



GARELOCHHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Garelochhead Community Council meeting
held in CENTRE 81, Garelochhead, on Tuesday 27th September 2016.**

Members Present:

Colin Smith	Member CC
Colin Taylor	Member CC
Martin Croft	Member CC
Margaret Stratton	Treasurer CC
Watson Robinson	Convenor CC

Attending:

Alan Pinder	Member of the public (acting Secretary)
Craig Borland	Helensburgh Advertiser
George Freeman	A&B Councillor
Harry Cathcart	Project 81
Russell White	MOD Police
Tim Lamb	Project 81

Apologies:

Sgt Graeme Hogg	Police Scotland
James Dalgleish	MOD Police
Maurice Corry	MSP

1. Introductions and welcome

- Watson (GCC Convenor) welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Alan, relieving Martin for the taking of the minutes.
- Watson conveyed the apologies for those persons absent.
- No declarations of interest were made.

2. Minutes of previous meeting, held on Tuesday 21st June 2016

- Cllr George Freeman noted correction to Attending / Present list on the draft minutes.
- With that noted, Margaret proposed and Martin seconded acceptance of the previous minutes.



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- Melissa Stewart from the Council offices in Lochgilphead had recently requested copies of minutes – Watson has sent fresh copies of recent minutes. Martin will distribute the June minutes (to Lochgilphead and the Advertiser); Alan will distribute going forward
- Margaret raised question of broader publication of the minutes. Watson has distributed Agenda and in some cases Minutes to various places in Garelochhead, including the Post Office, GP Surgery, Centre 81, Bowling Club, Pound Shop, Medical Centre and the Anchor pub. George suggested adding Minutes to Planning Applications area of Post Office.

3. Police report

- Sgt Hogg sends apologies
- Russell provided update on recent and upcoming Clyde Marine Unit activities:
 - Electrical fault caused an engine room fire on one of the police launches – presently awaiting repair at HMNB Clyde
 - 3 Jet Skis in the Gareloch received warnings: Jet skis are not allowed to operate within the dockyard port.
 - 7th Oct: 20 vessels of various nations visiting Faslane – returning to sea on 9th Oct.
 - 26th Nov: CMU will be attending Winter Festival in Helensburgh – will have a RHIB, vehicle and officers in support
 - HMS Neptune Swing Band events:
 - 8th October, Gibson Hall - £8 per ticket, including Buffet
 - 16th October Rosneath Church 16th Oct
 - 26th November, Helensburgh Winter Festival
 - 1st to 3rd December: Supporting Garelochhead Pantomime.

4. Questions from members of the public.

No matters raised.

5. Committee reports

- Planning report for July /August/Sept (Colin) – all approved by the Council:
 - An extension to facilities approved at the Base
 - Installation of CCTV cameras at the railway station
 - Improved telecommunications mast at Scrumbles site
 - Windows changed to UPVC in Garelochhead



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- Treasurer report (Margaret):
 - Current balance £1,923.99 – including grant received 9th October from the Council of £623.10
- Secretary's report (Martin):
 - No correspondence to report.

6. Scottish Water – septic facilities at the head of the loch.

- Watson thanked Craig for the Advertiser's support in raising the profile of the issue.
- Ruraidh Macgregor from Scottish Water is in contact with Watson regarding the status of the septic facilities at the head of the loch. Scottish Water are obtaining quotes to provide remedial repairs, including the sea defence walls, the septic tank itself and both ramps.

7. Beach Clean.

- Again, thanks to Craig and the Advertiser for raising the profile of the issues at the beach at the head of the loch. Everything collects around the seaweed that gathers. There are also heavy items lodged there.
- Quote of approx £500 received to try to remove the worst of the debris – suggesting this be undertaken as a one-off, using Community Council funds. Watson to also contact the Garelochhead Community Trust, to ask if they would also contribute.
- George confirmed we can expect the Council to supply skips as required – Watson will liaise with George over this.
- The Committee voted to progress the proposal for the one-off clean-up exercise.

8. Web site.

- Martin & Alan proposed offering a project to seniors at Hermitage to try to setup new website, domain name and social network presence (Facebook and Twitter) – in a way that non-technical persons can keep the content up to date once it has been set up. The brief could include updating the logo also. Agreed to progress.



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9. Centre 81 report.

- Tim Lamb, Acting Chair of Centre 81 presented a report on the history and current financial situation of Centre 81 (noted that Harry Cathcart will become the Chair mid-October)
 - Route 81 Youth Group remains fully funded for the next 18 months
 - The Centre is still open for business and has funding for “minimal operations mode” for the next 12 months. Minimal operations mode began 1st September
 - Hostel - Group bookings will continue (but not individual online or walk-in bookings).
 - Office is now only open 9am to noon weekdays, the Centre is otherwise open when fitness classes or other events are scheduled - see timetables on Centre doors, website, FB, etc.
 - Gym and Classes continue. The gym is unmanned – but open for longer hours (7am – 9pm all 7 days). Members seem to like it and membership is picking up again.
- Short term – sponsorship and / or volunteers could help in the short term to assist the committee in turning things around.
- Several options are being considered going forward for the longer term, focused around lower cost base and increasing revenue / funding opportunities.

10. Medical Centre update.

- George updated that an interview panel for a replacement GP is in progress, interviews to take place at the end of October, and two members of the community are on the panel.

11. Any other business.

- Community Council elections timetable –nominations close 6th Oct.
- Noted that the new 3-weekly uplift of refuse begins from 31st Oct (green refuse bins)
- Councillors were recently notified of the decision to remove the mobile police office from the Helensburgh & Lomond Area. George confirmed that he was due to meet with senior Police Scotland officers on this issue.
- Motion submitted to Council by Cllr’s Robb and Freeman to agree a 25% reduction on fees for all H&L residents to the new leisure facilities in Helensburgh. Post meeting note: The Council’s Administration voted this proposal down.
- Following on from motion submitted by George to H&L Area Committee on finances and condition of A&B all-weather pitches, including Bendarroch Park, report due to be considered at Council meeting on Thursday 29 September to allocate funding to refurbish / upgrade pitches. Audit Committee also investigating issues raised in



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motion. Post meeting note: Council approved funding to renew synthetic surface and upgrade lighting at Bendarroch Park.

- School holidays for 2017/2018 – not yet finalised. George confirmed that serious concerns had been raised over the proposed dates by parents / Parent Councils.
- Margaret showed the 2002 Community Action Plan (that arose at the time of the founding of the National Park) – noted that most of the objectives had been met.
- Colin T. noted it had been raised to him that the old Medical Centre building was now potentially hazardous and structurally unsafe – should the NHS assess the old Medical Centre? George confirmed he would raise this with Building Control officers.
- Craig asked to be added to list for distribution of the minutes.

12. Date of next meeting.

Set for 25th October, 7pm in the Church Hall

Actions – for review at next meeting:

Martin: Finalise and publish June minutes (including to the Advertiser) [DONE]

Watson: Follow through on beach-clean.
Follow up on Scottish Water septic tank refurbishments

Alan: Put out brief for website /social media project to Hermitage senior pupils
Finalise and publish September minutes

George: Raise condition of Medical Centre to Building Control
Update on Bendarroch Park progress
Update on School Holidays scheduling.

[END OF MINUTES]