



GARELOCHHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**Approved MINUTES form the
Garelochhead Community Council public meeting
held in *Church Hall, Garelochhead* on
Tuesday 21st January 2020**

Members Present:

Watson Robinson	Chair CC
Martin Croft	Vice-Chair CC
C Ritchie	Member CC & MOD
Mary Gray	Member CC
Carol Spencer	Member CC
Margaret Stratton	Member CC
Gemma Kimmitt	Member CC

Attending:

Tom O'Brien-Barden	Rosneath & Clynder CC
Pat McGinley	Finnart Ocean Terminal
Ian Hutchison	Police Scotland
Ron Fletcher	PRA
Cllr Iain Paterson	Argyll & Bute Councillor
Susan Slade	Co-opted Minutes Secretary

Public:

Stella Irving	Public
Alistair McIntyre	Public
Fergus Madigan	Public

Apologies

Andrea Wise	Member CC
David Norton	Member CC
Mandy Crossland	Member CC & GST
Cllr George Freeman	A&B Councillor
Colin Taylor	Member CC
Fiona Robinson	Treasurer
Craig Richie	Member CC & MOD
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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.

2. Minutes of previous meetings



Minutes agreed on 21 January 2020 - Proposed by Carole Spencer and Seconded by Gemma Kimmett.

3. Review of previous minutes

Who	What	Status
Watson	- Update on Portincaple Development - Police Scotland – Speeding Deterrents	
Mary	Continue with roads updates and layby issues. Website – Sign for Volunteers	
Ian	- 3 Lochs Way – Estimate of works - Dog Fouling - Garelochhead	
George	- Toilet Block - Christmas Lights	
Martin	- Contact Three Lochs Way. - Roads - Martin will prepare a template for letter of complaint for members. - Cemetary Gates – Write to MSP Jackie Baillie and Brendan O Hara regarding matter.	
Carole	- Contact A&B how to raise funds. - Confirm dates for further Beach Clean	
Craig	- Info on MOD Lands ref 3 Lochs Way Footpath	
Fiona	- Update on Website ongoing.	
Fergus	- Report on Rhododendron Ponticum for the website - Contact A&B Biodiversity Officer regarding the problem	

4. Police Report

a. Police Scotland

27 incidents were recorded between 18 November 2019 and 17 January 2020, including various deer/cows on road, road traffic issues and assisting members of the public.

- 02/01/20 – Misuse of Drugs – A817 Garelochhead - Possession of herbal cannabis. One female reported.
- 08/01/20 – Road Traffic Offence – Queens Crescent Garelochhead - Drink diving. One female arrested.

With regard to the teenagers setting light to bins at Shore Walk. The bins have now been replaced 3 times and by January had been burnt again. James Munro stated that things were escalating with residents being harassed with banging on windows, trying doors and damaging fencing etc. The youngsters had been pulled up on a few occasions by residents but to no avail. He also stated that he



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had telephoned Inspector Dalglish to indicate that things were now becoming more concerning and frightening the elderly and people who live alone. Sgt Hutchison will follow this up.

b. MDP & Clyde Marine Unit

There was no further information available re the 2 abandoned boats near Dalandhui.

3. Committee Updates

a. Convenors Report

Viewing Points

As Watson had not been present for the previous meeting he stated that he had spoken with Callum Robertson at A&B Council with regard to the storage of stones at viewing points and that he had been advised that the car parks in question were council assets. Watson emphasised that they were public areas and that they were not council depots or holding areas and that the length of time they had been closed to public use was excessive. It was agreed that the council would make contact with the CC prior to any such usage in the future

Portincaple Development

Watson had received a phone call from Pelham Olive stating that he would be submitting the plans for the Portincaple development in the next few days and that a he was taking advice from community groups and the Council. The plans should appear on the A&B website in the next 2-3 weeks.

b. Roads etc

Mary reported that she had received a copy of road accident reports and that a lot of accidents were not being reported if no injuries had been incurred. Most accidents were due to road condition, therefore, the police reports were not complete.

Bushes obscuring signs have still not been cut back and signs have not being cleaned.

There are reports that the use of car parks for storage of resurfacing stones etc for so long during the summer has caused loss of business for the village.

c. Website

Still awaiting a response from anyone to act as administrator for the website. Tom O'Brien-Bardon stated anyone could be an administrator and that Rosneath & Clynder use Facebook.

d. Three Lochs Way Repair and Signage

Cllr Paterson said he had been in contact with someone in Dunoon re repairs to the pathway at £30 per sq metre. It was stated that John Urquhart had indicated that funding is available.

