

GARGUNNOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**Gargunnoch Community Council Meeting
Monday 13th May 2019 Garden Room Gargunnoch Community Centre**

Members Present: - Jeremy Wilkinson (Chairman), Julie Cole; Charlie Fitches; Helen Rowell and Douglas Barr.

In attendance: Three residents, Councillor Alistair Berrill, PC Gary Martin, Pam Campbell and Fraser Sinclair.

Apologies: Lovat McGregor, Christine Phillips and David King

1. Apologies

Jeremy opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. Jeremy noted apologies for Lovat, Christine and David.

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

3. Adoption of Previous Minutes

Minutes of March's meeting were accepted.

4. Matters Arising

Jeremy reviewed the minutes of the March meeting and covered the following as matters arising:

Insurance

Trustee liability coverage has been increased and the paperwork is now in place.

Notice board.

The grant application to the Stirling Council Community Pride fund has been accepted and Douglas confirmed that the monies are in the bank account to help towards a new notice board. Jeremy is having ongoing dialogue with the Gargunnoch Community Trust and is awaiting confirmation if they can support the remaining balance. Jeremy advised he will be compiling a document to share what measures will be put in place to manage and control use of the notice boards.

Action: Jeremy to follow up with the Community Trust.

Rats

Councillor Lambie has previously agreed to investigate rodent removal in communal area behind George Place.

Action: Councillor Lambie to follow up with Safer Communities.

Gate at Sawmill Cottage

Jeremy took the issue to the Access Forum and it was broadly agreed that ideally the gate should be wider to allow access for horseback riders. It was recommended that a Chiltern Gate to be installed. It was proposed by the Forum that Gargunnoch Community Council have an initial discussion to resolve with the landowner. Julie and Helen will follow up.

Action: Julie and Helen to have a discussion with landowner.

Replacement of Storm-Damaged Bus Shelter on A811 at Mains Cottage

Following on from the new shelter being installed. There is clarification required on who owns the land where the hedge is needing to be trimmed to improve visibility. Jeremy confirmed that it does not belong to Meiklewood but they are happy to assist where they can. Helen Rowell advised she could speak to the Factor at Touch Estate to clarify who owns that part of land.

Action: Helen to discuss with Factor at Touch Estate.

White Lining

Action: Cllr Lambie to feedback.

The group discussed traffic management and Pam advised that it will be discussed at the South West Forum next week.

Participation Requests

It has been suggested that a Participation Request could be used as a method for discussing road safety improvements at the junction of Station Road and the A811. Jeremy confirmed he has received details of a Participation Request recently submitted by Strathblane Community Council that could be used as a guideline.

Upgrading of the A811 Road to Trunk Status

Jeremy confirmed that he had sent a letter to MP Stephen Kerr expressing the GCC's concerns about the A811, and supporting his campaign to upgrade the road to trunk road status.

TRO/Zig-Zag on Road Outside Primary School

No confirmation has been received about the TRO/zig-zag lining outside the Primary School. Pam offered to follow up.

Action: Pam to follow up TRO/Zig-zag request.

Defibrillator

Approval has been granted by the Gargunnoch Community Trust for a defibrillator to be installed onto the wall of the Community Centre.

Pam will follow up with Asset Management at Stirling Council about having a Defib installed onto the Primary School.

Action: Pam to follow up with Asset Management.

Your Stirling – You Decide

Jeremy confirmed that he had submitted the Village Gateways idea on the Stirling Council website. Pam stated that details of the voting procedures were not yet defined, but would be communicated shortly.

After-School Community Bus

A resident has raised the need for an After-school bus. Pam has knowledge of a similar scheme set up in Killin.

Action: Pam is meeting with resident in two weeks time to discuss.

Footpath Access across Field from Leckie Road to Kepdarroch Farm

Resident has raised concern about this missing footpath. Jeremy has spoken with the landowner and residents who have confirmed there used to be an informal path used by children walking from Kepdarroch Farm to the old school. This path is not formally adopted or recorded on OS maps: and also it is not clear who would use the path, however, the landowner is OK with locals walking through.

5a. Police Report

PC Martin discussed that there are no cases of anti-social behaviour. PC Martin spoke of the current campaign which is highlighting Door Step Crime. He left some stickers for people to stick up at their door.

Jeremy and others discussed with PC Martin about recent reports from residents about aggressive door-to-door sellers. PC Martin confirmed if it happens again then call the Police. It was also discussed that there used to be signs up round the village advising it was a “No Cold Calling” area. Pam will follow up and reinstate. PC Martin said he will get in touch with Trading Standards and get more stickers. There was discussion that stickers could be made available at the village shop.

Action: PC Martin to get more stickers. Pam to follow up signage for the village.

PC Martin said that on 20 May at Balfron High School, Police Scotland will be there for discussions about the A811 and cameras.

The Open surgery held in community centre was well received with the main topic of conversation being of A811 and speeding in the village. There will be more surgeries in the future.

Charles raised with PC Martin of an abandoned Silver Audi which has flat tyres and had a notice on it from the Enforcement Team back in January of this year and it is still sitting there with flat tyres.

Action: PC Martin to investigate.

5b. Elected Member

Cllr Berrill discussed at the latest Housing and Environmental Committee that there is a programme of street lighting upgrades planned for this year. The group discussed about the area being a conservation area and that lanterns will need to be in keeping rather than LED for some areas. It was advised that the community council will look at the current lighting provision in the village and advise what is in place for some areas and what is not.

Action: Community Council pull together list of current street lighting that needs to be updated to the new style LED lights..

6a. Chair Report

Jeremy stated that he will attend the South West Forum on Monday 20 May.

6b. Secretary Report

Jon had three items of public notices/events for discussion. It was agreed that the Stirling tenants forum to be held on 25th May poster should be placed on the village notice board. Helen agreed she would also circulate on social media.

Two emails to the council requested read receipts:-

- 1) Investing in Communities Fund
- 2) Unconventional Oil and gas addendum consultation

The information was shared and no action required for now.

Other correspondence was received from (or concerning):

1. The Scottish Governments consultation on short-term lets.
2. People Powered Planning Conference
3. Self-Directed Support programme at Stirling Council
4. The call for Budget Delegates for "Your Stirling – You Decide"
5. The Accounts Commission report on Stirling Council.
6. Closure of the A811

6c. Treasurer Report

Douglas confirmed his update was covered during the AGM.

6d. Planning/Licensing Report

Julie confirmed her update was covered during the AGM.

6e. Roads and Transport Report

No update provided.

The confusion over the multiple and conflicting communications about the upcoming closure of the A811 was discussed. Pam will try to get clarification and communicate to the Community Council.

Action: Pam to clarify road closures and detours.

6f. Defibrillator Report

Charles confirmed that the training for Defibrillator had been done by Trossachs Search & Rescue Service and they will come back again for another training session once the new defibrillator is installed in the Community Centre. Discussion ongoing about possible placement of a defibrillator at the Primary School.

7. AOB

Jeremy discussed the revised notice of dates for the future Community Council meetings.

10 June, 9 September and 11 November 2019 are all confirmed in the diary.

The next dates are to be scheduled:

13 January 2020

9 March 2020

11 May 2020 (AGM & Ordinary Meeting)

Action: Jon to book hall.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 10 June 2019 at 7.30pm in the Garden Room, Gargunnoch Community Centre.