



# GARELOCHHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## MINUTES for the Garelochhead Community Council public meeting held in *Church Hall, Garelochhead* on *Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017*

### **Members Present:**

Watson Robinson	Convenor CC
Andrea Wise	Secretary CC
Fiona Robinson	Treasurer CC
Margaret Stratton	Member CC
David Norton	Member CC
Hazel Mackinnon	Member CC
Gemma Kimmett	Member CC
Mandy Crossland	Member CC
Mary Gray	Member CC
Colin Smith	Member CC

### **Attending:**

Cllr Barbara Morgan	A&B Councillor
PC Janette Spiers	MDP

### **Apologies:**

Cllr George Freeman	A&B Councillor
Cllr Iain Paterson	A&B Councillor
James Dalgleish	Clyde Marine Unit
Alan Pinder	Former GCC Secretary
Laura Jane Alexander	Member CC

### **Public:**

Marion Archard  
David Archard  
Kathy Blakeley  
Ken Blakeley  
Kirsty Forrester



**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 noted

**2. Minutes of previous meeting**

- a. **Review of actions from last minutes**

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

- b. **Approval of previous minutes**

Proposed and seconded – Mandy Crossland and Margaret Stratton

**3. Police reports**

- a. **Police Scotland:** No Report

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

Sgt Dalgleish’s report: Presented by PC Janette Spiers (MDP)

1. Piling has again started at HMNB Clyde for the next 10 weeks. The work will only take place between 0800-1600hrs. The techniques employed requires very little hammering (approx 10min a pile; 1 nos pile a day)
2. The CMU will be supporting Helensburgh Winter Festival on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017 by providing an Artic RHIB for the day along with HMS Neptune band of which 3 CMU officers will be playing during the day.
3. Joint Warrior over the weekend with warships at Faslane and Glasgow



#### 4. Committee updates

##### a. **Planning** : Applications Noted

Ref No 17/01323/S37	Erection of 11K Overhead Line Yankee Road Community on a 3 Phase System, replacing high tension cables
Ref No 17/01146/PP	Somerset House, Garelochhead; Demolition of existing extension and erection of replacement extension
Ref No 17/0174/PP	Corran Bhan, Portincaple, Erection of Workshop and Polytunnel
Ref No 17/02124/PPP	Planning Permission in Principle – Site for erection of to Dwelling House; Near Arnish Split 3 Building Plots
Ref No 17/02145/PP	Garelochhead, Alterations to Flat Change of Use to Retail – Installation of Flue
Ref No 17/02172/PPP	Site North East of Land near Rockmount – Site for erection of dwelling house
Ref no 17/02170/PPP	Site North of Land near Rockmount – Site for erection of dwelling house
Ref No 17/02368/PPP	Renewal Planning Permission in principle Ref 14/01544/PPP (Renewal 7 dwelling house near Bowling Club)

##### b. **Treasurer**

Previous Balance £ 1526.96 (Noted from AGM Meeting Dated 20/06/17)

Current Balance £2060.06

Expenses: Hall Rental x 2: £40.00 to be deducted

##### c. **Secretary**

Emails from A&B Council:

- Great British Beach Clean - Marine Conservation Society will be running 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Great British Beach Clean; date missed but Garelochhead Beach Clean to be organised as part of SAS Big Autumn Beach Clean.
- **Argyll & Bute Procurement Consultation Notice** – Distributed via email to GCC Members 11<sup>th</sup> September for comments. The consultation is available to fill in on the Council website at <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/forms/procurement-and-commissioning-strategy-201819>. Respondents have three weeks to comment, until the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017, after which feedback will be taken on board and used to help develop the final drafts.
- **Argyll and Bute Consultation Document – Review of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils**: Distributed via email 24<sup>th</sup> August 2017 to GCC members. Consultation being carried out prior to introducing an amended Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils (the Scheme) 1<sup>st</sup> phase of consultation commenced on 17 August and runs up to 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Your views of the emerging scheme during period of consultation welcome; email [communitycouncils@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:communitycouncils@argyll-bute.gov.uk)  
If members of public interested they can access the website link <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/review-scheme-establishment-community-councils-2017>

