

GARGUNNOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Gargunnoch Community Council Meeting

Monday 9th September 2019

Garden Room, Gargunnoch Community Centre

Members Present: - Jeremy Wilkinson (Chairman), Jon Sutherland (Secretary), Helen Rowell, Julie Cole, Douglas Barr and David King.

In attendance: One resident, Councillor Rob Davies and Fraser Sinclair (Minute taker).

Apologies: Lovat McGregor, Christine Phillips, PC Steven Graham, Charlie Fitches and Pam Campbell (Stirling Council).

1. Apologies

Jeremy opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and noted apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

3. Adoption of Previous Minutes

Minutes of June's meeting were accepted.

4. Matters Arising

Notice board

The grant request for part-funding of a new Community Council noticeboard was submitted to the Windfarm Advisory Panel in February. This application was rejected. However, on 11th June, Jeremy submitted responses from the Community Council to the concerns raised by the Windfarm Advisory Panel for re-consideration of the request. A meeting of the Windfarm later in June was unable to reach a decision as there weren't enough Panel Members attendance to make a quorum, and consequently a decision has now been deferred until the next meeting scheduled for 21st October.

Jeremy stated that whatever the outcome from the October meeting, the £1500 that has been secured from the Stirling Council Community Pride fund has to be spent by 13 March 2020 (or will need to be returned to Stirling Council).

Rats (Removal in communal area behind George Place)

Action: Ongoing. David to monitor the situation.

Gate at Sawmill Cottage (Discussion with landowner on gate type so that wider access is possible)

Action: Still ongoing. Julie and Helen to organise meeting with the landowner.

After-School Bus (Resident request for afterschool bus)

Action: Ongoing. Lovat to follow up.

Village Gateways

The suggestion from the Community Council for Village Gateways with speed calming features to be installed at the three entrances into Gargunnoch will not proceed as the idea did not receive enough votes in the “Your Stirling –You Decide” process.

Abandoned Vehicle on Main Street

Stirling Council issued a “Notice of Intention to Remove Vehicle” requiring this car to be removed by 16th January 2019, Jon spoke to owner and it is understood it is not wilfully abandoned. The group discussed situation with suggestion to review in a couple of months. Cllr Davies will follow up discussion with Cllr Lambie who has previously agreed to chase Stirling Council for removal of the vehicle.

Action: Cllr Davies to update Cllr Lambie.

5a. Police Report

Police Scotland gave their apologies for not attending but have submitted their report to the Community Council which Jeremy has circulated and read from the report.

Discussion was had about another car which is causing obstruction on McNeil Crescent

Action: Jon to notify Police of car which is causing obstruction.

5b. Elected Member’s Report

Cllr Davies advised that the next Council meeting is on October 3rd. Cllr Davies was at a meeting last week with Carlyn Fraser from the Roads Team to discuss the new procedure which will be coming in soon regarding speed limits. He also advised he was at the opening of the Respite Centre at Strathendrick and that it is a multi-service unit for the whole of the local authority not just this ward.

5c. Stirling Council Report

No representative to provide update.

6a. Chair's Report

Jeremy advised that the next Rural South West Forum is on 16 October where all Community Councils for this ward will be discussing parking, engaging with young people, and there will also be a representative from Stirling Council providing an update on the City Deal.

Community Council Conversations

Stirling Council are organising a series of events called Community Council Conversations which will be celebrating Community Councils but also discussing skills development and other related items. It was confirmed that Jon and David will attend on behalf of Gargunnoch Community Council.

Action: Jon & David to sign up for one of the events.

Gargunnoch Community Trust

The Trust has approached Jeremy to see if there would be any volunteers from the Community Councillors who would be willing to be an independent Chair of the Windfarm Advisory Panel which reviews and advises the Trust on grant applications to the Windfarm fund.

No Councillors volunteered, so Jeremy asked that if any Councillor could think of anyone else in the village who could take on this role, then pass this information to Jeremy or any member of the Community Trust.

Action: Jeremy to respond to the Trust.

6b. Secretary's Report

All correspondence that has been received has been circulated to all on the Community Council via email and if required, has been put on the noticeboard. This correspondence has included information on:

Heart 200 - This is the new tourist route looping through Perthshire and the Forth Valley. Jeremy received a letter from the local MSP asking if there were any comments or concerns regarding the proposed route. The group discussed the map and routes and it appears that Gargunnoch will not be directly affected.

Licensing Forum meetings.

Message from Stephen Kerr about the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust offering travel grants for "change-makers" (posted on the Noticeboard and Facebook page).

Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park announcing a "Growing Enterprising Communities" event.

Central Disability Sport event.

Recruitment for Children's Panel Scotland (posted on the Noticeboard).

Land Reform Factsheet for Community Councils.

Stirling Striders Jogging Group (posted on Facebook page).

6c. Treasurer's Report

Douglas confirmed that the accounts have been examined in July and that everything is in order.

Action: Jon to now submit accounts sign-off to Stirling Council.

6d. Planning/Licensing Report

Julie advised that an application has been approved for installation of solar panels to a house on Leckie Road.

6e. Roads and Transport Report

The group discussed the reduction in bus service to the village and surrounding area due to changes in times and frequencies. The group agreed that a formal letter should be submitted to First Buses and Stirling Council to notify of the community's concerns.

Action: Lovat to submit letter to First Buses and Stirling Council.

6f. Defibrillator Report

In Charlie's absence, Jeremy provided an update on the proposal to install a defibrillator at the Community Centre. Permission from the Community Trust has been received for the installation, and the Trust has agreed that they will pay for the electricity supply to the unit. Charlie has drafted an application to the Windfarm Fund for a grant to cover the purchase and installation of the defibrillator.

Jeremy sought the Community Council agreement to proceed and submit the grant request to the Trust.

Action: Jeremy to submit application.

7. Community Council Business

Rest Garden

Jeremy spoke on behalf of a resident who advised of the uneven paving stones at the picnic area in the rest garden, which resulted in the resident falling due to the trip hazard.

Action: Jeremy to liaise with Land Services to resolve and to copy in Cllr Davies.

Road Sweeping

Jeremy also added that a resident recently discussed about frequency of roads being cleaned and swept.

Action: Jeremy when speaking to Land Services regarding the above will also ask about frequency of this happening and will report back to the resident but also advise the resident they too can report problems directly to Stirling Council.

Telephone Exchange

Helen discussed about the telephone exchange and the tired state of the building and fencing. Helen has managed to obtain the Facilities Management contact details for BT/Openreach..

David suggested that contact is made and request for a meeting on site to discuss what and if any improvements can be made to the building.

Action: Helen, David and Douglas to organise a meeting with Openreach.

Rest Garden

David raised concern about the lack of grass cutting in this area and when it is done by the Council it is left in mess with grass cuttings not being swept up.

Action: Cllr Davies and David to look into and seek clarity.

Broken Pavement – George Place

David added about the broken pavement between the pub and George Place.

Action: Lovat to raise with the Roads Team and copy in Cllr Davies.

9. Residents Forum

None.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 11th November 2019 at 7.30pm in the Waiting Room, Gargunnock Community Centre

Future Meetings:

13th January 2020

9th March 2020

11th May 2020 (AGM followed by ordinary meeting)