



GARELOCHHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**Garelochhead Community Council public meeting
held in *Church Hall, Garelochhead*
on *Tuesday 16th January 2018***

Members Present:

Watson Robinson	Convenor CC
Gemma Kimmett	Member CC
Laura Jane Alexander	Member CC
David Norton	Member CC
Mandy Crossland	Member CC
Margaret Stratton	Member CC
Mary Gray	Member CC
Martin Croft	Member CC

Attending:

Cllr Barbara Morgan	A&B Councillor
Inspector Allan Kirk	Police Scotland
Constable Ian Mustarde	MOD Police

Apologies:

Andrea Wise	Secretary CC
Fiona Robinson	Treasurer CC
Colin Smith	Member CC
Colin Taylor	Member CC
Cllr Iain Paterson	A&B Councillor
Cllr George Freeman	A&B Councillor

Public:

Patrick McGrinley	Public (Finnart)
David Archard	Public
Marion Archard	Public
Dave Wynne	Public (Contact Base)
Tami Mawhinney	Public
David Mawhinney	Public
Alistair McIntyre	Public



1. Introductions and welcome

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

Apologies for absence (as above)

Declarations of Interest – none noted

2. Minutes of previous meetings

Review of actions from last minutes

Who	What	Status
Watson	Contact Iain McInnes, the Digital Liaison Officer from A&B for an update on the Broadband Status for local area of Garelochhead and Portincaple; <i>No update as yet; will contact again for an update.</i>	Follow up
	Residents Association: Public Meeting update.	On Agenda
Barbara	Update on Primary School and Library	On Agenda
Mary	Shore Road -To follow up on Land Registry enquiry; <i>Mary spoke to Luss Estates waiting for a reply</i>	Follow up
Laura	Arrange meeting with Alan and Fraser for Website Handover	Follow Up
Iain	Update required on Progress on Three Lochs Way access route improvement from Garelochhead	On Agenda
George	Update on Progress with Luss Estates with regard to Shore Walk	Update to follow
	Update on the GP for Medical Centre	Update to follow
	Confirm current members and offices of Garelochhead Residents Association	Update to follow
	Forward on last minutes for Garlochhead & Portincaple Trust and Garelochhead Residents Association	Update to follow

Approval of previous minutes

Proposed by Mandy Crossland – Second by Margaret Straton

3. Police reports

Inspector Allan Kirk introduced himself and was warmly welcomed by the Convenor and all members. He produced the following report to be added to the minutes. There were seven incidents between the 13th November and the 15th January.

- 4th November Vandalism of the Christmas tree in the Church Grounds.



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- 28th November RTA Offences drink driving on the A914 at Fastlane one male arrested.
- 1st December attempted house break in at Feorlin Way. Nothing Stolen no witnesses.
- 13th December Threatening behaviour Feorlin Way. One male arrested.
- 26th December Possession of Controlled drugs Glen Fruin. Two males arrested.
- 4th January Vandalism McAuley Place. Enquires continue.
- 15th January. Paint and CND slogans on A814. One female reported.

The Inspector stated that he was aware of the speeding issues around Garelochhead and on the road out of the village towards the Kilcregan. He hope that in the near future a speed revue would be undertaken. Mary Grey raised an issues with regard to road signs and speed restrictions being difficult to see, in the wrong place. Could speed signs be placed on lamp posts? The inspector said he would ask the roads department if they could look into this.

MDP & Clyde Marine Unit

Items from Chief Inspector Des Kennedy (DSPO) at HMNB Clyde. Report given by Constable Mustarde.

- Continued on- going Road Safety initiatives in and around the base involving MDP, RN Police and Police Scotland.
- MDP would encourage residents to report any sightings of suspicious incidents/ persons in the area around the base to MDP or Police Scotland.
- In December 2017 there was damage to the electronic HMNB Clyde Sign at South Approach Road entrance and painting on the A814 road outside Faslane Peace Camp. Enquiries are on-going into both incidents.
- MNB Clyde security fence is being upgraded and locals may see work being carried out.
- Following a successful application/interview process PC Jeanette Speirs who had been temporarily covering one of the two MDP Defence Community Police Officer (DCPO) posts since July 2017 will now take up the position permanently. The previous incumbent PC Russell White has had to stand down due to health issues. PC Ian Mustarde is the other DCPO and has been in the post since 2009.

The Chairman thank Inspector Kirk and PC Mustarde for taking the time to come to the meeting and for their valuable contributions.

