



# GARELOCHHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**DRAFT MINUTES for the  
Garelochhead Community Council public meeting  
held in *Church Hall, Garelochhead*  
on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**Members Present:**

Mandy Crossland	Member CC & GST
Mary Gray	Member CC
Martin Croft	Vice-Chair CC
David Norton	Member CC
Carol Spencer	Member CC
Andrea Wise	Member CC
Gemma Kimmet	Member CC

**Attending:**

Jeanette Speirs	MOD
Siobhan Callaghan	Clyde Marine Unit MDP
Christopher Neilson	Police Scotland
Cllr George Freeman	Argyll & Bute Councillor

**Public:**

David Archard	Public
Marion Archard	Public
Ron Fletcher	Public
Pat McGinlay	Finart Ocean Terminal
Alistair McIntyre	Public
Fergus Madgin	Public

**Apologies**

Margaret Stratton	Member CC
Watson Robinson	Convenor CC
Cllr Iain Paterson	A&B Councillor
Cllr Barbara Morgan	A&B Councillor
Inspector James Dalglish	Clyde Marine Unit
Colin Taylor	Member CC
Fiona Robinson	Treasurer
Craig Richie	Member CC & MOD

**1. Introductions and welcome**

- a. **Welcome to members of the public and Convenor's opening remarks**
- b. **Apologies for absence** (as above)
- c. **Declarations of Interest** – None.

**2. Minutes of previous meetings**

Minutes agreed on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019 Proposed by Mandy Crossland and Seconded by David Norton



### 3. Review of previous minutes

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<b>Carole</b>	- Contact A&B funding for Xmas lights. - Contact A&B how to raise funds.	
<b>Craig</b>	- Info on MOD Lands ref 3 Lochs Way Footpath	
<b>Fiona</b>	- Update on Website ongoing.	

### 4. Police Reports

#### a. **Police Scotland**

30 incidents were recorded between 17<sup>th</sup> October and 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019.

- 25/10/19 – Road Traffic Offence on A814; Cyclist knocked off bike; man charged with dangerous driving.
- October – Report of a bin fire at Gibson Hall – No further update

#### b. **MDP & Clyde Marine Unit**

MDP advised GCC there is a plan to re-introduce Boat Watch.

Any suspicious behaviour in the area to be reported to MDP: Contact Control Room directly  
Tel No 01436 655695.

It was reported 2 nos boats were abandoned near Dalandhui; MDP confirmed they had already tried to identify the owners of the boats to no avail.



### **3. Committee Updates**

#### **a. Covenors Report**

Martin presented the report on behalf of Watson

#### **1. Viewing Points**

Watson spoke with Callum Robertson ( Assistant Network & Standards Manager ABC) around the end of October regarding the storage of the stones in our view points. He was pretty much unrepentant regarding these actions from this year and last. He stated that they would continue to use these car parks as they are council assets, and ' they simply couldn't magic up another Council depot.' Watson advised him that these are public and communal area's and that they are denoted as viewing points and picnic areas, not extended council depots or holding areas and they should never have been closed for the length of time that they have been over the last two years during summer months.

Callum agreed that, things should have been done better and in future if these areas need to be used, he would engage with our CC beforehand. He also stated that they likely wouldn't be used, by default for quite some time again in the future.

#### **2. Community Council sent the following thank you letters:**

1. Nicol Slee Engineering – Bracket for Portincaple Defib
2. Finart Oil Terminal – Donation £500 Portincaple Defib
3. Lodge St George Helensburgh £500 Portincaple Defib
4. Police Scotland - Extra patrols shore walk
5. Clyde Marine Unit – Search light patrols

#### **3. Fiona Robinson**

Emailed Community Advertiser asking if they could run a page in their magazine with the ABC bin uplift days of folk without internet access. Fiona also has agreed to keep the website updated whilst away in Canada.

#### **4. Portincaple Defib**

Up and running and registered, just small decking platform to be added.

