



GARELOCHHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES for the
Garelochhead Community Council public meeting
held in *Church Hall, Garelochhead*
on *Tuesday 14th November 2017***

Members Present:

Watson Robinson	Convenor CC
Andrea Wise	Secretary CC
Margaret Stratton	Member CC
Gemma Kimmett	Member CC
Mandy Crossland	Member CC
Mary Gray	Member CC
Colin Smith	Member CC
Martin Croft	Member CC
Laura Jane Alexander	Member CC

Attending:

Constable Ian Mustarde	MOD Police
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Apologies:

Cllr Iain Paterson	A&B Councillor
David Norton	Member CC
Cllr George Freeman	A&B Councillor
Cllr Barbara Morgan	A&B Councillor
Colin Taylor	Member CC
Fiona Robinson	Treasurer CC

Public:

Fergus Madigan	Public
David Archard	Public
Marion Archard	Public
Dave Wynne	Public (Contact Base)



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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 meetings**
 - a. **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: Contact Stuart McQueen on Trust and Residents Association for an update.	On Agenda
	Bendarroch Park : Arrange a walk around with Cllr Barbara Morgan	On Agenda
	Scottish Water : <i>Watson confirmed he had received an email from Rory McGregor confirming work to the slip would commence end of month</i>	
Barbara	Update on the Bins at Portincaple	On Agenda
	Contact Rhona Gold regarding funding for community based projects and update GCC	Follow Up
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	Councillor Update
	Old Toilet Block - Cllr GF check on position with development	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
Martin	Martin to write letter of Support on behalf of GCC to Argyll & Bute Chief Executive for Garelochhead School to utilise the ground for Children's Activity Area	Complete

- b. **Approval of previous minutes**
Proposed by Mandy Crossland – Second by Gemma Kimmett



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3. Police reports

a. **Police Scotland: Presented by Constable Ian Mustarde**

Incidents 13/10/17 – 13/11/17

- 1 nos common assault
- 1 nos possession of drugs
- 12/11/17 Feuins Rd, Portincaple: 1 x Air Nav Order 2016 Small Unnamed Surveillance Craft crashed and recovered.

Police Scotland urged the community to continue to use Crimestoppers if wishing to leave anonymous information regarding incidents happening within the community. The telephone phone number is 0800 555 111 and operates 24hrs a day.

b. **MDP & Clyde Marine Unit**

Des Kennedy Report: Presented by Constable Ian Mustarde (MDP)

- Ongoing infrastructure work at the Base
- No issues arising from the Faslane Peace Camp
- Road Safety week 20-27th Nov (Campaign Theme Speeding)
- MOD & Police Scotland Joint initiative Drink Drinking

4 Committee updates

a **Planning: Applications Noted**

1. Ref No 1702817/PP Saddleview, Portincaple
Alterations and erection of a single storey extension.
2. Ref No 17/02172/PPP & Ref no 17/02170/PPP
Plots Portincaple are still being considered however there have been issues raised concerning road access and turning areas.

APPROVED Planning Applications:

3. Ref No 17/02368/PPP APPROVED 09/11/17 - Renewal Planning Permission in principle
4. Ref 14/01544/PPP (Renewal 7 dwelling house near Bowling Club)
5. Ref No 17/02145/PP APPROVED 17/10/17- Garelochhead, Alterations to Flat Change of Use to Retail – Installation of Flue

Other Planner Matters:

Planning Pre- Application - Portincaple

Pre-Application for a mixed use development incorporating a pier and boathouse. Residents would like to be informed on the proposals as concerns on the scale of development and impact on the existing road and bridge. Applicant – Mr Olive and Agent – Pure Green Space.
This will be added to the agenda for discussion at next GCC Meeting.

b. **Treasurer**

Previous Balance £2030.06

Current Balance £ 1970.06

Expenses: Hall Rental x 1: £20.00 to be deducted

Margaret confirmed progress was being made with the new mandate.