- 4 **Committee updates**
 - a Planning:
Apologies from Colin Smith
 - b. **Treasurer**
Previous Balance £1970.06
Current Balance £ 1915.06
 - c. **Secretary**
Apologise from Secretary:



5. 15 Minute Discussion Time

The Chairman stated that some members found that we were spending too much time repeating old topics and that a 15 minute period during the Committee Meeting would allow new topics to be aired.

- **Finnart.** Mr Patrick McGrinley gave a short update on the work that is being at the Storage tanks at Finnart. He also gave an update on Health and Safety work that is being carried out.
- Gemma Kimmett stated that she had attended a meeting with A&B Council to discuss environmental issues, during which noise and light issues at Finnart had been discussed. Mr McGrinley said that the issues was recognised and he will try and give an update at future meetings which he hoped to attend.
- The Chairman thanked him for his attendance and valuable contribution and would welcome his input at future meetings.

6. Councillors' Updates

Cllr Barbara Morgan Report. Councillor Barbara Morgan gave the following report.

6.1 **Kilcreggan tree lights.**

Cllr Morgan reported that the issues with tree lights this year at Garelochhead was similar to the one at Kilcreggan. Next year she was hoping that the local communities may provide their own tree and lights and I have asked the base if they can provide a tree.

6.2 **Primary School Library.**

Cllr Morgan stated that A&B Council has agreed that the site the library stands on still belongs to the Education Department and the intention is to demolish the building and allow the primary school to give use the land for the children's play area. The Council will demolish the building and remove the old books and residue free of charge. The Chairman thanked Councillor Morgan and all those involved with this project, which help to bring it to this most satisfactory conclusion.

6.3 **Garelochhead Station Walk in Centre.**

Cllr Morgan stated that one possible use for the station could be as a walk in centre. For example there is a walk in centre at Govan (Coming Home Centre Govan). She state that this is a place where people can come and meet, free food is provided, a help centre with ongoing support on such issues as physical health. Perhaps this could be replicated in the station.

6.4 **World War I Local Stories.**

Cllr Morgan asked if anyone was aware of any local historical ties with WW1 that could be included in this year's commemorations.

Cllr George Freeman. Cllr Freeman sent his apologies and emailed an update on the following items.

6.4 **Kilcreggan tree lights.**

Cllr Freeman passed on updates on the footpath between Garelochhead and Portincapple, the Community Boundary, the Medical Centre, Shore Walk and Residence Association included in follow up items.

6.5 **Communities Fund.**



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At this time, there has been no changes to the voting system the Council has agreed to for allocating these funds which I believe discriminates against our rural communities. I took an amendment to the Area Committee meeting in December but could not get any another councillor to support me. I am still very unhappy and continue to pursue this issue.

6.6 Councillors Surgery's.

I continue to hold three surgeries every month throughout my ward.

6.7 Development in Portincaple.

I have discussed this with the Convener yesterday and have raised the issue with Planning Officers. I hope to provide an update shortly on this issue. As a member of the PPSLC, I cannot indicate support or opposition for any development or I will be barred from taking part in the decision making process.

Cllr Iain Paterson

7. Question from the Public.

7.1 Pier at Portincaple see new items.

8. New items

8.1 Garelochhead to Portincaple footpath.

At the last meeting Colin Smith raised the possibility of having a footpath between Garelochhead and Portincaple. The chairman asked Alistair McIntyre to give an update on the issue. He stated that a feasibility study costing £5000 had been carried out on behalf of the GPCT some years ago. A copy of the study has been made available to the CC. However he stated that at a public meeting held at the time to agree proceeding with the path a majority of residents from Portincaple voted against proceeding with the path. Cllr Freeman also noted that when it was raised a few years back, the Portincaple community were totally opposed to it and turned out in large numbers to make their feelings known at a very heated meeting in the Gibson Hall. It was generally felt by the CC that it would not be feasible to proceed with this item.

8.2 Community Council Boundary.

The Chairman stated that he was looking at the possibility of changing the name of the Community Council to reflect the fact that the area we cover includes Faslane, Mambeg and Portincaple and up to Glen Douglas. Cllr Freeman reported that in the Community Council review, you will see that there are no proposals to change any of the CC boundaries in Argyll & Bute. The consultation on the Scheme ends on Friday and any proposed change to a CC boundary would normally require justification and the support of the adjoining CC/CC's whose boundaries would also have to change. Given that the review is not proposing any boundary changes, and the existing boundaries in the Helensburgh & Lomond are have not changed for years and there has not been a request for such a change, I do not believe that the Council would agree to any such changes. The Chairman was also told that it would be difficult to amend other documentation including web site etc. It was decided that this issue has been sufficiently aired and no further action was necessary.