#### **5. Rural watch signage hung around village and surrounding areas**

#### **6. Portincaple Development**

Nothing new at this time from Pelham Olive

#### **7. John Urquhart 3LW asked if we could raise and request signage on the Haul Rd where walkers cross the road at the hill at Glen Fruin**

#### **8. Christmas tree – Carol to update**

**9. Mr L Thompson** – He is keen to build one house for his family just West of the BT exchange. He has purchased the whole area down that way and is keen to keep the walks that exist open and useable to the public. He is also open to ideas with on how to enhance the area. ( Possible site for a War Memorial )

**10. Bin Collections** – Argyll and Bute – Follow the Link Below to access Bin Collection dates for your area; or phone tel no and phone number 01546 605522 and request Rubbish and Recycling Information for your area.

<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/bin-collection>

#### **b. Secretary Report - No Report**



## c. Planning

### **Planning: Applications none reported at the meeting.**

Colin has agreed to take on the role of Planning Reporting: Andrea will add Planning Applications to the minutes if any available.

### **Planning: Applications Added:**

NMV 16/00992/PP: Material Amendment to Planning Permission 16/00992/PP -(Erection of replacement dwellinghouse, detached garden store and installation of replacement septic tank) - reduction in link hall, internal alterations and minor changes of window sizes. Location: Lochside, Portincaple.

19/02012/PP Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse, installation of septic tank and formation of vehicular access Location: Land East Of Ceann A Chruic, Garelochhead, Whistlefeld

## d. Treasurer

Previous Balance:	£2,049.05	20/08/19
Current Balance:	To be Confirmed	

**ACTION:** Andrea email Margaret for update on the Accounts

## c. Environment. No Report.

**Rhododendron Ponticum** - Fergus raised the matter regarding the non native Rhododendron Ponticum. He raised his concerns on the non native invasive species which threatens a variety of natural and semi-natural habitats and the associated flora and fauna. Fergus will contact Argyll & Bute Biodiversity Officer regarding on how to manage this invasive plant.

It was agreed the public should be made more aware of the effect ponticum has on the natural environment of the area.

**ACTION:** Fergus to write an piece on the invasive destructive nature of the Pontigan to the environment.

## e. Roads - B833

Mary advised GCC on the Police Scotland Report for B833 she had received, this confirmed the number of accidents over the last 3 years (up to June 2019); there was a noticeable gap as no accidents recorded in 2019. The reasons for the accidents were mainly described as lost of control and road conditions due to weather. Mary was advised that the road is regularly inspected and repairs are carried out within the recommended timescale: Mary has written back to ask them to outline the timescales etc. Jim Smith's assistant will issue the information to Mary to allow us to review information.

Cemetary Gates – Mary confirmed the Council have admitted their responsibility. GCC to request support to fix the gate.

**ACTION** – Watson to raise the issue regarding speed limit after 10pm and in the morning; can a speed camera be installed.

Marion suggested that speed bumps could be installed on the road; Possible speed deterrents to be suggested to Argyll and Bute Roads and Police Scotland such as cameras and speed bumps etc.



**f. Website.**

Need to find a volunteer to manage the website

There was a suggestion to advertise in the post office and Centre 81 for a volunteer who could help with the GCC website. The website is currently up to date; Fiona has agreed to manage the website for now.

ACTION: Mary to make a sign for a volunteer to help with the website.

**g. Garelochhead Residents Association Report**

Refer to Item 5.2.3

**i. Portincaple Residents Association**

A Meeting was held 12<sup>th</sup> November – It was confirmed there had been a number of resignations of Office Bearers and a new Chair proposed.

The Next PRA Meeting is scheduled for January 14<sup>th</sup> 2020 TBC

**j. Garelochhead Station Trust (GST)**

No Updates

A notice board has been erected at the Station by Strathclyde Transport.

A sum of £7000 needs to be raised to go towards the buildings 25 year lease; Barbara Morgan will investigate on whether the amount can be reduced.

**k. Community Planning Partnership (CPP).**

No Report

Mary confirmed she had attended the meeting at Cove and there was a good youth contingent at the meeting. Laura Cameron was elected as Chairperson of CPP

**4. Follow up items.**

**a. Three Lochs Way**

It was confirmed Cllr Iain Paterson has sourced money for repairing the footpath and signage; Martin will email him with regard to the details.

