

GARGUNNOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Gargunnock Community Council Meeting

Monday 10th June 2019

Garden Room Gargunnock Community Centre

Members Present: - Jeremy Wilkinson (Chairman), Jon Sutherland (Secretary) Julie Cole; Charlie Fitches; Lovat MacGregor; Christine Phillips and Douglas Barr.

In attendance: Two residents, Councillor Graham Lambie, Andy Davis (Stirling Council), and Fraser Sinclair (Minute taker).

Apologies: PC Martin, Helen Rowell and David King.

1. Apologies

Jeremy opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and noted apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

3. Adoption of Previous Minutes

The minutes of May's meeting were approved by Douglas and seconded by Charlie.

4. Matters Arising

Noticeboard

Jeremy gave background to the proposed Community Council noticeboard. He confirmed that £1500 has been received from the Stirling Council Community Pride fund and the remaining balance of £1,157 to purchase the noticeboard was requested from the Gargunnock Windfarm Fund, but has been rejected. Jeremy and the Community Council have drafted a paper to address the concerns raised by the Windfarm Fund, and will re-submit back for consideration at the next Fund meeting.

Action: Jeremy Wilkinson to re-submit application to the Windfarm Fund.

Discussion turned to the updating of the existing village noticeboard now that Douglas Coupethwaite has resigned from this role. It was discussed and agreed that Alistair Weir, proprietor of the village shop, will take on duty of placing notices on the village noticeboard.

Action: Jeremy Wilkinson to contact Alistair and thank him for taking on this role. Jeremy will create a notice announcing this change and reminding residents that notices for posting on the noticeboard should be delivered to the shop. Jeremy's notice will also thank Douglas Coupethwaite for his 14 years of service managing the noticeboard.

Rats

Cllr Lambie discussed the pricing structure of sending an exterminator but no further awareness has been raised about rats at George Place. It was agreed that David King to follow up again if this issue should be ongoing.

Action: David King to follow up.

Gate at Sawmill Cottage

Julie and Helen are trying to obtain an email address for the landowner whose land the gate is on. A resident in the audience advised he can get the details to Julie. Julie and Helen will compose an email and ask for a meeting with the landowner on site.

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

Replacement of Storm-Damaged Bus Shelter

Following on from the new shelter being installed, concerns had been raised that the adjacent hedge needed to be cut back to improve visibility from the shelter. Jeremy has now received two requests that the hedge should not be cut. The Community Councillors unanimously agreed that no further action should be taken, and the hedge will not be cut back.

White Lining

Cllr Lambie advised that the areas within Gargunnoch that need surfaced dressed and lined will be factored into the Roads Team programme for July.

A811 Upgrade

Jeremy confirmed that he had received a communication from Stephen Kerr MP in response to the letter Jeremy had sent on behalf of the Community Council outlining Community Council's concerns about safety on the A811, and supporting Stephen Kerr's campaign to upgrade the A811 to trunk road status. The reply included a negative response from the Transport Secretary of the Scottish Government to the request for the road upgrade, however Stephen Kerr will continue to push Stirling Council for improvements to the A811. Jeremy has already circulated a copy of Mr Kerr's email to all Community Councillors. Cllr Lambie advised that after discussions he had with Stephen Kerr MP, the road is not in an adoptable condition to become a trunk road. Further discussions need to be had.

TRO/Zig-zag lining at school

Cllr Lambie spoke to the Roads team and they have confirmed that the area outside the school is an enforceable area and is covered by the TRO. The community council agreed but noted that to reinforce that it is – the lining needs to be done outside the school. Cllr Lambie agreed and will follow up.

Action: Cllr Lambie to follow up zig-zag lining outside Primary school.

After-School Bus

At the last meeting Pam was going to be having a meeting with Pauline to discuss but we are unsure of the outcome of that discussion. Lovat agreed to speak to Pauline to find out.

Action: Lovat to follow up with Pauline.

`No Cold Calling` Signage

At the last meeting Pam agreed she would obtain “No Cold Calling” signage for the village – she has sent Jeremy signage to be displayed at each entrance of the village. Lovat will arrange for signs to be put up.

Action: Lovat to install signage at village gateways.

Action: Jeremy has also left some “No Uninvited Traders” window stickers at the village shop, will leave some at the Community Centre, and will put one on the noticeboard to advise locals that they can get them from the shop.

Abandoned Motor Vehicle

Safer Communities have been made aware again of the abandoned silver Audi car but it has still not been removed. Jeremy did some checking on the car and it appears that it doesn't have a valid MOT and is not taxed. Cllr Lambie agreed to follow up for removal.

Action: Cllr Lambie to liaise with Safer Communities for removal of the vehicle.

Street Lighting

Following the request from Cllr Berrill at last month's meeting, Jeremy identified a few streets which have the old style street lighting and has submitted the list to Cllr Berrill.