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c. **Secretary**

A Secretary Report was emailed to members of GCC and the main items noted below:

1. **Email forward to GCC Members 11/11/17 received from Norman Muir – Helensburgh and Lomond Community Council Convener**

The purpose of this email was to enquire on whether there was a consensus to meet together before the end of the year to discuss whether we can mutually support each other in 2018.

Action: Watson confirmed he had responded to this enquiry and agreed GCC would like to meet. GCC awaiting a date to be confirmed

2. **Email forward to GCC Members 26/10/17 received from Robert Cuthbert – Scottish Community Development Centre – Programme Plan**

The Scottish Community Development Centre (SCDC) is carrying out research into the implementation of Participation Requests, on behalf of the Scottish Government. Argyll and Bute have agreed to be one of the case study authorities. As part of the research process they are keen to involve community groups in Argyll and Bute, and he attached a full outline of their research programme so we could see what they intend to do, and how they want to involve communities. In the first instance though this will probably be through a questionnaire with the possibility of follow up focus groups if there is sufficient interest. If we would be prepared to be involved in the research, please contact Robert.Cuthbert@scdc.org.uk to express interest. Research will be carried out between October - December 2017.

Action: Mary Crossland agreed to contact Robert Cuthbert and ask for further clarification on the above.

3. **Email forward to GCC Members 11/11/17 received from Gillian Simpson Third Sector and Volunteer Support Officer regarding funding.**

Growing Connections monthly bulletin: *By Growing Connections we can learn, share, and become a stronger voice for the Third Sector in Helensburgh and Lomond. They meet in the church centre in Colquhoun Square on the second Wednesday of every month from 7-8pm.*

5. **Councillors' Updates**

Councillor George Freeman Report

CLlr George Freeman sent his apologies and emailed an update on a number of the following items:

5.1 **Broadband Update**

CLlr George Freeman updated GCC on the position with the Superfast Broadband and confirmed that all boxes have now been installed at Garelochhead and the Digital Scotland website confirms that it is now available in the village. He is waiting for an update on the SB Gainshare project for Portincaple.

5.2 **Old Medical Centre**

The Parent Council meeting planned for 14/11/17 was postponed. CLlr George Freeman was hoping to obtain clarification on the plans that the PC/School had on the old library building site. The minutes state that this will have to come to the Council for a decision; this has not happened yet.

5.3 **Shore Walk**

A new hole appeared on Shore Walk within the past two weeks; a local constituent contacted CLlr Freeman about it and he arranged for the Council to make it safe. The Council confirmed the land on Shore Walk was owned by Luss Estates and as a result they have no responsibility for maintenance of this new area. However officers are currently investigating the full ownership of Shore Walk at the damaged location and will advise CLlr Freeman on this matter.



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5.4 Garelochhead and Portincaple Trust (G&P Trust) and Garelochhead Residents Association

The Gibson Hall has been booked for Thursday 30th November at 7.00 pm for the public meeting to discuss the Trust and Residents Association.

5.5 Cllr Barbara Morgan Report

Cllr Barbara Morgan sent her apologies and updated Watson on a number of the following items:

5.6 Portincaple Bins

The feedback from the Council regarding the bins was disappointing as they advised Cllr Barbara Morgan they do not have problem with the bins

Watson confirmed that Alisa Cunningham could not help, but if members of the community wished to improve the bin area they could go ahead. Watson confirmed he would continue to follow up the matter and push her to confirm what the public are allowed to do with regards to public liability. In addition further suggestions from the public on improvements were welcome.

6. Questions from the Public

6.1 3 Lochs Way – Questions were raised regarding the improvements to the footpath and how could the Community/Council/MOD move forward with improvements.

It was suggested a sub group be formed with regard to the 3 Lochs Way.

ACTION - A sub-committee to be formed for 3 Lochs Way - Fergus and Martin to meet Iain Paterson and discuss the issues; update at next meeting.