Alistair McIntyre confirmed work had been carried out on part of the footpath.

**b. Beach Clean: Dates**

Carol reported two beach cleans had taken place on 20<sup>th</sup> October and 17<sup>th</sup> November.

- 11 people helped with the beach clean in October; Babcock assisted and donated bags and grabber sticks to help with the clean; 2 nos volunteers fixed the steps

- 8 people helped with the beach clean in November and 12 bags of rubbish were collected.

There are further Garelochhead Beach Cleans planned for December 15<sup>th</sup> 2019; and scheduled every third Sunday of the month

Carol confirmed she had been in touch with Kevin McIntosh from Argyll and Bute Road and Amenity services and he would be happy to advise on removal of the rubbish. Carol confirmed she had applied on behalf of GCC for Community Matters Funding at Waitrose and also asked for Waitross Partners to help for Beach clean and community lighting.

**c. Christmas Lights.**

Carol confirmed the Christmas Tree in was place and the lights would be connected this week; switch on will be carried out following completion of connection.

The agreement between GCC and Argyll and Bute Council still to be agreed.

**d. Shore Walk – Vandalism**



Cllr Barbara Morgan and Cllr Iain Paterson to provide updates.

## **5.0 Councillors' Updates**

### **5.1 Cllr Iain Paterson**

No report provided.

### **5.2 Cllr Barbara Morgan**

No report provided.

### **5.2 Cllr Freeman confirmed the following:**

5.2.1 Toilet Block – Residents Association is pursuing this matter and can confirm the title has been transferred to a the owner's daughter; he will continue to find out what her plans are for the building.

#### 5.2.2 Christmas Lights – Refer to item 4c

Cllr Freeman confirmed the base Cmmdr does not want to get into an agreement long term with the council; if a problem next year regarding the tree just get in touch directly.

The agreement between A&B Council and GCC to be signed; GCC do not want the personal liability for the agreement and require confirmation on who signs the agreement.

5.2.3 Residents Association – Currently there is not a War Memorial in Garelochhead; the Residents Association are going to pursue this matter and look for a way to provide a War Memorial within the village.

## **6.0 Questions from members of the public and outstanding emails**

- a. Mr Thompson's proposal for land at McAulay Burn – No information to report
- b. Signage on Haul Road where Three Lochs Way crosses to American Road – To be discussed at next meeting.
- c. Marion advised the GCC, Waitrose has a box for GST coupons.
- d. Pat McGinlay reported that Finart were currently having water delivered from Helensburgh; this will be ongoing for next few days. He advised GCC that salt water could not be used as it would be corrosive to the pipes.
- e. Remembrance Poppies  
Roy suggested the Poppy Wreaths could be displayed on the external boundary wall by attaching them metal straps or hooks; rather than within the Church.  
Marion advised GCC that Oban have a display throughout the town of crochet poppies and maybe the community could do the same for Garelochhead. Suggestions on how to get people involved can be raised at the next meeting.
- f. Carol asked if she could attend a Fund Raising Course being held in Helensburgh; the members of GCC agreed this was a good idea and she should attend the course.
- g Local Development Plan 2 – Discussed  
Fergus looking into the breakdown of LDP 2 and would like to discuss the Community Representation Comments on the LDP 2 and matters uncovered.

George advised GCC there is a six week consultation period for the Draft Local Plan the Community Council should submit their comments to the council within this period.

It was suggested a village meeting is arranged to discuss the Local Plan – Review Plan and outline issues to discussed; Add date to website to make the public be aware of a meeting.



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Intend to ask everyone to look at the Local Plan – out for consultation and invite people to come to a meeting in Hall to bring forth their objections etc.

ACTION - Circulate an email regarding a meeting to discuss the Local Development Plan 2.  
23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020 community response to be submitted

**7.0 AOB**

No matters raised.

**8.0 Date of the next meeting**

Date of next meeting: 7pm, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 Church Hall

**10. Actions for follow-up at next meeting**

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[End of Minutes]