9. Follow up items.

9.1 Three Lochs Way.



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Dave Wynne reported that the current state of play is we are awaiting a Pathway Agreement to be drawn up by Mr Scott Ashworth from Defence Estates. Once this is complete he is going to send it to Mr Colin Young Cc'd (Senior Transport Officer Argyll and Bute Council) and myself. Colin Young has agreed to look at this to see if it's something the Council can work with. Scott Ashworth is also currently raising the profile of this project within his organisation to ensure the appropriate people are aware of this if it's deemed appropriate by all parties to take forward. I've also had very low level talks regarding an application to the Armed Forces Community Covenant Fund. It is my intention to push forward with funding applications once we can see a route to the 'finish line'. The Chairman thanked David for all his efforts and asked him to keep taking this item forward. It would be most once completed have great benefits for the village. Martin reported that he had been in contact with Ann and David Urquhart and Maurice Corry to get an update on funding for the path. We will also investigate putting a sign up at the top of the old Glen Fruin Rd above the base which could indicate alternative route to Garelochhead and three lochs way. There would be an update at the next meeting.

9.2 Website update.

Laura stated that the full web site should be fully functional before the next meeting.

9.3 Garelochhead Station. Update at the next meeting.

9.4 Garelochhead Residence Association

The Chairman reported that there had been a public meeting in December to discuss the future of the Garelochhead and Portincaple Community Trust (GPCT). At this meeting it was agreed to re-establish the Residence Association and its constitution. It was also agreed at the meeting to wrap up the GPCT. The Chairman stated that this would be confirmed by the minutes of the meeting. All members agreed that these minutes were important as they formally stated the wishes of the community to disband the GPCT. Cllr Freeman added via email. It was agreed that the first committee meeting would take place at the end of the month and this is now being finalised.

9.5 Water on Road.

Mary Grey reported that she is still following up the problem of the water on the road with Jerry O'Hare at A&B Council roads dept. Progress is being made and there may be a short term solution in having the gutters cleaned and have a drain place under the road. The Chairman thanked Mary for all her efforts and asked her to keep working on the problem. Cllr Freeman reported that he has also been pursuing this for some time at different locations. As far as the problem at Garelochhead Coaches is concerned, Council officers confirmed to him that they are undertaking an investigation and I await feedback.

9.6 Shore Walk pot-holes.

The large pot hole on shore walk has been repaired by A&B Council. Mary doubted that this repair would last as the sea wall end of the hole remains open and it will only be a matter of time before this side of the repair is washed out and the hole will reappear. The other repairs at the slip way behind Centre 81 and the shore erosion along the path are still being discussed and investigated. The problem remains as to who is responsible for the shore path either A&B Council or Luss Estates. Cllr Freeman has spoken with Luss Estates a couple of weeks ago and they are adamant that they are not responsible for the repairs on Shore Walk. He has also raised concerns with Access Officers and Legal Officers as this is part of the Core Path Network. The Access Officer was off work undergoing an operation. He has now returned and Cllr Freeman has confirmed that Council officers are continuing to pursue this issue.

9.7 Medical Centre full time GPs.

Cllr Freeman reported that he has received confirmation that the preferred candidate was selected. It was hoped that the changes could be introduced in April but he has been told that this may have to wait until



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July. He has asked if he can make the other information I have on this subject public but await confirmation from officers.

10. Any other Business.

10.1 Christmas Party.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the CC Christmas Party and said it was a great success and a nice way to finish the year and to thank all those who had helped the community. He passed on his thanks to Fergus and Margaret for all their efforts in making this such a successful occasion. Agree by all.

10.2 Portincaple .

David Mawhinney asked the CC if they knew what work was being undertaken at land clearing site at Portincaple and was there a planning application for this? As Colin was not at the meeting the Chairman took an action to investigate.

11. Date of the next meeting

This was raised and will be discussed further at next meeting.

- **Date of next meeting:** 7pm, Tuesday, 20th March 2018

7. Actions for follow-up at next meeting

Who	What	Status
Watson/Colin	Investigate works at Portincaple.	
Barbara		
Mary	Water on Road – Update from Council Engineer	
Laura	Complete work on Website Handover	
David/Martins	Update required on Progress on Three Lochs Way access route improvement from Garelochhead	
George	Minutes of public meeting Garelochhead and Portincaple Trust (G&P Trust) and Garelochhead Residents Association Update on Shore Walk Update on Medical Centre.	

Minutes]