7. New Items

a Programme Plan

Discussed on the Secretary's Report

Action Mary Gray to ask for clarification on the email received from Robert Cuthbert.

b Garelochhead Train Station

The potential use for the Station was discussed and a bothy/orientation building was identified as a viable option. Action – Email Alan Brown advising him that GCC are interested in the idea to reuse the station and we will add it onto the GCC Website for feedback.

c Christmas Lights

It was suggested someone from Garelochhead turn on the Christmas Lights on Friday 24th November; time to be confirmed.

Action: Gemma to contact Garelochhead Primary School regarding their involvement with the lights. It was suggested a permanent tree be planted for the lights; this would need permission from the church. GCC voted and agreed a new tree could be funded from GCC Funds.

Action – GCC to approach the Church Congregational Board for approval; Marion Archard agreed to raise this with the Board.

d Member of GCC - Hazel McKinnon

With regret it was noted Hazel McKinnon has decided to stand down from GCC.

It was agreed flowers were to be sent to Hazel as a gesture of GCC appreciation for her contribution to the council. It was agreed that the flowers would be supplied by local florist Vanilla Rose for a cost of £35.00; this would be debited from GCC Account.

d Councillor Drop In Surgery

Cllr Ian Paterson will be having a Drop in Surgery at Centre 81 between 16.30-17.45pm on Friday 17th November 2017.



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8. **Follow up items:**

a. **Three Lochs Way – Access route from Garelochhead**

This was discussed in detail at the meeting; Fergus and Martin to meet Cllr Iain Paterson to discuss a way forward. Cllr Iain Paterson to action and confirm progress on route improvement from Garelochhead.

b. **Website and Social Media for Community**

Laura to provide an update at the next meeting.

c. **Portincaple Bins**

Refer to item 5.6 above.

d. **Garelochhead & Portincaple Community Trust**

Refer to item 5.4 above.

e. **Christmas Lights**

Christmas lights to be switched on Friday 24th November; time to be confirmed.

f. **Water on the Road**

A872 – Next to coaches; Representative from Council to inspect.

It was confirmed sections of road were a problem; council roads engineer to contact Mary with an update on resolving the matter.

g. **Shore Walk – Pot Holes**

Unresolved; refer to Item 5.3 above.

h. **Programme Plan**

As above item 7a.

i. **Beach Clean Update**

The beach clean was a success; approx 60 bags plus collected. However there is still more rubbish to be removed. It was agreed the removal of the seaweed would be beneficial to the beach.

It was agreed another Beach Clean should be arranged to take place in February; date to be confirmed. GCC would like to thank The Anchor Inn for providing soup and rolls.

j. **Bendarroch Park**

Watson and Cllr Barbara Morgan walked around the Park to discuss the work to be carried out. Cllr Barbara Morgan to look at work which could be carried out by Community Payback.

9. **Any Other Business**

• **Christmas Party**

It was agreed a Christmas Party for the GCC and members of the public was a good idea.

Fergus offer the use of The Perch Cafe and Saturday 9th December was agreed as a date.

Further information to follow.

• **Funding ideas for projects;** ideas to be discussed at next meeting.

• **Footpath between Portincaple and Garelochhead**

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



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- **Date of next meeting:** 7pm, Tuesday, 16th January 2018

10. Actions for follow-up at next meeting

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Barbara	Contact Rhona Gold regarding funding for community based projects and update GCC	
Mary	Water on Road – Update from Council Engineer Programme Plan - Mary agreed to contact Robert Cuthbert and ask for further clarification on the Programme Plan	
Laura	Arrange meeting with Alan and Fraser for Website Handover	
Iain/Fergus	Update required on Progress on Three Lochs Way access route improvement from Garelochhead	
George	Update on Garelochhead and Portincaple Trust (G&P Trust) and Garelochhead Residents Association Update on Progress with Luss Estates with regard to Shore Walk Old Toilet Block - Cllr GF check on position with development Update on the GP for Medical Centre Update on Broadband Connection for Portincaple	

[End of Minutes]