



GARELOCHHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES for the
Garelochhead Community Council public meeting
held in *Church Hall, Garelochhead*
on *Tuesday 20th June 2017***

Members Present:

Watson Robinson	Convenor CC
Martin Croft	Vice Chair CC
Margaret Stratton	Treasurer CC
Alan Pinder	Secretary CC
David Norton	Member CC
Hazel Mackinnon	Member CC

Attending:

Cllr Iain Paterson	A&B Councillor
Craig Borland	Helensburgh Advertiser
Andrea Wise	Member of the public
Mary Gray	Member of the public
Mandy Crossland	Member of the public
Gemma Kimmitt	Member of the public
Ian Mustarde	Mod Police

Apologies:

Cllr George Freeman	A&B Councillor
Cllr Barbara Morgan	A&B Councillor
Colin Smith	Member CC
Colin Taylor	Member CC
James Dalgleish	Clyde Marine Unit
PC Dave Armstrong	Police Scotland



1. Minutes of previous meeting

a. Review of actions from last minutes

Who	What	Status
Watson p p r o	- Update on Garelochhead and Portincaple Trust	On agenda
	- Follow up with Scottish Water on slipway repairs	On agenda
	- Update on the working group for Bendarroch Park & Astro Turf	On agenda
	- Update on Medical Centre	On agenda
Alan v	- Report back on web-site / social media setup progress	On agenda
George a l o	- Update on Progress with Luss Estates with regard to Shore Walk	C/F
	- Update on B872 / Feorlin Way junction and Zebra Crossing	C/F
	- Update on the GP for Medical Centre	C/F

f previous minutes

Proposed and seconded – Watson Robinson & Margaret Stratton

2. Committee updates

a. Planning

No report

b. Secretary.

- Mails from Council:
 - **Community Choice scheme** – a fund aimed at expanding opportunities to help local people make decisions on local spending priorities (closing date for apps 21st July)
<https://pbscotland.scot/blog/2017/6/9/community-choices-fund-announced-for-201718>
 - **Environment action plans** (up to £5k, application deadline 30th July)
<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/news/2017/may/get-your-share-community-funding>
Gemma to investigate and liaise with Committee
 - **Plant a Tree Charter** (free to sign up for – will provide trees to plant). 19 Scottish CCs already signed up.
<https://treecharter.uk/charter-branches/>
<https://treecharter.uk/tree-charter-faqs/>
 - **Young Scot Rewards** – sign up to offer young scot reward points for attending CC meetings (initially trialled by Strachur)
- Mails from TSI:
 - **Community Mental Health Hub** meeting in Helensburgh (held in May)
 - Review of the PVG (**Protecting Vulnerable Groups**) Scheme, looking to speak to volunteers (now):
<http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2017/02/7244/1>



- **New email address now live:** secretary@garelochhead.info

3. Police reports

a. Police Scotland: Four recent events were noted

- 21/5/17, Fairways: Vandalism – window smashed. Enquiry continues
- 21/5/17, Rosebank Cottages: theft. Enquiry continues
- 25/5/17, Feorlin Way: Assault within private premises. Enquiries carried out, insufficient evidence to prefer any charges.
- 10/6/17, Mary Browne Walk: Disorder, possession of offensive weapon; No persons assaulted/injured. Male arrested and appeared at court.
- **Counter Terrorism Awareness Week 2017** From 12-18 June, residents and communities across Scotland were being asked to be vigilant, not alarmed, but to report any suspicious activity to police by calling 101 or 999 in an emergency. Specialist and local officers will be working together along with a number of partners to undertake a range of activities throughout Scotland, aimed at providing the public with useful information to help deter terrorism and keep them safe in the event of a terrorist incident.
- In response to the tragic events in Manchester and London and other recent incidents, which have occurred across the world, Counter Terrorism Awareness Week will focus on safety and security in crowded public spaces. Read more on the **Action Counter Terrorism (ACT)** section of the Police Scotland website.
- **Road Safety** – Patrols and speed checks across the area continue, the Summer Drink Driving campaign is also underway, and we would urge residents to drive safely within speed limits, and report any concerns by calling 101.
- **Fraudulent scams** – Local residents are reminded to be wary of any unsolicited contact either via phonecalls, texts, emails or written correspondence encouraging them to provide personal/banking information. The criminals involved can be very convincing and provide plausible reasons, persuading unsuspecting victims to provide information leading to the fraudulent withdrawal of large sums of money. Please be mindful of these scams, and look out for elderly relatives/neighbours who may be targeted.

b. MDP & Clyde Marine Unit

Ian's report:

- Increased Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) and Police Scotland (PSOS) in the area from 8 – 16th July for the duration of the Trident Ploughshares Coulpport Disarmament Camp taking place at Peaton Glen Wood.
- Positive dialogue is taking place between MDP – PSOS / Summer Camp protestors. Appropriate measures will be in place to ensure minimal disruption to the local community

Sgt Dalglish's report:

- All piling work on HNNB waterfront for phase 1 is now completed



4. Councillors' updates

Cllr Paterson provided an update on his recent activities working with members of the public's concerns.

5. Questions from members of the public

None raised

6. Follow up items:

a. Medical Centre (Doctors update)

Watson has drafted a letter to Jackie Baillie seeking assistance to try to get some continuity in the GP surgery.

b. Memorials: Fountain

Thanks to Nicol Slee and Alistair MacIntyre for the work done to restore the fountain.

c. Zebra Crossing

Has recently been painted – suggested re-raising the safety issues to Roddy McUish (A&B Council Roads

d. Bendarroch Park

Watson has contacted the pay-back team again – who are prepared to pick up the cuttings and finish the job, once we have liaised with the council to bring in skips.

e. Scottish Water / Shore Walk

Watson met Scottish Water early May re emptying the septic tank and repairing the west-side slip. Still pending a response from Ruraidh Macgregor.

Hazel noted that the bins on Shore Walk have been removed (due to vandalism).

It was also raised that the path up from Station Road to the top roundabout is suffering from filled dog poo-bags being left there

f. Three Lochs Way – Garelochhead access route

Cllr Paterson will raise the issue (including the absence of a style at the top) with the John Urquhart from Helensburgh & District Access Trust, and the DIO.

g. Garelochhead & Portincaple Community Trust

Still waiting for final meeting to identify next steps.

h. Web Site Update

Limited version of Web site ready to go live – further pages need content planned by the Committee. Facebook, Twitter and email accounts ready to go live. A sub-group to be set up to progress content (Gemma)

7. AOB

Date of next meeting: Tues 26th September 2017

8. Actions for follow-up at next meeting

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Watson	Follow up on Doctors surgery with Jackie Baillie
Watson	Raise Zebra Crossing safety issue to Roddy McUish
Watson	Follow up on Bendarroch Park clearing (skips from council, work party from Pay-back team)
Watson	Scottish Water (Ruraidh Macgregor) re tank emptying and west-side slip.
Hazel	Raise bins re Shore Walk to George Freeman initially.
Hazel	Contact dog warden re bags on Station Road path
Gemma	Review £5k grant opportunity for Environmental Action Plan and propose (due end of July)
Gemma / Andrea	Set up sub-committee to work on content for website / facebook / twitter.
Iain	Progress Three Lochs Way access route improvement from Garelochhead
George	Update on Progress with Luss Estates with regard to Shore Walk Update on B872 / Feorlin Way junction and Zebra Crossing Update on the GP for Medical Centre

[End of Minutes]