

Minutes-Regular Meeting

Date: Monday Dec 6th 2021

Time: 19:30 – 20:30

Location: Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82557574388?pwd=aGcybmtTMzdzRzMwSGMvdHp0L3c0Zz09>

Gargunnockcommunitycouncil@gmail.com and cc cphillips16@gmail.com if you wish to attend

Attendees: Christine Phillips, David King, David Millar, Lovat MacGregor, Julie Cole, Mike Buckley and Douglas Barr

Agenda

1. **Apologies**-Fraser Sinclair
2. **Declarations of interest**- NONE
3. **Adoption of previous meeting minutes**-minor typo corrected; minutes attached

Proposed DK, seconded JC

4. **Presentation on Shelloch windfarm and community interest fund** - Steven Park (MD, Liberty 1 and Andrew Smith Force 9, Nick Mackay Force)

Presentation from Andrew, with input from Steven & Nick, on the Shelloch windfarm which covered the whole proposal (location, planning application and status, some of the logistical challenges of the site, size of turbines and Community interest package)

Slides available on GCC Facebook and webpage. Paper copy can be made available on request to GCC

Questions: various questions from all in attendance

DK requested clarification on why the Planning meeting, scheduled for Tuesday 7 December had been postponed. Steven Park explained that this was due to some resignations from The Panel which meant that the meeting would not be quorate

ACTION: CP to offer a subsequent invitation to discuss the Community Interest package, particularly “Shared Ownership” option for Feb 2022

(Click here to view the [Force 9 Windfarm Presentation](#) . This will download a PDF of the original slideshow.)

5. Matters Arising

- a. Gargunnock CC Noticeboard-(DB)-as a result of a “sale price” there are sufficient GGC funds to purchase a new notice board for the Village. This will replace the current one which is in a sad state of repair. Spend was proposed by DB and endorsed by all GCC

ACTION: DB to purchase new notice board and oversee installation. Progress to be reported at regular GCC meetings

- b. Update, Road junction at Station road/junction with A811 (CPP)-email from Jane Hutchison (Stirling Councillor) indicates that a permanent solution to improve visibility at the Station Rd/A 811 is being positively planned at Stirling council Roads dept. This will mean lowering of the wall on the corner of Station Rd/A811 (to the left, when leaving the Village) and moving a pole and vegetation all round. No timescale yet.

Thanks to the members of GCC who hosted meeting with SC in Aug 2021 and to Councillors Davies and Berrill who have supported us in this goal

ACTION: CP will follow up in Jan 2022, with Councillor Hutchison/Roads dept

- c. Proposed chalets: MB attended a public meeting on site in Nov 2021. Plans for installation of approx. 4-5 "Treehouses" were outlined. Houses would sit on stilts (in a V design). Constructed of Larch, from the Leckie estate, harvested sustainably and sounded very ecological in description. Should be very pleasing visually. Expected to produce 2 local jobs (a maintenance type role and a "meet & greet" person for visitors). Treehouses are proposed to have an outside bath and concerns raised about any socially inappropriate behaviour. Consensus was the risk was likely to be low and the Leckie estate do plan a "telephone helpline" for this eventuality

- d. MB will be the Treehouse representative for GCC

ACTION: NONE

- e. Community shop survey (CP)-survey will be available in final form virtually and in a word document by COP Thursday 9th Dec 2021. GCC will deliver, by hand to all households, a paper copy. The delivery to all households will take place over the weekend of Fri 10th Dec to Sun 12th Dec.

Request to Villagers is to complete and return the virtual or paper copy by Sunday 9th Jan 2022. Some GCC councillors have supplied their home addresses to expediate return of the paper copies-thank you! Although delivery routes were discussed at the meeting subsequently an alternative method to assign delivery routes will be adopted-that of the Bugle

ACTION: CP has assigned delivery routes to all concerned-email of 7.12.21

ACTION: all GCC councillors to post the paper survey to their section of Gargunnock in the time period outlined above

(Addendum to minutes – the survey is now included as an appendix to these minutes – it can also be accessed by [clicking here, which will take you to the on-line version.](#))

- f. Nominations for the Windfarm Panel-David King and David Millar were both proposed and agreed by GCC

ACTION: CP to email Alison Younger, as chair of Windfarm panel, and confirm these nominations

6. External Reports: NONE

7. Internal Reports:

- a. No police report received; however, the Police report is in the most recent copy of the Bugle (Dec)-no comments or concerns raised by GCC
- b. Finance (DB): current balance of GCC account is £2985.03
- I. Admin grant of £237.41 has been received from SC
 - II. Payment has been made to FS for minutes (£70) and for the Fireworks last month (£80.9)
- c. Planning (JC): applications has been made for the erection of gates on Leckie Rd-looks likely this will be approved by SC. There have been objections from local residents. In addition,

residents have advised GCC, via DB, that it is their intention to erect timber fencing on their boundaries. There appears to be some discord between the neighbours at present. GCC are not able to comment or intervene in local disputes and it is for the Planning department, Stirling Council (SC) to give approval (or not) based on Planning requirements

8. Internal Reports: NONE

9. Residents Forum:

- a. A local resident has requested GCC permission to plant one the flower beds in the Rest Garden with “Pollinating Perennials” instead of SC’s bedding plants. SC have agreed, require GCC approval, Vote was taken-all GCC approved

ACTION: NONE

10. AOB:

- a. Stirling Cycle path (DK):

Slow but positive progress continues to be made. Great encouragement has come from Stirling Councillors, MSPs and notably our MP Alyn Smith. A letter sent to the Chief Executive of Stirling Council, followed up by a letter of support sent to all the Western Villages and an online petition supporting the whole King’s Highway Project has received considerable backing. The Agents acting on behalf of the Gargunnoch House Estate have indicated their client’s wish to work with us in order to arrive at a solution agreeable to all.

