



GARELOCHHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**DRAFT MINUTES for the
Garelochhead Community Council public meeting
held in *Church Hall, Garelochhead*
on Tuesday 16th June 2019**

Members Present:

Watson Robinson	Convenor CC
Mandy Crossland	Member CC
Mary Gray	Member CC
Martin Croft	Vice-Chair CC
Andrea Wise	Secretary CC
Margaret Stratton	Member CC
Gemma Kimmett	GCC Member
Fiona Robinson	Treasurer
Colin Taylor	Member CC
David Norton	Member CC

Attending:

Cllr George Freeman	A&B Councillor
Jeanette Spiers	MOD Police
Nicola Jamieson	Pure Green Space
Pelham Olive	Developer

Public:

Cathy Blakeley	Public
Ron Fletcher	Public
Alistair McIntyre	Public
Carole Spencer	GST
Laura Cameron	Helensburgh & Lomond CPG
C Pratt	Public
Viv Lally	Public
Sandra Martin	Green Kettle
Stella Irving	Public

Apologies

Cllr Iain Paterson	A&B Councillor
Cllr Barbara Morgan	A&B Councillor
Craig Ritchie	MOD
Commander Fitzsimmons	HM Naval Base Clyde

1. **Introductions and welcome**

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

Apologies for absence (as above)

MOD Representative Mr Ritchie sent his apologies following bereavement.

Declarations of Interest – None.

2. **Police reports.**

a. **Police Scotland – No attendance**



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b. **MDP & Clyde Marine Unit**

GCC were advised the side approach road to Faslane will be closed 19-28th June.

The Continuous at Sea Detterant (CASD) event would be taking place on 5th July to celebrate 50th anniversary for the operation by Royal Navy Submarine Service at Faslane. Parking for the event to be available at Hermitage Academy

MOD reported that they are encouraged by the reporting of drones in the area and they want to thank the community for their continuous reports.

3. **Minutes of previous meetings**

Review of actions from last minutes

Who	What	Status
Who	What	On Agenda
Watson	- Update on Portincaple Development - Update on Football Pitch Access	On Agenda
Mary	Residents Committee: Confirmation of meeting dates. Faslane Cemetery – Letter to MSP Jackie Baillie Water on Roads Update and Road Signage	On Agenda
Ian	- 3 Lochs Way – Estimate of works	On Agenda
George	- Contact ACHA car park repairs - Broadband update - Toilet Block - Christmas Lights	On Agenda
Gemma	- Confirm dates for further Beach Clean	On Agenda On Agenda
Martin	- Contact Three Lochs Way. - Letter regarding Viewing Areas - Inaccessibility	On Agenda
Fiona	- Update on Website with GST Notice - Add subgroup Community Partnership to website	On Agenda
Andrea	- Roads Condition – Work with R&C CC	On Agenda

Approval of previous minutes

Minutes agreed on 21st May 2019 - Proposed by Watson Robinson and Seconded by Fiona Robinson

3. **Follow up items.**

a. **Portincaple Works**

Watson introduced the landowner Pelham Olive and Nicola Jamieson a Director from Pure Green Space. Cllr Freeman advised GCC he would be unable to comment on the proposal as he is a member of Argyll & Bute Planning Committee and the proposal may go before the Planning Committee for a Planning Decision.

Pelham Olive presented the proposal and advised GCC on the following:

- Approx 6 acres of land in Portincaple have been acquired for future development; the land was previously owned by John McKikkon.
- Land marked for development within the Local Plan.
- Local Authority has advised the developer they would require road improvements to the development in particular the road turning down towards the shore.
- The development will open up the access to the Loch for the public and bring employment to the area and community.
- Pelham Olive presented the proposal to the meeting to allow the community to give their feedback in particular community benefits to the area.
- A copy of the development plans would be left for the community to review and provide feedback.



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- The initial proposals have been presented to the council and they have made comments in particular they are interested in more housing in the area.

The presentation was relocated into a separate room to allow the general meeting to continue and give the local community an opportunity to ask further questions on the development.

b. Three Lochs Way

- Cmmnd Bull emailed GCC advising them there was someone within the base keen on environmental matters and has asked for information on the path from the roundabout up to Yankee Defence Infrastructure Land.
- Margaret suggested new signage should be installed for the 3 Lochs Way alternative routes.
- This request should be passed on info to John Urquhart, Helensburgh and District Access Trust as they may have funds for signage.
- Watson confirmed he had emailed John Urquhart and was waiting for response.

ACTION – Wait for Cmmnd Bull’s feedback & Cllr Paterson to update at next meeting

c. Beach Clean

It was agreed that the Beach Cleans should be advertised more to allow the community to be aware of the dates.

Gemma advised the council that the Base contacted her regarding assistance with the Beach Cleans and will have some helpers available for the next beach clean.