Christine raised a concern about the brightness of the new lights and is it possible to have the light changed position so it beams to the pavement. Cllr Lambie again, agreed to look into this.

Action: Cllr Lambie to follow up with street lighting to see if any resolution can be done for the new street lighting.

5a. Police Report

Apologies have been given by Police Scotland but they had submitted their report. Jeremy discussed the report and no actions were issued.

5b. Stirling Council

Andy Davis gave an update on the `Your Stirling – You Decide` and advised that the voting process is now open. Andy gave the background to this initiative and confirmed that 36 ideas have been put forward for the whole of the Stirling wards.

Gargunnoch having a population of 500-1500 residents' one vote counts for three votes per person. The closing date for voting is 23 June.

Andy discussed that voting is online, however, for those who do not have access to a computer are able to vote through the Mobile Library or Andy and colleagues will be in Gargunnoch on Wednesday 12 June in the community centre and can assist with you making your vote. Promotion material is available to encourage everyone to vote.

Jeremy has done a drawing of the proposal that was previously discussed by the Community Council of a village gateway. Jeremy will put details on the noticeboard.

Action: Jeremy to put drawing on noticeboard. Also it's to be shared on the website and social media.

5c. Elected Member's Report

Cllr Lambie tabled his report and spoke to it. He mentioned that the reinstatement of roads following utility repairs has sometimes been unacceptable. The group discussed the loose Openreach Telecomms box on Main Street adjacent to the shop and it is becoming deemed unsafe and needs to be repaired. Cllr Lambie agreed he will make arrangements for this to be done.

Action: Cllr Lambie to follow up on repair of the Openreach Telecomms box.

6. Reports

6a Chair's Report

Jeremy attended the Rural South West Area Community Planning Forum on 20th May, at which the focus of discussion were the A811 safety concerns, and the "Your Stirling- You Decide" project.

6b Secretary's Report

Jon advised that communication was received by Pam Campbell advising that monies can be obtained through the Community Pride funding for the defibrillator.

Action: Jon to send email chain to Charlie.

Jon discussed that the Admin Grant for the minute taker and the community council finances need to be submitted for their yearly audit. Douglas confirmed that this will be happening in July.

6c Treasurer's Report

Douglas reiterated that the books will be audited in July and to note that the monies for the noticeboard that came from the Community Pride fund are now in the bank account.

6d Planning Report

Julie updated the group by advising two applications have been submitted which Julie circulated to all Community Councillors. House for the top of Main Street which has been resubmitted with a different design. The other is for an internal wall being removed at Watson House.

6e Roads and Transport Report

Lovat reconfirmed that the zig-zag lines need to be re-lined outside the Primary School.

Action: Cllr Lambie to follow up.

Lovat also discussed about potholes and that any pothole enquires that come up should be reported through the Stirling Council website.

Lovat spoke to the Roads Team about road activation signs for the village to slow down drivers into the village. The outcome from the Council is that budget restraints are not able to viable to allow this at this time. Lovat is suggesting that the Council part fund and the Windfarm trust part fund for these activation signs to be installed. The community council agreed that for the meantime, await the outcome of the village gateway through the `Your Stirling, Your Say` campaign and if not successful then re-look at this potential option.

The white markings on speed bumps in the village have deteriorated and are now almost invisible.

Action: Lovat to follow up with the Roads Team about repainting the white markings for the speed bumps coming into the village.

6f Defibrillator Report

The installation of a defibrillator at the Community Centre has been approved by the Community Trust (as owners of the Community Centre). Charlie is requesting that costs be sought for a contractor to install. Jeremy agreed he would follow this up for Charlie.

Action: Jeremy to get details over to Charlie, and **Charlie** to submit a grant request to the Windfarm for approval.

7. Community Council Business

Christine raised the footpath at `Anngarroch` / Main Street and that the flagstone paving/pavement is loose/unsteady. The group discussed and it was agreed that the area of pavement in question is private and not adopted by the Council. Douglas and Jeremy know the homeowners and will have a discussion with them first about the concerns/issues being raised.

Action: Douglas and Jeremy to discuss with house owners of area of pavement. Once discussions have taken place, Jeremy and Douglas will then let Cllr Lambie know the outcome of the discussion.

Christine also raised about a car that is constantly parked on the corner of Stevenson Street and Stark Street. Turquoise BMW which is parked right on the corner and is causing obstruction but also is a breach of road safety as pedestrians need to leave the pavement to walk round the corner.

Action: Jon to email PC Martin for him to make enquiries.

8. AOB

Charlie raised the Beeches footpath and about the possibility of it being adopted given the dangerous conditions it presents itself. Charlie has an email and is going to forward to Jon.

Action: Charlie to forward email to Jon.

9. Residents Forum

None.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 9 September 2019 at 7.30pm, Gargunock Community Centre.

Future Meetings:

11th November 2019

13th January 2020

9th March 2020

11th May 2020 (AGM followed by ordinary meeting)