##### **Existing Scheme regarding co-opted member**

Email from Melissa Stewart (A&B Council) was distributed on 13<sup>th</sup> September regarding co-opted members; this was scheduled to be discussed at meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

Watson confirmed a response had been submitted on behalf of GCC to A&B Council opting for Option b

- **Argyll and Bute – Free Community-Led Action Planning Training Sessions for Community Councillors and others in the 3<sup>rd</sup> sector.**  
All information on course is available to view on the following link:  
<https://www.communitytoolkit.net/content/2017/7/31/free-community-led-action-planning-training-september-2017>



### 5. Councillors' Updates

- **Co-opted New Members**

CLlr George Freeman raised the point prior to the meeting that existing members had not been notified that new members had been co-opted on board. This was brought to the attention of the GCC Members and the following new members were co-opted onto the committee officially: Mary Gray, Mandy Crossland, Fiona Robinson and Gemma Kimmett.

### 6. Questions from Members of the Public

- **BT Service** – A member of the public brought to the attention of the meeting that there was a Notice in Garelochhead Post Office regarding the disappointing service provided by BT; there is a Petition in the Post Office for the public to sign in regard to this matter.
- **Portincaple Broadband**: Residents of Portincaple complained about the poor quality of Broadband Service in Portincaple; this was noted and an update to be provided at next meeting.

### 7. New Items

#### a. **Car Parking Lower Village**

This matter was raised regarding poor public car parking within Garelochhead; a new car park could provide access for public to the shore and for boat access. A suitable location was identified as the land in front of the Anchor; owned by Luss Estates. It was suggested GCC could contact Garelochhead and Portincaple Trust regarding raising funds for the car park.

#### b. **Grass cuttings (H&S issue)**

It was noted the Council are not picking up the cuttings; Mandy Crossland contacted the council and they arrange for the cuttings to be cleared using a blower; this was deemed unsatisfactory.

CLlr Barbara Morgan agreed to action and will raise the complaint.

Watson to action and write to Ailsa Cunningham (A&B Council)

#### c. **Portincaple bins (Staff not leaving them as found)**

The large bins at the South end of Portincaple are located on uneven ground and when the Council Refuge Staff come to empty the bins they are left in awkward positions which require residents to reposition them. In addition to the uneven ground the residents were promised a locking facility to be introduced on the bins, but only one bin has had a lock installed.

Watson to contact Council regarding the above matters; CLlr Barbara Morgan will send an email to the council regarding this matter.

#### d. **Old public toilets (update)**

Watson confirmed CLlr Barbara Morgan consulted Helensburgh and Lomond Committee for an update; they confirmed the toilets were sold privately and were the responsibility of the owner.

### 8. **Follow up items:**

#### a. **Medical Centre (Doctors update)**

Watson confirmed Jackie Baillie was going to deal with the latest response from Health and Social care partnership. Jackie confirmed that the NHS budget for the surgery has been increased and is receiving more interest in taking the GP / surgery position following the advert in the BMJ. However, there is also a proposal to have the surgery manned by 3 unskilled nurses with the GP service being provided by Helensburgh and Kilcreggan surgeries (the GPs will come to Garelochhead and it will include out of hours surgeries). But neither proposal decided at present. An update will be provided at next GCC Meeting; interviews for the doctor's position will take place in the near future.



The current proposal from The Health Board was deemed unsatisfactory and it was felt that the Health Board was reducing the number of doctors in favour of more nurses. Mandy Crossland confirmed she had spoken to The Health Minister and alerted her to the fact Garelochhead did not have a resident doctor and the Health Minister confirmed she would look into it.

Fiona Robinson asked that confirmation be given on whether the Immunisation Scheme would be carried out at Garelochhead Surgery; as presently it is in Helensburgh, which is unsatisfactory.

**b. Portincaple and Garelochhead Broadband Drop offs**

Broadband still poor in Portincaple; Watson to contact Iain McInnes, the Digital Liaison Officer from Argyll and Bute for an update on the Broadband Status for local area of Garelochhead and Portincaple.

