



# GARELOCHHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING of Garelochhead Community Council held at the Fire Station,  
Garelochhead on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015

RESENT:

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| Colin Taylor,      | Convenor (CT)           |
| Martin Croft,      | Vice Convenor (MC)      |
| Margaret Stratton  | Treasurer (MS)          |
| Colin Smith        | Member (Planning) (CS)  |
| Rose Dove          | Member (Publicity) (RD) |
| Caroline Colquhoun | Member (CC)             |
| Margaret Stratton  | Treasurer (MS)          |
| Stella Irving      | Member (SI)             |
| George Freeman     | A & B Councillor (GF)   |
| Maurice Corrie     | A&B Councillor (MC)     |

APOLOGIES:

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| James Leishman  | Member (JL)           |
| Robert McIntyre | A & B Councillor (RM) |
| Andrew Crawford | Police Scotland (AC)  |

ATTENDING :

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| Gary Greenall | Member of the Public (GG) |
| Wendy Bell    | Representing Centre 81    |

| Agenda Item |  | Action |
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| 1.          | The Vice Convenor welcomed everyone to the meeting   |        |
| 2.          | The Vice Convenor conveyed the apologies for those persons absent and established there were no declarations of interest   |        |
| 3.          | Acceptance of the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 <sup>th</sup> November was proposed by Margaret and seconded by Caroline.  |        |
| 4.          | <b>Police Report</b> AC send his apologies and forwarded a short report. There where notice to report since the last meeting. He had already sent updates to GF and MC on speeding issues.   |        |
| 5.          | <b>Planning.</b> CS reported one planning item for Whistlefield. GF stated that planning permission for a new Nuclear Waste Facility for Faslane had been approved despite there being several hundred objections of which only twenty odd where from local residents. GF reported that planning approval has been given for the change of use of the old post office. | CS     |
| 6.          | <b>Treasurer Report.</b> The Treasurer MS reported that funds in the account stand at £1685.79.  |        |



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| 7.  | <p><b><u>GCC Bi Elections</u></b> No members of the public for forward their names to be included in the proposed Bi – election. GG stated that he would put forward his name at the next annual elections for the CC. MC and CT stated that we must make a sustained effort to promote and advertise the next election and bring on some new member. Agree by all.</p>   | Ongoing CC         |
| 8.  | <p><b><u>Mr J Hill</u></b> GF reported that as he understood it MR Hill has been give an extension of some 9 months to complete the new access to the plot he wishes to develop. However members stated that Mr Hill’s issues was that this would be a very expensive project, and he wished to re-instate the old gate, which was still in place, but since work has been undertaken, it is now deemed unsafe. MC stated that if Mr Hill wished to take the issue further the Council would assist. He would discuss with Mr Hill.</p>   | MC                 |
| 9.  | <p><b><u>Speeding</u></b> A letter was sent by Mr Rowalnd Eadie to the CC stating the problems with speeding and the dangers associated with traffic and speeding motorists on shore road. This letter was sent to AC who passed it to his Chief Constable. AC has reported that additional speed checks will be set up. He also reported that there will be a survey of the B833 in order to establish if further action was required.</p>   | <b>RC &amp; MC</b> |
| 10. | <p><b><u>Memorial Bench.</u></b> MC states an estimate for repair is underway.</p>  | On-going           |
| 11. | <p><b><u>Village Fountain.</u></b> Doreen has sent all the information she had about the fountain back to the Community Council. This was been passed to Caroline who agreed to progress with having the fountain painted and refurbished. She will continue to liaise with Nicol Slee. The Community Council agreed to provide funds for paint if required and for the re-connection of the water supply. Caroline will report at the next meeting.</p>  | CC                 |
| 12. | <p><b><u>Bendarroch Park</u></b> Gary has received drawings from HAGS &amp; SNP for the layout of the additional items for the park. All agreed that the proposal was excellent and thanked him for his efforts. He reported that the £3500 fund held by the Community Trust was available for this project. The Community Council asked that he pass on our thanks to Pam Branran, he stated that he had already done so. Caroline took a copy of the drawings to show to the school children.</p> <p>He also reported that progress was being made with the football pitch. Electrical defects and repairs are ongoing. Finding members for the Management Group was ongoing. Caroline has already volunteered.</p> | GG                 |



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| 13.. | <p><b>Health Centre</b> – George Freeman reported that he has been seeking clarification from the Primary Care Manager and the Director of Operations for NHS Highlands with regard to ongoing issues with the Garelochhead Practice. He is currently waiting for a response to these issues.</p> <p>The Vice Convenor has send a draft letter to all members of the CC with regard to the report in the Helensburgh Advertiser and the Community Advertiser which stated that the Helensburgh Medical Practice was in discussions with NHS Highlands with regard to taking on Garelochhead Patients.</p> <p>This came as a surprise to the Community Council as none of the members where under the impression that there was a demand to use the Helensburgh Practice and many of the elderly and those with young children would find it expensive and difficult to travel to Helensburgh.</p> <p>MC 's draft letter to NHS highlands should ask them to clarify the situation and to confirm that the information received from them in October which stated that the current Garelochhead Practice would continue with the two GPs and Nursing arrangements was still the case.</p> <p>Further to this the letter should refer to the fact that Dr Farrar was leaving at the end of March and a replacement GP should be in place as soon as practicable.</p> <p>The majority of the CC agreed that the letter should be sent immediately to clarify the situation. CC objected to this and thought it would be better to wait and see if there was a need for patients to use the Helensburgh Medical Centre. The letter will be sent to the Chair of NHS Highlands copied to Dr Macleod and Dr McKelvie.</p> <p>Maurice Corrie suggested that there may be an option to utilise Medical support from the Naval Base. In the past Naval Doctors have supplemented local GPs, which benefited both the community and gave the Naval Doctors some valuable experience in community health issues. This suggestion was welcomed by the committee. Maurice stated that he would investigate further and report back.</p> | MC and Maurice Corrie. |
| 14.  | <p><b>Knotweed.</b> Nothing to report. On-going.</p>   | On going               |



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| 15. | <p><b><u>Road Repairs</u></b> The concerns raised over the newly laid road surfaces from the village up to and including Feorlin Way reported previously in the minutes as being potentially slippery in icy weather and subject to increased surface water was reported to A&amp;B roads department and no action has been taken. During the recent wintery conditions these predications have materialised. There has been several accidents where cars had been sliding on un-gritted road surfaces and resulted in damage to cars and crash barriers. GG stated that he has reported this again to the roads department and is waiting a response<sup>4</sup>. George Freeman stated that he would take this issue up again with the Council.</p> | GG and GF |
| 16. | <p><b><u>Christmas Lights.</u></b> Caroline stated that she had tried to get agreement from various people to put up lights on the shops before Christmas as agreed by the committee, unfortunately there was insufficient time to complete the task. She suggested that we canvas the shops, schools and local folk to get ideas of what we would like to have as decorations for next year. Once she had ideas and costs she would report back to the committee. We should do this early to give us time to put the preparations in place. All agreed.</p>  |           |

The date for the next Garelochhead Community Council meeting will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at the Gibson Hall commencing at 1900Hrs