With regard to the signage "Walkers Crossing" or similar - Cllr Paterson agreed to look into it.



e. Toilet Block

Investigation ongoing as it was understood that ownership has been passed to the daughter of the previous owner.

f. Cemetery Gate

It was agreed that replacement of the missing gate at the cemetery was the responsibility of A&B Council. There is also a notice at the cemetery stating that it is a "War Grave Cemetery". Martin Croft is to write to the council.

g. Christmas tree/Lights

Amendments have been agreed with the council to the agreement re maintenance of lighting for the Christmas tree and would be signed on receipt of the amended copy from the council. It was stated that Fusebox are approved by the council for maintenance of the lights.

Application to be made for grant.

h. Planning Applications

19/02453/PP – Installation of red warning beacon (5m high)(Beacon K) MOD Training Land
APPROVED 16/01/20

19/02452/PP – Installation of red warning beacon (5m high)(Beacon J) MOD Training Land
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19/02451/PP – Installation of red warning beacon (5m high)(Beacon I) MOD Training Land
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19/02277/PP – Installation of red warning beacon (5m high) MOD Training Land
APPROVED 16/01/20

19/01902/PP – Erection dwelling house and shed and upgrade of existing access Doune Cottage,
Whistlefield.
AWAITING COMPLETION OF ACCESS UPGRADE

19/02012/PP – Erection dwellinghouse, installation of septic tank and formation of vehicular access
Land east of Ceann A Chruic, Whistlefield
AWAITING SEPA APPROVAL AND ACCESS UPGRADE.

19/02328/PP – Erection 24 dwelling houses Land north of Braeside, Station Rd, Garelochhead.
AWAITING

New planning requirements are that all new developments are required to provide adequate car charging points.



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i. Naval Housing Requirements

C Ritchie offered to look into whether there was an increase in demand for housing for Naval personnel.

j. Beach Cleans

Carol reported that last beach clean was successful and that publicity was good. Up coming beach cleans were 16 February 2020, 15 March 2020, 19 April 2020 and 17 May 2020.

Carol reported she was already making use of information for fund raising following the Fund Raising course.

k. Treasurers Report

Margaret reported that at 2 January 2020 the balance was £1,199.05. Upcoming expenditure being hall fees and new keys need to be cut for the new notice board in the village.

l. Environment

Fergus will have his report on the invasive rhododendron Rhododendron Ponticum for the next meeting.

m. War Memorial

Discussion to be forwarded to the next meeting.

n. Poppies

Discussion to be forwarded to next meeting.

4, Portincaple Residents Association

Ron Fletcher, Portincaple Residents Association, reported that the launch had taken place in the church hall in Helensburgh to raise awareness of the proposed development. He stated that it had been well attended and that Jackie Bailey amongst many others had attended all of whom had given their support and advice on raising objections to the proposal.

There was a meeting with the council to discuss that the LDP had been changed without proper consultation with residents and that forms were available for complaints. The GCC unanimously supported. Martin Croft is to send a covering letter on behalf of the GCC to Chief Executive A&B Council re submission to reverse LDP for woodland etc.

5. Glen Mallon Works

A representative from Glen Mallon let the meeting know that there would be large vehicles operating on the Arrochar road during the period of the works and to advise that more care would be needed using this road.

6. Councillors Updates

Cllr Paterson stated that the replacement of the barrier on the road above Portincaple should have been completed by now and will chase this up.



7. **AOB**

No matters raised.

8. **Date of the next meeting**

Date of next meeting: 17th March 2020

9. **Actions for follow-up at next meeting**

Who	What	Status
Watson	- Update on Portincaple Development	
Mary	Continue with roads updates and layby issues.	
Iain	- 3 Lochs Way – Estimate of works and signage. - Barrier at Portincaple	
George	- Toilet Block	
Gemma	- To send comments/concerns on behalf of GCC re Planning Ref 19/02328/PP Erection of 24 dwelling houses Station Road.	
Martin	- Covering letter to A&B Council re LDP - Cemetary Gates – Write to A&B Council.	
Carole	- Sign agreement re Xmas lights when amended copy received from A&B Council - Application to be made for grant re lights.	
Craig	- MOD requirements for housing.	
Fiona	- Update on Website ongoing. -	
Sgt Hutchison	- Following up escalation of trouble with teenagers at night in Garelochhead. -	
Fergus	- Rhododendron Ponticum report	

[End of Minutes]