**c. Shore Walk pot-hole – (Luss Estate)**

Mary Gray to notify Luss Estates on the issue with Pothole on the Shore Walk.

**d. Three Loch Ways – Access route from Garelochhead**

The 3 Lochs Challenge has been organised by Pure Challenge on the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

There is still concern regarding the upgrade of paths; Cllr Iain Paterson to action and confirm progress on route improvement from Garelochhead

**e. Website and Social Media for the Community – update**

Laura, Alan & Fraser Muir to arrange a meeting for handover; with the aim to make the website live. Limited version of Web site ready to go live; further pages need content planned by the Committee. It was agreed it would be good to link the website to the Community Council Website; Alan to confirm whether this would be possible.

**f. Zebra Crossing**

GCC thanked Cllr Barbara Morgan for arranging for repainting of the crossing.

Watson contacted Roddy McUish (Councillor Oban lead roads) regarding the crossing. RM visited the crossing and recommended LED Lights to be fitted.

Watson confirmed the local Police Sergeant had reviewed the crossing in July and reported no issues and that the existing position of the crossing allows maximum sight lines for motorists.

GCC agreed the zebra crossing was situated at a problematic location; it was suggested a camera be installed to record the traffic at the crossing; it was noted there may be legal issues regarding filming.

Cllr Barbara Morgan will enquire on whether traffic lights could be installed at the crossing.

**g. Bendarroch Park & Astro Turf**

Council to set up Community Trust to run Bendarroch Park and Astro Turf; Cllr George Freeman to provide an update. Watson asked council to pick up refuse but still waiting for it to be removed; Ailsa Cunningham advised Watson this was the Parks Department issue.

Cllr Barbara Morgan suggested contacting TSI (Third Sector Interface) for funding and advice.

**h. Scottish Water Slipway & Tank**

Ruaridh MacGregor (Scottish Water) confirmed the following to Watson via email dated 05/09/17:

RM confirm that the asset planner and operation team leader were on site at the septic tank 04/09/17 to carry out an inspection. The Tank at present does not require emptying and is operating as should be expected. The existing man-holes have a good seal on them however to ensure they are minimising the risk of any potential odours from the tank they will be modifying the existing vents on the tank. At this stage there is not a requirement empty the tank however they will continue to monitor.



With regard to the ramp, a revised quote for the repair will be provided to Scottish Water later this month and they are planning to have the repair work completed before the end of the year.

**i. Garelochhead & Portincaple Community Trust**

Watson to contact Stuart McQueen on Trust and Residents Association for an update.

Watson to discuss funding for car park with Stuart.

**9. Any Other Business**

- Gibson Park Bins – Update on recycling bins; as bins have been removed.
- Fly Tipping on Beach – Concern raised on fly tipping on Garelochhead Beach
- Beach Clean for Garelochhead to be organised – Gemma to action, date to be confirmed.
- Watson confirmed the concerns regarding the External Hot Tub at Heatherbank were being dealt with.
- Funding – A separate meeting to be organised to discuss/brainstorm opportunities to access funding for GCC.
- **Date of next meeting:** 7pm, Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017

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

Who	What	Status
<b>Watson</b>	Contact Ailsa Cunningham regarding grass cutting removal in Garelochhead.  Contact Ailsa Cunningham regarding Bins at Portincaple  To contact Iain McInnes, the Digital Liaison Officer from A&B for an update on the Broadband Status for local area of Garelochhead and Portincaple.  Contact Stuart McQueen on Trust and Residents Association for an update.	
<b>Barbara</b>	Contact Council regarding grass cutting removal  Zebra Crossing – To enquire whether lights can be installed at the crossing	
<b>Mary</b>	To notify Luss Estates on the issue with Pothole on the Shore Walk.	
<b>Laura</b>	Arrange meeting with Alan for Website Handover	
<b>Gemma</b>	Organise Garelochhead Beach Clean – Date to be confirmed	
<b>Iain</b>	Update required on Progress on Three Lochs Way access route improvement from Garelochhead	
<b>George</b>	Update on Progress with Luss Estates with regard to Shore Walk	
	Update on Bendarroch Park & Astro Turf	
	Update on the GP for Medical Centre	

[End of Minutes]