to Item 3d

5.2 Cll Morgan confirmed she had met with the Base Commander Mark Fitzsimmons and asked if GCC could have a representative to come to the local GCC meetings; he confirmed he was keen to send someone or attend himself.

Cllr George Freeman

Cllr Freeman emailed the following updates to be reported to GCC.

5.3 Christmas Lights

Along with other ward councillors, he is due to meet with Council officers on Friday 18 January to discuss Christmas lighting for 2019 and the years ahead. As agreed with the Community Council (CC) late last year, he still intends calling a meeting in the next couple of months so that we can investigate the way ahead with Christmas lights. He has also spoken with other CCs and hoping that a joint meeting can be held with all Lomond North CCs that want to discuss the Christmas lights to try and investigate if joint working may be an option.

5.4 Bench – Shore Walk : The refurbishment of the three benches on Shore Walk has now been completed; this was arranged by and paid for by the Residents Association.

5.5 Helensburgh Leisure Facility

The planning application for the new Swimming pool/Leisure Facility is still being considered by the PPSLC. Watson added that he had spoken to Norman Muir and asked if anyone would like to go to the next meeting from GCC.

5.6 Bus Service

His request for a subsidised bus service to cover the Whistlefield / Portincaple area was turned down by SPT's Operations Committee due to the very high level of subsidy that would be required and the estimated low usage.

5.7 Taxi Service

The issue of local taxis had been raised in the past. After the last GCC meeting, he confirmed that a Private Hire Driver's Licence had been granted by the PPSLC to Mr Nikolay (Nick) Petkov of Queen's Crescent, Garelochhead. He can be booked by phoning 07909226939.

5.8 Argyll and Bute Grant Scheme

As previously reported, the Council's local grants scheme is reverting back to the original system without the Participatory Budgeting System which he had complained about being included and applications are now being sought.

Cllr Iain Paterson Report.

5.9 Budget Seminar next week – can report back on budgets next meeting.

6. Questions from members of the public and Outstanding emails

6.1 Faslane Road – A member of the public raised the issue regarding the poor condition of Faslane Cemetery Road; it is being used as contractor compound and the road is being damaged; should be reported to the council.

ACTION – Watson will investigate and copy in Iain and George



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6.2 Portincaple Bins : Further complaints noted regarding bins not being put back satisfactorily by Refuse
ACTION – Watson to Email Ailsa Cunningham

6.3 Streetlights – Lights at Garelochhead roundabout out of order.
ACTION – Colin report on the A&B Street Lighting Report

7 **New Items**

a Garelochhead Station Update: Cll Morgan confirmed the following:

Garelochhead Station Trust has been set up and there are 12/13 board members including Cll Morgan, Marion Archard and Mary Grey. The aim of the Trust is to utilise the building and bring veterans together and visitors into the village. An opening date has been provisionally identified for August 2019.

The aim is to provide a place for veterans to go for support and advice and includes some accommodation; 2 nos bunks & showers as facilities for walkers; the project is still at an early stage. Morvain Martin has been appointed as the Project Manager and starts 4th Feb. She will be based in Garelochhead, initially at the Gibson Hall. Plans for the project are being prepared by consultants and a meeting is to be held at the end of this January.

It was confirmed the building will be a long term lease and Network Rail will assist with the conversion.

Cllr Morgan confirmed she had a meeting with the Commodore Donald Doull and he would like to be involved with the Trust.

8 **AOB**

8.1 GCC sadly noted the following members of community passed away over the last month, our thoughts are with the families.

Peter Mckichan, Portincaple
Ian Hall, Portincaple
Sis Kenon, Garelochhead

8.2 Whats App Group Invitation

Members of GCC to email/text their mobile numbers to Watson to allow a GCC Whats App Group to be set up for communication.

8.3 Land Disposal:

This matter was raised by Mary; Watson confirmed an email had been sent by Shirley Macleod on the Council Policy regarding land disposal.

ACTION – Watson to contact Douglas Boutell (Land Disposal) – Regarding land between rough ground and Fire Station Car Park.

8. **Date of the next meeting**

Date of next meeting: 7pm, Tuesday, 19th March 2019



9. Actions for follow-up at next meeting

Who	What	Status
Watson	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Website - Training- Update on Portincaple Development- Library Land - Contact Headmistress regarding update on proposed ground useage.- Land Disposal - Contact Douglas Boutell regarding land between rough ground and Fire Station Car Park- Faslane Cemetary Road Condition- Portincaple Bins – Contact Ailsa Cunningham	
Mary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Contact Live Argyll regarding Plans and Maintenance at Park- Roads – Water – Update on A&B Response- Residents Committee - Email Cllr Freeman for confirmation of meeting dates.	
David	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 3 Lochs Way – Feedback from Maurice Corry	
Gemma	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Contact A&B regarding Supporting Community Fund	
Martin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Argyll & Bute – Street Lighting Report- Email Tide timetable to Gemma	
Iain	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 3 Lochs Way – Cost estimate for refurbishment of path	
George	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Broadband – Update on work- Christmas Lights – Joint CC Meeting	
Kirsty	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Update on the Website	
Colin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Contact Base for assisting with Beach Clean	

[End of Minutes]