Following Beach Clean Dates:

July 21st (Portincaple),

Aug 18th (Garelochhead), 15th Sept (Garelochhead), Oct 20th (Portincaple)

GK would like to find a rep help with the Portincaple Beach Clean.

d. Roads – Update

(a) Viewing Areas

Mary advised the council A&B roads department had confirmed the following:

- The roadworks in the area will be delayed and roadworks will to be carried out on the islands instead.
- The road improvements on the B883 and Kilgreggan are scheduled to start 10th July.
- MG had advised the Roads Department the community were not happy with the storage of materials in the viewing areas during the tourist seasons and an alternative area should be identified.
- White lines are scheduled to be marked out on B833; once the new road surface has ‘settled down’
- Cllr Freeman confirmed the road outside the cemetery is not on the list; GCC members agreed this should be added.

ACTION: Cllr Freeman will forward the Argyll and Butes Roadworks programme to GCC

(b) Glen Mallan Project

No report presented on the Glen Mallan Project

(c) General Roads – Conditions

Station Road in the village requires upgrading due to poor condition; a request for upgrade to be made to the A&B Council.

It was agreed the general condition of the roads signs were poor and needed maintenance.

ACTION: Mary to contact Council Roads Department regarding the cleaning of signs

e. Cemetery/ Car Park Upland Road

Awaiting an update.

Upland Road – No Issue

ACTION: Cllr Freeman agreed to email ACHA regarding the matter.



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h. Christmas Lights

Argyll and Bute will no longer decorate the trees. A meeting to be arranged between all the Community Councils regarding the proposed action for the Christmas Tree Lighting.

ACTION: Cllr Freeman will follow this up and update GCC.

i Broadband at Portincaple

Watson confirmed the Asbestos had been addressed however he has been advised BT further work to be carried out on overhead cables and posts.

ACTION Watson to contact Iain McInnes – for an update.

j Garelochhead Toilet Block Update

It was reported at the meeting that nobody could confirm the ownership of the Toilet Block.

Cllr Freeman confirmed the Residents Association had been discussing the ownership and will advise GCC on their findings in association with this matter.

4. Committee Updates

a. Planning

Planning: Applications None.

b. Treasurer

Previous Balance: £1474.94
Current Balance: £2,142.04 Dated 12/06/19
(FR confirmed GCC received a grant of £626.10)
Payment due for Hall Hire - £20.00

c. Secretary Report - No Report

d Website – Items to be added:

- Dates for future meetings and Beach Cleans
- Set up links with local associations – Gibson Hall, GST, and Community Partnership.
- Images of area which can be added to the website

e Residents Association Report

- All plants have been planted out.
- Majority of all benches refurbished; one bench near fire station to be repaired and upgraded.
- Continue to pursue issues with Shore Walk

f Garelochhead Station Trust (GST)

- Mandy reported that a group were away to Lochgiphead on an organised group walk.
- There are a number of organised outings arranged; contact GST for further information.
- Mandy confirmed the lease agreement for the building is to be 25 years.
- Membership is open to the local community.
- Barbara stated the DD Day Event was a success approx 130 attended the event.
- Mandy confirmed the Veterans Brunch Club takes place on Tuesdays 1pm; contact GST for further information.

5.0 Councillors' Updates

Cllr George Freeman

Please refer to the relevant items within these minutes for Cllr Freemans actions noted in Item 3.0.



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6.0 Questions from members of the public and outstanding emails

6.1 **Heart Defibrillators** – Mr Roderick McKay update on the defibrillator.

- A contribution of £500 was received from Petronius for the defibrillator; in addition £500 was donated by the Masonic Lodge; over £1700 raised to date.
- Location of defibrillator in Portincaple to be agreed; a local resident has agreed to allow it to be fixed on side of their garage however it requires electricity to maintain the unit and the ongoing payment for the electricity needs to be agreed; approximately £10 annually.
- The unit needs to be serviced; there is a 7 year guarantee and this should be increased 10 years
- Rod confirmed he will arrange to send out invitations to the community for training sessions.
- It was noted there are 2 nos defibrillators in Garelochhead; located in Gibson Hall & Eureka (Pound Shop). Cllr Freeman trying to arrange for signs to be erected

6.2 **Dog Fouling** – email received regarding Dog Fouling

Message Body:

I wish to bring to your attention the continual dog fouling in Dunivard Road . The person responsible is a resident in that road and has two large dogs they never attempt to clear up their 'poo'. Children and adults alike tread in this. It mainly occurs on the alley at the top end that connects to Station Road.

ACTION: Cllr Paterson put it on his book and report at next meeting

6.3 **Merchant Navy**

A letter has been received from the Merchant Navy asking the Community to fly the red Insigne on 3rd September; it was noted Garelochhead does not have a flagpole.

9. Date of the next meeting

Date of next meeting: 7pm, 20th August 2019 (Public Meeting) Church Hall

10. Actions for follow-up at next meeting

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Watson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on Portincaple Development - Heart Defibrillator Update - Broadband - Update 	
Mary	Residents Committee: Confirmation of meeting dates. Water on Roads Update and Road Signage	
Ian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 Lochs Way – Estimate of works - Dog Fouling - Garelochhead 	
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