



GARELOCHHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING of Garelochhead Community Council held at the Gibson Hall,
Garelochhead on Tuesday 28th July 2015

PRESENT:

Martin Croft,	Vice Convenor (MC)
Colin Smith	Member (Planning) (CS)
Margaret Stratton	Member (Treasurer) (MS)
Caroline Colquhoun	Member (CC)

APOLOGIES:

Robert McIntyre	A & B Councillor (RM)
Colin Taylor,	Convenor (CT)
Maurice Cory	A&B Councillor (MC)
George Freeman	A & B Councillor (GF)

ATTENDING :

Rowland Eadie	Member of the Public
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Agenda Item		Action
1.	The Convenor welcomed everyone to the meeting	
2.	The Convenor conveyed the apologies for those persons absent.	
3.	Acceptance of the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 th April 2015 was proposed by CT and seconded by CC.	
4.	There was no police report available. PC Andrew Crawford has left the police since our last meeting. The Community Council thanked Andy for all his efforts in the community during his service to the village and for all the support he gave the Community Council during his time in the Police Force. Agreed unanimously. MC will pass this on to Andrew.	MC
5.	No questions from the public.	
6. (a)	Planning - CS reported on matters of planning and it was agreed there were no issues requiring further attention of the Community Council. Caroline reported that there was some concern from a resident at Dalundui with regard to a large tree that was in danger of being removed. She believed the tree was under a preservation order. Colin said he had not seen a planning application and would check the records and report back. Treasurer Report – MS reported the GCC’s current balance as being £1637.69 pounds.	CS



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6. (b)	Mr Hill planning application. MS reported Mr Hill planning application is ongoing.	MS
6(c)	Speeding – Mr Eadie stated that they are still waiting for the police report from the survey that was carried out on the road. It is understood that the report will be forwarded by George Freeman. MC asked Mr Eadie to send him a copy of the original petition.	GF
6(d)	Memorial Bench - MC reports this matter is ongoing. Brain Cowan has looked at the bench and we should have an estimate for repairs by the next meeting.	MC
6(e)	Village Fountain – Caroline reported that Nicol Slee has the paint and the work on the fountain will commence in the near future.	CC
6(f)	Bendarroch Park - The committee will ask Gary Greenall for an update on progress with the park and the new play area.	GG GG
6(g)	Medical Centre - MC reports he is has received a letter from NHS Highland stating that they agreed that prior consultation with the local community and the Medical Centre should have been undertaken before the Helensburgh practice advertised its availability for Garelochhead patients.	MC
6(h)	Japanese Knotweed – A letter has been written by Alistair McIntyre which goes into some detail with regard to this issue. MC will be passing this on to Jackie Ballie at a meeting on Friday. It was asked if George Freeman had a copy of the report into the trial that was carried out last year. MC will ask GF.	MC/GF
6(i)	Road Repairs – MC will ask George Freeman for an update on the road repairs issue.	MC/GF
6(j)	Wheelie Bins. George raised the issue with the Council and the following reply was sent to Gary. The Council do have powers under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 sections 46 & 47, amended through Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014, to take action on bins that are left out on the street. As with many other local authorities in Scotland, Argyll and Bute Council do not normally use these powers to try and address an issue that the Council receives very few complains about. There are a number of locations where the Council requires bins to be left out on the street. Also, given the severe ongoing cuts in funding and the impact that this is having on resources and the level of	MC/GG



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	<p>service that the Council can provide, the resources are not available to carry out the detailed checks on a regular basis that would be required to address this issue. If the Community Council has concerns about specific areas where bins are causing obstructions to a footway, the Council could send out warning letters to those concerned if the Community Council provides the addresses.</p> <p>The CC will ask Gary if this reply will resolve the issue.</p>	
6 (k)	<p>Beech Clean. Alistair McIntyre has sent a very comprehensive letter to the committee with regard to the hazards associated with rubbish on the beeches and the problems relating to with cleaning up after storms. MC will give the letter to Jackie Ballie at meeting on Friday.</p> <p>Caroline reported that Colin Taylor was in discussion with Nicol Slee and West Coast Cutters on using heavy machinery to clean up the beech and that they were keen to help. There is a good chance that this will happen in the near future. Very welcome assistance.</p> <p>Margaret wondered if insurance was required by the committee before volunteers was asked to help with a future beech clean. MC said he would investigate with A&B Council.</p>	CC/MC
6(l)	<p>Community Council By-elections. MC reported that the Community Council needs to decide if we wish to take part in this year's elections. It was agreed by all that we need new members and a unanimous vote was taken that we would wish to be included in this year's Community Council By-elections. MC will pass this decision onto A&B Council.</p>	MC
6(m)	<p>Community Council Insurance cover. MC reported that he had received an email from Melissa stating that events and activities controlled directly by the Community Council would require to be insured. The members agreed that the outside activities which have some involvement from the Community Council are already insured separately, but further checks will be made to make sure this is the case.</p>	All
6(n)	<p>Speeding issues at oil depot. MC stated that this issues was being progressed with the residents, the oil depot, MOD Police and George Freeman.</p>	GF
6(o)	<p>Heart Defibrillator. Caroline reported that the British Heart foundation was very keen to place a defibrillator in villages in public areas where they could be within easy access for emergencies. The Eureka shop is will to have on placed outside their building. She stated that the equipment will be provided by the Heart Foundation and that the cost of purchase is about £900.00. She stated that the Community Trust was willing to contribute. The Community Council that this was an excellent idea and would match the funding from the other organisations.</p>	CC
7.	No other Business.	
8.	The date for the next meeting to be decided.	



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