Challenges along the section between Meiklewood Cottage and crossing of the M9 at Falleninch are being tackled by the Community Trust’s Consultants. Stirling Council have allocated a single point of contact for the Stirling to Gargunnoch part of the project.

A very well attended meeting was held in the Community Centre involving all of the communities from Gargunnoch westwards to Killearn and a representative from Cycle Scotland offered support to the Project. Following the meeting a King’s Highway Campaign group was set up.

- b. DM has circulated the proposed dates for all GCC meetings in 2022-all accepted by committee members. Meetings will be virtual and hybrid (using IT equipment at Gargunnoch Community Centre). DM has been using his personal equipment however it is a legitimate expense to purchase the necessary IT equipment to be owned by GC. DB as Treasurer agreed, GCC approved purchase of IT equipment

ACTION: DM to purchase appropriate IT equipment to enable hybrid GCC meetings, in agreement with DB. Equipment to be stored with DM (as GCC secretary)-**is that OK David?**

Acronyms:

Stirling Council (SC)

Gargunnoch Community Council (GCC)

Date, time and venue of next meeting-Monday 7th Feb 2022****

Appendix – Word Version of the shop survey

Village Shop

Gargunnoch Village shop suffered from a fire on Tuesday 6th July. 2021 and has been closed since

This survey aims to understand what residents want- the current and future options for a Village shop
The paper survey takes about 5 minutes to complete (14 questions)

The survey is the first step. We need to know your views on what might be provided and what would receive your support. Please be as honest and realistic as possible in your answers! Your response will be treated in confidence. It is entirely anonymous unless you wish to add your name at the end.

The survey can be returned electronically if you are using the survey link on Gargunnoch Community Council Facebook and webpage) see below

It can also be returned as paper copy and via the address of a member of the Community Council or into the Gargunnoch Inn

This completed survey can be returned by handing in to:

- Christine Phillips, Ardfern, Leckie Road, Gargunnoch
- Julie Cole, 6 Drummond Place, Gargunnoch
- Douglas Barr, 40 Main Street, Gargunnoch
- Mike Buckley, 12 Millbrae, Gargunnoch
- Alison Younger, Old Leckie, Gargunnoch, FK83BN
- The Gargunnoch Inn

For your views to be taken into account complete your survey online by using the link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/wk39i93Xbs>

Or paper copy

Survey should be returned no later than Sunday 9th Jan 2022

1. Is a Village shop important for Gargunnoch?

Yes

No

Reason for your answer:

2. How many miles do you currently travel to do your shopping:

Main shopping:

Convenience/top-up shopping:

3. How many times would you use the shop each week?

Once a week

- Daily
- 2-3 times a week
- Once a week
- Once a fortnight
- Occasionally
- Not at all
- Other (please specify)

4. What time of day would you be most likely to use the shop (Please tick as many as you like)

- Before 8am
- 8am-12 noon
- 12 noon-2pm
- 2pm-6pm
- After 6pm
- Other (please specify):

5. What types of products would you be interested in buying from a Village shop (please tick as many as you like)

- Food cupboard (tins, pasta etc)
- Tea, coffee, soft drinks
- Milk, Eggs & Dairy
- Bakery
- Crisps & Snacks
- Sweets & ice cream
- Fresh fruit & Vegetables

- Sandwiches
- Pet food
- Frozen foods
- Toiletries, health & beauty
- Baby, parent and child
- Household goods / cleaning materials
- Pet food
- Newspapers and magazines
- Beer, wines, spirits
- Tobacco-cigars and cigarettes
- Logs, firelighters
- Stationary
- Valentine's day/Easter/ Halloween/Christmas cards & decorations
- Organic and Fairtrade products
- Takeaway hot drinks and filled rolls
- Prescriptions
- Over the counter medicines
- Lottery
- Bill payment
- Collection point for parcels
- Eco refill (use your own plastic containers)
- Other (please specify)

6. How much would you be prepared to spend in the **per week** in the shop?

- At least £5
- At least £10
- At least £15
- At least £20
- More than £20
- Nothing

7. Would you use a delivery service (if offered)

- Yes
- No

If yes, how often

8. It may be possible for the community to lodge a 'Community Interest' and purchase the shop as a community asset. Lodging a community interest does not mean that the community would have to make a purchase, but it establishes a right to be given the option. To register a Community Interest, more than 10% of the community would need to support this.

Would you support the community lodging a Community Interest in the shop should it be sold in the future?

- Yes
- No
- Other (please specify)

9. If you have said YES (Q 8), to a note of interest and believe the Village should consider buying the shop- would you be prepared to sign a petition to show your support? (you must be on the electoral register to sign)

- Yes
- No
- Other (please specify)

10. Where would you prefer the shop to be located-please rank in order of preference (1 -3)
You can add comments at the end of the survey too!

Current shop location

As part of the Gargunnock Inn

Drop-in centre at the Community centre

11. Do you agree that local Windfarm funding could be used towards costs involved with either investigating or setting up a community shop?

Yes

No

Other (please specify)

12. Would you or anyone in your household be interested in helping a community shop project in any way by:
(please tick as many as you like)

Joining the "Village shop" working group

Providing my professional support or advice-please add what your services could be in the comments box

Be involved in running the shop e.g. if needed volunteers

Help with fundraising

Make a donation-if needed

Buy a share (in the Village shop) if it becomes a community asset

Other (please specify)

13. If you have answered yes to any of the above questions, or would like us to contact you then please write your name and email address here:

14. Any other comments: